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**1. Higher Education**

- 1989                   **B.A.:** Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Department, East Asian Department, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.
- 1993                   **M.A.:** Inner Asian Studies under Individual Studies for M.A. program, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Under the supervision of Prof. David Ayalon and Dr. Reuven Amitai. Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.
- Studies also included: a. Classical Chinese course in Middlebury College's Chinese Summer School, Vermont, USA (Summer, 1990); b. One year non-degree studies in Shandong University, PRC (Chinese and Chinese History; 1991-2); c. Russian Language course in Moscow University, Russia. (Summer 1993).
- 2000                   **PhD:** Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Under the supervision of Prof. Michael Zand (HU) and Prof. Elizabeth Endicott (Middlebury College, VT, USA). Awarded *Summa Cum Laude*.
- Studies also included one year of studies at Harvard University, as special student affiliated to the Committee of Inner Asian and Altaic Studies. (1995-6).
- 2001-2               **Post-doctoral fellowship**, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ USA; hosts: Prof. Patricia Crone and Prof. Joshua Fogel.

2. Appointments at the Hebrew University

2002- 2006	Lecturer, Dept. of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Dept. Of East-Asian Studies, Faculty of Humanities; Inner Asian history.
2006-2014	Associate Professor, Dept. of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and Dept. of Asian Studies
2014-	Professor, Dept. of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and Dept. of Asian Studies

3. Additional Functions/Tasks at the Hebrew University

2-8/2000	Fellow and group co-organizer, Institute of Advanced Studies.
2000-01	Dr-Instructor, Dept. of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Dept. Of East-Asian Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2005-	Member, academic committee, Misgav Yerushalayim Institute for the Study of Eastern Jewry
2006-2012	Member, academic committee, Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies
6/2009-10/2011	Director, PhD Honors Program, Faculty of Humanities
2010-2011	Member, the rector's committee for the shaping of the Mandel School for Advanced Studies.
2009-11, 2012-13, 2014-15	Chair, committee for selecting new tenure track candidates, Oriental Studies
2011-2014	Member, PhD Honors Program steering committee, Faculty of Humanities
2012-2014	Chair, committee for PhD students, School of History
2012-	Director, The Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies
2013	Member, committee for selecting new tenure track candidates, Oriental Studies
2014-	Member, Academic Committee, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations

4. Service in other Academic and Research Institutions

5. Other Activity

a. **Major Conferences Organized:**

1. June 2000 (with Reuven Amitai): *Eurasian Nomads and the Outside World*, Institute for Advanced Studies, HU.
2. May 2005 (with Lihi Yariv-Laor): *The Fourth Annual Israeli Conference for Asian Studies*, Mayersdorf House, HU.
3. June 2006 (with Reuven Amitai and Gideon Shelach): *Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change*. Institute for Advanced Studies, HU.
4. May 2008 (with Yuri Pines). *The Seventh Annual Israeli Conference for Asian*

- Studies*. Mayersdorf House, HU.
5. November-December 2009 (with Sabine Schmidtke [FU, Berlin]). *The First Israeli German Conference for Frontiers of the Humanities (GIFOH)- 29/11-2/12/2009*; Islamic Studies section. + heading of organizing committee.
  6. August 2010 (with R. Amitai and Dashdondog Bayarsaikhan). *From Mongol Empire to Modern Mongolia* National University of Mongolia, Ulaan Baatar.
  7. May 2011 (with Gideon Shelach and Yuri Pines). *The Tenth Annual Israeli Conference for Asian Studies*. Mayersdorf House, HU.
  8. June 2013 (with Jan Bemmann and Gideon Shelach): *New Perspectives in Inner Asian Archaeology: Between Nomad and Sedentary Cultures*
  9. June 29 - July 1, 2014: *Mobility and Transformation: Economic and Cultural Exchange in Mongol Eurasia*, HU.
  10. June 14-15, 2014 (With Yuri Pines, Ori Sela and Gideon Shelach). *Science and Technology Transfer in Pre-Modern Asia*. HU
  11. June 30-July 2, 2015 (with Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum, Yuri Pines and Jörg Rüpke) *All under Heaven? The Empire's Spatial Dimensions (Comparative Studies in Imperial History, Part 1)*. Eisenach, Germany.

