

Ottoman Arabic III: Education and Literacy in the Ottoman Empire

Woolf Institute, 23-24 May 2019

Wednesday 22 May

9pm Iftar meal at Woolf Institute

Thursday 23 May

10.30am Coffee and registration

11am Welcome and introduction

11.15-12.45 Session 1: Vernacularisation

Prof. Michiel Leezenberg (University of Amsterdam)

“Vernacularisation in the Ottoman empire: Is Arabic the exception that proves the rule?”

Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner (Woolf Institute/University of Cambridge)

“Vernacularisation in Middle Arabic texts”

Response: Prof. Geoffrey Khan (University of Cambridge)

1-2.15pm Lunch

2.15-3.45 Session 2: Education

Dr Guy Burak (NYU)

“Rumi Authors, the Arabic Historiographical Tradition and the Ottoman Dawla/Devlet”

Prof. Necmettin Kizilkaya (Istanbul University)

“Heritage, Canon and Curriculum: The Aim of Legal Education in the Ottoman Madrasa”

Response: Prof. Gottfried Hagen (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

3.45-4.15 Coffee break

4.15-5.45 Session 3: Templates

Dr Mohamed Ahmed (Woolf Institute/University of Cambridge)

“Ottoman template letter books”

Dr Christopher Bahl (Orient Institute, Beirut)

“Arabic Grammar Books in Ottoman Istanbul – The South Asian Connection”

Response: Prof. Jérôme Lentin (Paris)

7.15pm Dinner for speakers and respondents

Friday 24 May

9.30-11.00 Session 4: Arabic in the Ottoman Empire – sources I

Presentation on Ottoman Arabic reader

Ghayde Ghaoui (Yale)

“Couplets of Coffee: Notes on the Language of Qahwa”

Prof. Efe Khayyat (Rutgers)

“Ziya Pasha and El-sine-I Selase”

Response: Dr Boris Liebrecht (Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig)

11-11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30-12.45 Panel discussion

1-2 *Lunch break*

2.15-4 Session 5: Arabic in the Ottoman Empire – sources II

Prof. Liesbeth Zack (University of Amsterdam)

“19th century Egyptian Arabic textbooks and language guides”

Prof. Clive Holes (University of Oxford)

“Mullā ‘Abbūd Al-Karkhī (1861-1946), vernacular poet of early 20th century Baghdad”

Response: Dr Magdalen Connolly (University of Cambridge)