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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

14:00 **Registration**

14:30 **Welcoming Address**

Claudia Rapp
Andreas Rhoby
Giulia Rossetto

15:00–16:00 **Social Contexts: Inscriptions and Papyri**

Chair: Bernhard Palme

Daniel K. Reynolds

The Social Role of Priests in Late Roman Palaestina and Arabia

Ofer Pogorelsky

Priests, Monks, and Libraries: Evidence from the Papyri of Late Antique Nessana

16:00–16:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30–17:30 **Social Contexts: Texts and Images**

Chair: Elisabeth Schiffer

Daniel Oltean

Becoming a Monk in the Holy Land During the Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods

Michele Bacci

Clerics in the Figurative Contexts of the Holy Land and Sinai

17:30–18:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

18:00 **Keynote Lecture**

Introduction: Harald Buchinger

Daniel Galadza

The Liturgy and Liturgical Books of Priests and Scribes in the Holy Land

19:00 **Reception**

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

09:30–10:30 **Priests and Literacy**

Chair: Christian Gastgeber

Nina Sietis

Literacy and Writing Practices between the 8th and 9th Centuries

Ilias Nesseris

Priests as Scribes and Owners of Manuscripts in the Holy Land and Sinai: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

10:30–11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00–12:30 **Priests and their “Libraries”**

Chair: Agnes Mihálykó Tothne

Alexander Treiger

Šāliḥ ibn Saʿīd (ca. 1040) and His Manuscripts: Zooming in on an Arab

Orthodox Priest’s Marginal Notes

Mariafrancesca Sgandurra

Liturgical Manuscripts Commissioned by Bishop Arsenios of Sinai in the Late 13th Century

Vevian Zaki

From Nilus of Damascus to Simon of Emesa: Clusters of Manuscript

Production at Mount Sinai across the Centuries

12:30–14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–15:30 **Priests and their Manuscripts**

Chair: Cinzia Grifoni

Giulia Rossetto

The Euchologia of Saint Catherine’s Monastery: Readers and Owners

Maxim Venetskov

Sinaitic Readers of Gospel and Apostle Manuscripts: Between the Text and Multiple Paratexts

15:30–16:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:00–17:30 **Multilingual Levante: Writing in Glagolitic, Georgian, Ethiopic**

Chair: Grigory Kessel

Nina Glibetić

Glagolitic Sinai Manuscripts and their Scribes: Negotiating Ecclesial Identity in an International Monastic Community

Tinatin Chronz

John Zosime, the First Georgian Liturgiologist in the Holy Land and Sinai

Denis Nosnitsin and Dorothea Reule

Ethiopian Christian Manuscript-Making Abroad: The Ethiopic Collection of St. Catherine’s Revisited

19:00 **Dinner for invited guests**

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

09:30–10:30 **Multilingual Levante: Writing in Syriac and Arabic**

Chair: Eirini Afentoulidou

Adrian Pirtea

Safeguarding the Patristic Heritage at the Dawn of the First Crusade: Sinai Arab. 481 and its Scribe, the Priest Butrus (Peter)

Natalia Smelova

Jerusalem and Antioch on Sinai: A Study into the Syriac Liturgical Manuscripts Copied by Priests

10:30–11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00–12:00 **Priests and Book-Production**

Chair: Renate Burri

Samuel Bauer

Early Printed Greek Euchologia on Mt. Sinai

Georgios Boudalis

Manuscript Repair, Binding and Rebinding at Saint Catherine’s Monastery During the 17th and 18th Centuries

12:00–12:30 **Concluding Remarks**

Claudia Rapp

Giulia Rossetto