b. Prizes and Fellowships awarded (since submitting my dissertation)

2001	The Kennedy-Leigh Prize for Ph.D dissertation, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2001-2	Fulbright grant for Post-doctoral studies.
2001-2	Fellowship, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA.
2002-3	Golda Meir Fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2003/4-2006	Alon fellowship for new lecturers, Council for Higher Education in Israel
2004/5	The Yoram Ben-Porat Presidential Prize for Excellent Young Researcher, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2006-2009	The Michael Bruno Award, The Rothschild Foundation (Middle Eastern Studies, (250,000\$; frozen 2007-11)
2007	The Landau Prize for Research and Sciences (History of East Asia and its Cultures) (50,000 NIS)
2012/13	The Anneliese Maier Research Award, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Asian Studies) (250,000 euro)
2014	The Klachky Prize for the Advancement of the Frontiers of Science (9,000\$+15,000\$)

c. Membership in Scientific Organizations:

1999-	American Association of Asian Studies
1995-	The Mongolia Society
2008-	World History Association
2006-10, 2012-	The Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel
2014-	The Israel Academy for Sciences and Humanities

**d. Evaluations:**

Reviewer of articles for *Journal of Asian Studies*; *Journal of International History*; *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*; *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*; *Jerusalem Studies of Arabic and Islam*; *Medieval Encounters*; *Jama'a*; *Proceedings of The National Academy of Sciences*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*; as well as for various articles in collected volumes.

Reviewer of manuscripts for Cambridge University Press (2005-); Reviewer of membership applications (Inner Asian Studies), Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ (2008-) ; Evaluator, MacArthur fellowship (Inner Asian Studies, 2005); Evaluator, Israel Science Foundation, East Asian workshops (2008) and research proposals (2009, 2011, 2015); Member, ISF history committee 2012; Chair, ISF history committee 2014-15; Evaluator, Canadian Grants (Chinese studies) 2012; OTKA Hungarian grants (2014); Evaluator, ERC Starting Grants (Nomads; World history 2013-) ; Evaluator, tenure-track positions, Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University (2010); Islamic Studies, Ben-Gurion University (2006); PhD dissertations, Australian National University; Tel Aviv University.

Chair, Committee for selecting the winner of the Landau Prize in Religious Studies, 2012.

Chair, Committee for selecting the winner of Israel Prize in Far Eastern Studies, 2015.

**6. Research Grants**

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| 2003/4-2007/8 | Grant no. 818\03 of the Israel Science Foundation, " <b>The Steppe People after the Mongol Conquests: Changes of Ethnicity and Identity: The Khitan Case.</b> " 120,000 \$ (4x 30,000).([#3], #4, #8, #12, # 17, #28, #29, #33)  |
| 2006          | ISF grant for workshop at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Hebrew University: <i>Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change</i> . (15,000\$). (#6, 18)   |
| 2012          | ISF grant 602/12 for the project; " <b>Central Asia under Mongol Rule: Rulers, Subjects and Emigrants of the Chaghadaid Khanate,</b> " [120,000\$ - 4x30,000; 4 years beginning in 10/2012]  |
| 2012          | ERC Starting Grant 312397 :" <b>Mobility Empire and Cross-Cultural Contacts in Mongol Eurasia</b> " (1,500,000 euro; 5 years beginning in 1/2013) .  |
| 2014          | With Nimrod Baranovitch, Ronnie Ellenblum, Yigal Bronner, Eyal Ginio, Rotem Kowner, Arik Moran, Ornit Shani, Gideon Shelach, and Itzhak Weismann: Yad Hanadiv grant for New Structured Graduate Program: <b>The Asian Sphere: Trans-Cultural Flows</b> (6.5 million NIS, 6 years beginning in 10/14) |
| 2014          | ISF grant 2139/14 for the workshop: <b>Mobility and Transformations: New Directions in the Study of the Mongol Empire</b> (29/6-4/7/14; 60,000 NIS).   |

## 7. Teaching at the Hebrew University

### a. Supervision of Master's and doctoral degree students

#### Master's degree student:

1. **Hyunhee Park** (with R. Israeli; EAS, 1999-2003): *Yuan Writers on Islam and Muslims*. Completed *magna cum laude*. Hyunhee received her PhD from Yale in 2008 and is currently teaching in John Jay College, CUNY, USA. Her book, *Mapping the Chinese and Islamic Worlds: Cross-Cultural Exchange in Pre-Modern Asia*, of which I was a reader, recently appeared in Cambridge University Press.(2013).
2. **Yonathan Brack** (with R. Amitai; ME, 2007-10): *A Mongol Princess Making Hajj: the Biography of El Qutlugh Daughter of Abagha Ilkhan*. Completed *Summa Cum Laude*. (97). His article, which is based on this thesis, has appeared in *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 21/3 (July 2011): 331-59. He is currently a PhD student at the University of Michigan.
3. **Moshe Grinberg** (with A. Kulik; Individual studies for MA, 2008-): *Nogai in the history of the Golden Horde*.
4. **Nir Shabo** (ME, 2009-2013): *A New Biography of Jalal al-Din, The Last Khwarazm Shah (d. 1231)*. [Thesis grade: 98].
5. **Isaiah Landa** (ME & EAS, 2010-2013): *Migrations and Identity: The Oirats in Mongol Eurasia (13th-14th centuries)*. [Thesis grade: 94.5].
6. **Vered Shurany** (EAS, 2010-2014): *The Islamization of Ningxia: The Life and Times of Prince Ananda*. [Thesis grade 92.5].
7. **Yang Qiao** (ME, 2011-2015): *Like Stars in the Sky: Astronomers in Mongol Eurasia*. [Thesis Grade: 96.5]
8. **Nimrod Oren** (EAS, 10/2011-): *Alcohol and Drinking Culture in the Mongol Empire*
9. **Amir Ben-Cohen** (with N. Stadler, Anthropology, 2012- ): *Anthropology of Memory in Modern Mongolia*
10. **Matanya Gill** (ME, 11/2013-) *Ilkhanid Maritime Trade*.

#### PhD Students:

**Shai Shir** (with Reuven Amitai; ME, 2008-): “*Persian Historiography and the Writing of the History of the Mongol Empire*”

**Ishaiah Landa** (EAS, 2014-) *Imperial sons in law in the Mongol Empire*.

**Vered Shurany** (EAS, 2015-) *The Mongol Armies in Yuan China*

**Qiao Yang** (ME, 2015-) *Scientific Exchange in Mongol Eurasia*

### b. Post-Doctoral Fellows and Visitors

1. Dr. Ron Sela, Lady Davis Post-Doctoral fellow, 2004/5 (currently Associate Professor at Indiana University).
2. Prof. Lola Dodhudoeva, Tajikistan Academy of Sciences, Lady Davis Visiting Professor (11-12/2010) *The Zafar-namah of Badr al-Din Kashmiri :A Contribution to Shaybanid and Chinggisid Historiography*
3. Dr. Kobi Yosef, Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2012/13 *Ethnic Groups, Social Relationships Schools of law and Succession in the Mamluk Sultanate (1250-1517)*.
4. Mr. Daniel Zakrzewski, Humboldt Fellow, ERC Project member, PhD student, 4/13-6/14 *Making Tabriz the Primary Royal City of Islamic Iran. Urban society, nomadic*

- rule and Persianate political culture from the late 12th until the early 16th century*
5. Mr. Geoffry Humble, ERC Project member, PhD student (University of Birmingham, UK), 2013-14, *Ögödei's Networks*.
  6. Mr. Kaiqi Hua, ERC Project member, PhD student (UCMercedes, USA), 2013-14, *Keeping Hangzhou Holy: Temple-State Relations in Metropolitan Space and Politics (1100-1400)*.
  7. Ms. Soyoung Choi, ERC Project member, PhD student (Seoul National University, Korea), 2013-15, *The Ilkhanate and Tibet*
  8. Ms. Francesca Fiachetti, Humboldt Fellow, ERC Project member, PhD student (Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, Germany), 2013-14, *Definitions of Identity and Alterity in the Yuanshi*
  9. Dr. Florence Houdas, Post-Doctoral Fellow, ERC Project member, 2013-15, *Legal Personnel and Institutions in the Mongol Empire: The Yarchuchis*.
  10. Dr. Wonhee Cho, Post-Doctoral Fellow, ERC Project member, 2014-15
  11. Ms. Undine Ott, ERC project member, PhD student (University of Gottingen)
  12. Mr. Uhaanch (Wu Hanqi), ERC project member, PhD student (Nanjing University), Yuan history: Mongol forefathers.
  13. Dr. Lin Peiyang, Frieberg Center Post Doctoral Fellow, 2013-14. *Zen Letters in Twelfth Century East Asia: Buddhist Network and Identity Formation* [5 new members of the ERC and two Frieberg Center Post-docs will arrive in 2015-16).

c. Courses Taught (since last promotion)

**BA Courses**

1. *Introduction to the History and Culture of Late Imperial China (906-1911)* (Lesson, EAS).
2. *The Silk Road: Asia and the Muslim World in the Pre-Modern Era* (Seminar, ME)
3. *Between China and the Mideast: Issues in Central Asian History* (Seminar, ME and EAS).
4. *The Mongols in the Islamic World* (Seminar, ME).
5. *Chinggis Khan and his Heirs: The Mongols in Chinese and World History.*" (Seminar, EAS)
6. *The Mongols in Eurasia: Chinese, Islamic and World History Aspects* (Seminar, EAS)

**MA Courses:**

1. *The Mongols in Eurasia: Islamic and Comparative Aspects* (MA seminar; ME)
2. *Cross-Cultural Encounters in the Pre-Modern Muslim World* (MA Seminar, ME)
3. *Methodological Issues from Early Islam till Today* (MA compulsory seminar, ME; with Liat Kozma).
4. *Mongolia: Between Past and Present* (Touring course in Mongolia; EAS)
5. *Xinjiang: Between China and the Islamic World* (Touring course in Xinjiang, China with Yuri Pines and Gidi Shelach, summer 2013, EAS)
6. *Excavation in Qaraqorum, Capital of the Mongol Empire* (Touring course in Mongolia, with Tawfiq Da'adli, summer 2014, EAS).
7. *Migrations and Knowledge Transfer in Mongol Eurasia* (ERC project seminar, 2013, 2014).

**PhD Courses**

1. *Research Workshop for Excelling PhD. Students*, Faculty of Humanities (with Ruth Fine and Michael Roubach).
2. *Preparatory Workshop for Students' Conference: Journeys* (PhD Honors Program, Faculty of Humanity) (with Ruth Fine)
3. *New Directions in the Study of the Mongol Empire*, International Summer School, July 1-4, 2014. (organizer + lecturer)

**List of Publications**

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1. Doctoral Dissertation

**1. Michal Biran.** "China, Nomads and Islam: The Qara Khitai Dynasty (1124-1218)" under the supervision of Profs. Michael Zand (HU) and Elizabeth Endicott (Middlebury College, VT, USA). Awarded November 2000, with distinction. Published as *The Empire of the Qara Khitai in Eurasian History: Between China and the Islamic World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. #3, #9, #12, #24

2. Books

**2. Michal Biran.** *Qaidu and the Rise of the Independent Mongol State in Central Asia*. 1997, X + 198pp, Curzon Press, Richmond, Surrey

**3. Michal Biran.** *The Qara Khitai Empire in Eurasian History: Between China and the Islamic World*. 2005, XVI + 279pp, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. [revised version of #1]

**4. Michal Biran.** *Chinggis Khan*. 2007, x+182pp, One World Publications, Oxford, (in the series "The Makers of the Muslim World).

3. Books Edited

5. Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran.** *Mongols, Turks and Others: Eurasian Nomads and the World*. 2005, XX + 550, E. J. Brill, Leiden.

6. Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran.** *Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change: The Mongols and Their Eurasian Predecessors*. 2015. X+338 pp, Hawaii University Press ("New Perspectives on the Global Past" series), Honolulu.

4. Chapters in Collections

7. **Michal Biran**, 2002. "The Battle of Herat (1270): A Case of Inter-Mongol Warfare." In Nicola Di Cosmo, ed. *Warfare in Inner Asia*, E.J. Brill, Leiden, 175-220.

8. **Michal Biran**, 2004. "The Mongol Transformation: From the Steppe to Eurasian Empire." In Johan P. Arnason and Björn Wittrock, eds. *Eurasian Transformations Tenth*



to *Thirteenth Centuries: Crystallizations, Divergences, Renaissances*, E. J. Brill, Leiden and Boston, 338-361. [Reprint of #25 below].

9. **Michal Biran**, 2005. "True To Their Ways: Why the Qara Khitai did not Convert to Islam," In Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran**, eds. *Mongols, Turks and Others: Eurasian Nomads and the Sedentary World*, E. J. Brill, Leiden, 175-169. [based on ch.6 and conclusion of #1]

10. Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran**, 2005. "Introduction." In Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran**, eds. *Mongols, Turks and Others: Eurasian Nomads and the Sedentary World*, E. J. Brill, Leiden, 1-13.

11. **Michal Biran**, 2005. "Ilak-khanids (or Qarakhanids)." In *Encyclopedia Iranica*, vol. XII, Columbia University Press, New York, 621-628.

12. **Michal Biran**, 2006. "Between China and Islam: The Administration of the Qara Khitai Empire." In David Sneath, editor. *Imperial Statecrafts: Political Forms and Techniques of Governance in Inner Asia C6th- C20th.*, Western Washington University Press, 63-84.

13. **Michal Biran**, 2009. "Central Asia from the Conquest of Chinggis Khan to the Rise of Tamerlane: The Ögodeied and Chaghadaid Realms." In Peter B. Golden, Nicola Di Cosmo and Allan Frank, eds. *The Cambridge History of Inner Asia vol. 2: The Chinggisid Age*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009: 46-66.

14. **Michal Biran**, 2012. "The Chaghadaids and Islam: The Conversion of Tarmashirin Khan (1331-34)," in A. Layish, ed. *Conversion, Sufism, Revival and Reform in Islam: Essays in Memory of Nehemiya Levzion*. Jerusalem: The Van-Leer Institution and Hakibbutz Hameuchad, 2012 (Hebrew).

15. **Michal Biran**, 2013a. "Rulers and City Life in Mongol Central Asia (1220-1370)." In David Durand-Guedy, ed. *Turko-Mongol Rulers, Cities and City-life in Iran and the Neighboring Countries*, E. J. Brill, Leiden, 257-283.

16. **Michal Biran**, 2013b. "Tang Foreign Relations," in Y. Schihor, Y. Pines and G. Shelach, eds. *All Under Heaven: A History of Traditional China*. Tel Aviv: Open University, 2: 411-431. (Hebrew).

17. **Michal Biran**. "The Mongol Conquest of Baghdad Revisited: Violence and Restoration according to Contemporaneous Biographical Sources. In Ts. Tserendorj and N. Khishigt, eds. *Chinggis Khan and Globalization* . Ulaanbaatar: Mongolian Academy of Science, 2014, 321-327.

18. **Michal Biran**, "The Mongols and Nomadic Identity: The Case of the Kitans of China." In Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran**, eds. *Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change*. Honolulu: Hawaii University Press, 2015, 152-181.

19. **Michal Biran**, "Introduction: Nomadic Culture." In Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran**, eds. *Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change*. Honolulu, Hawaii University Press, 2015, 1-9.

20. **Michal Biran**. "The Mongol Empire and the Inter-Civilizational Exchange. " In Benjamin Z. Kedar and Merry Wiesner-Hanks , eds. *The Cambridge History of the World: Vol. 5*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2015, 534-558.

21. **Michal Biran**. "Qarakhanid Eastern Trade: Preliminary Notes on the Silk Roads in the 11th-12th centuries," in J. Bemmann and M. Schmauder, eds., *The Complexity of Interaction along the Eurasian Steppe Zone in the first Millennium CE. Empires, Cities, Nomads and Farmers in Bonn Contributions to Asian Archaeology 7*. Bonn: Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, 2015, pp. 575-95.

22. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-a. "Music in the Conquest of Baghdad: Safi al-Din Urmawi and the Ilkhanid Circle of Musicians," in Bruno De Nicola, ed. *The Mongols and the Transformation of the Middle East*. Forthcoming in E. J. Brill, Leiden, 32pp.

23. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-b. "Violence and Non-Violent Means in the Mongol Conquest of Baghdad," in Robert Gleave, ed. *Violence in Islamic Thought* , vol. 2, Edinburgh University Press.

24. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-c : "From Chinggis Khan to Qubilai Khan: The United Mongol Empire (1206-1260). in Y. Schihor, Y. Pines and G. Shelach, eds. *All Under Heaven: A History of Traditional China*. Tel Aviv: Open University, Vol. 3, 28 pp. (Hebrew).

25. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-d "Scholarship and Science under the Qara Khitai (1124-1218), in D. O. Morgan and S. Edwards, eds. *The Idea of Iran: From the Seljuqs to the Mongols*. London: Tauris

26. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-e. "The Non-Han Dynasties," in M. Szonyi, ed. *The Blackwell Companion of Chinese History*. Oxford: Blackwell, forthcoming.

27. Reuven Amitai and **Michal Biran**, forthcoming- f, "Arabic Sources for the Study of the Mongol Empire, in Michal Biran and Kim Hodong, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Mongol Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

5. Articles published in academic journals.

28. **Michal Biran**, 2001a. "Like a Mighty Wall: The Armies of the Qara Khitai,"

*Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 25: 44-91. [based on part of ch. 5 of #1]

29. **Michal Biran**, 2001b. "Qarakhanid Studies: A View from the Qara Khitai Edge," *Cahiers d'Asia Centrale*, 9: 73-85.

30. **Michal Biran**, 2002 [2003]. "The Chaghadaids and Islam: The Conversion of Tarmashirin Khan (1331-34)." *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 122.4: 742-752. (Hebrew version in #14 above).

31. **Michal Biran**, 2003. "The Impact of the Mongol Conquests on the Steppe Peoples' Collective Identities," *The Van Leer's Arena for Public Discourse* 7: 90-99 (in Hebrew).

32. **Michal Biran**, 2004. "The Mongol Transformation: From the Steppe to Eurasian Empire." *Medieval Encounters*, 10/1-3: 338-361. [Reprinted in # 8]

33. **Michal Biran**, 2007-8. "Culture and Cross-Cultural Contacts in the Chaghadaid Realm (1220-1370)- Some Preliminary Notes." *Chronika*, 7-8: 26-43.

34. **Michal Biran**, 2008a. "Chaghadaid Diplomacy and Chancellery Practices: Some Preliminary Remarks," *Oriente Moderno*, 88/2: 369-92. (Chinese translation in progress; to be published in *Xiyu Yanjiu*, 2014).

35. **Michal Biran**, 2008b. "Eurasian Images of Chinggis Khan: Between Myth and Reality." *Zmanim*, 100:56-71 (in Hebrew).

36. **Michal Biran**, 2010. "Chinggis Khan in China and in the Muslim World: Between Hero and Anti Hero," *Acta Mongolica*, 10:143-150.

37. **Michal Biran**, 2012. "Khitan Migrations in Inner Asia," *Central Eurasian Studies*, 3:85-108.

38. **Michal Biran**, 2013. "The Mongol Empire: The State of the Research", *Compass*, 11/11: 1021–1033. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/hic3.12095/abstract>

39. **Michal Biran**, 2015. "Unearthing the Liao Dynasty's Relations with the Muslim World: Migrations, Diplomacy, Commerce and Mutual Perceptions," *Journal of Song Yuan Studies* 43 (2013 [2015]), 221-251.

40. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-g. "Mental Maps of Mongol Central Asia As Seen from the Mamluk Sultanate," *Journal of Asian Studies*, 2015.

41. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-h. "The Islamization of Hulegu: Imaginary Conversion in the Ilkhanate," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 2015.

42. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-i. "Mobility and Transformation: The Mongol Empire as a Turning Point in World History." *Igeret*, 2015, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2015.

Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Shorter Publications:

43. **Michal Biran**, 2000. Review of Charles Melville's *The Fall of Amir Chupan and the Decline of the Ilkhanate, 1327-37: A Decade of Discord in Mongol Iran*. *Iranian Studies*, 33/1-2: 245-6.
44. **Michal Biran**, 2001. "China, Nomads and Islam: The Qara Khitai (Western Liao) Dynasty, 1124-1218: Dissertation Abstract. *Journal of Sung-Yuan Studies*, 31: 363-5.
45. **Michal Biran**, 2002. Review of Matthew S. Gordon's *The Breaking of a Thousand Swords. A History of the Turkish Military of Samarra*. *International History Review*, 24/2: 389-91.
46. **Michal Biran**, 2003 [2004]. Review of Thomas T. Allsen's *Culture and Conquest in Mongol Eurasia*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 123.2: 446-7.
47. **Michal Biran**, 2005 [2006]. Review of George Lane's *Early Mongol Rule in Thirteenth Century Iran: A Persian Renaissance*. *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam*, 30: 572-6.
48. **Michal Biran**, 2006a. "Genghis Khan." In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia* (New York and London: Routledge), ed. J. W. Meri, 1: 280-82.
49. **Michal Biran**, 2006b. "Silk Roads." In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia* (New York and London: Routledge), ed. J. W. Meri, 2: 745-9.
50. **Michal Biran**, 2006c. "Tamerlane." In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia* (New York and London: Routledge), ed. J. W. Meri, 2:796-8.
51. **Michal Biran**, 2007 [2012]. Review of Linda Komaroff (ed). *Beyond the Legacy of Genghis Khan*, *MESA bulletin*, 41.2 :204-205.
52. **Michal Biran**, 2008. Review of Margaret Meserve, *Empires of Islam in Renaissance Historical Thought. Itinerario: International Journal on European Expansion and Global interaction*. 32: 146-148.
53. **Michal Biran**, 2009a. "Jochi," *Encyclopedia Iranica*, 15: 1-2.
54. **Michal Biran**, 2009b. "Jovayni, Shams al-Din," *Encyclopedia Iranica*, 15: 71-74.
55. **Michal Biran**, 2009c. Review of Istvan Vasary's *Cumans and Tatars*. *Canada Slavonic Papers*, 51/2: 352-3.

56. **Michal Biran**, 2009d. Review of Anne F. Broadbridge. *Kingship and Ideology in the Islamic and Mongol World*. *Journal of Central Eurasian Studies*, 1: 111-15.
57. **Michal Biran**, 2010. Studies on the Mongol Empire from the Perspective of Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies (1989-2009). " *Perspectives and Research Trends on the Conquest Dynasties in Foreign Scholarship* (Seoul), 2: 149-64 [Published in Korean].
58. **Michal Biran**, 2011. Review of David M. Robinson, *Empire's Twilight: Northeast Asia under the Mongols*. *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 71/2: 370-77.
59. **Michal Biran**, 2013a. "Transoxania." In Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone *et. al.* *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 560-561.
60. **Michal Biran**, 2013b. Review of 'The Mongol Conquests in World History' *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 72: 465-467.
62. **Michal Biran**, 2015a. "Baraq, Chaghatayid Khan," *Encyclopedia of Islam, THREE*, 2015-2:42-44.
63. **Michal Biran**, 2015b, "Chaghatay Khan, son of Chinggis Khan," *Encyclopedia of Islam, THREE*, 2015-3: 59-60.
64. **Michal Biran**, 2015c. "Chinggisids," *Encyclopedia of Islam, THREE*, 2015-3: 60-65.
61. **Michal Biran**, forthcoming-j "Chapar b. Kaydū", *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. 4pp.
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1. **Michal Biran.** "Sinicization outside of China? - The Case of the Western Liao (Qara Khitai) 1124-1218." Paper read in the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Asian Studies, Boston, March 1999.
2. **Michal Biran.** "Conquerors and Conquered in the Army: Auxiliary Forces in Pre-Mongol and Mongol Central Asia." Paper read at the weekly seminar of the Research Group "The Interaction of Nomadic Rulers with Sedentary People: Turco-Mongolian Nomads in China and the Middle East", Institute of Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, May 2000.
3. **Michal Biran.** "China, Nomads and Islam: Nomad-Sedentary Relations under the Qara Khitai (Western Liao)." Paper read at the conference "Euroasian Nomads and the Outside World," Institute of Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, June 2000.
4. **Michal Biran.** "China, Nomads and Islam: Multi-Culturalism under the Qara Khitai (Western Liao) 1124-1218." Paper read at the 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Central Asian Studies, Vienna, September 27-30, 2000.
5. **Michal Biran.** "The Chaghadaids and Islam: The Conversion of Tarmashirin Khan (1331-1334)." Paper read at the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. Madison, WI, October 11-14, 2001.
6. **Michal Biran.** "The Chaghadaid Mongols and Islam: The Conversion of Tarmashirin Khan (1331-1334)." Lecture, the Institute for Advanced Study Islamic Seminar, Princeton NJ, November 28, 2001.
7. **Michal Biran.** "Muslims, Mongols and Chinese: The Khitans after the Mongol Conquest." Lecture, the East Asian Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, February 12, 2002.
8. **Michal Biran.** "Why did not the Qara Khitai (1124-1218) convert to Islam?" Lecture, the Historical Studies Colloquia, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, March 4, 2002.
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10. **Michal Biran.** "China, Nomads and Islam: Nomad-Sedentary Relations under the Qara Khitai." Invited lecture, the Inner Asian and Altaic Studies Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2002.

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14. **Michal Biran.** "Eurasian Transformations 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries: The Mongol Case." Paper read at the workshop "Eurasian Transformations 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> centuries: An Ecumenical Renaissance?" Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Uppsala June 26-27, 2003.
15. **Michal Biran.** "From the Accursed to the Revered Father: Chinggis Khan in the Muslim World (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Centuries)." Paper Read at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. Harvard University, Cambridge MA, October 2-5, 2003.
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17. **Michal Biran.** "Chinggis Khan in China: From Barbarian Conqueror to National Hero." Paper read in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of East Asian Studies in Israel, Haifa, February 1-2 , 2004.
18. **Michal Biran.** "Between China and Islam: The Administration of the Qara Khitai Empire." Paper read at the " Symposium on Inner Asian Statecrafts and Technologies of Governance, The Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies Unit, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge UK, March 18-19, 2004.
19. **Michal Biran.** "Turkishness and Islam among the Qara Khitai (12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries)." Paper Read at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Turkish Civilizations, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan October 4-7, 2004.
20. **Michal Biran.** "The Position of the Ruler in Central Asia." In the Roundtable "The Position of the Ruler in Asia" at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Israeli Conference for Asian Studies, Mayersdorf House, May 29-30, 2005.
21. **Michal Biran.** "Culture and Cross-Cultural Contacts in the Chaghadaid Realm (1220-1370)." Paper read at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Central Eurasian Studies

Society. Boston University, MA, USA, September 29- October 2, 2005.

22. **Michal Biran.** "The Mongols and Nomadic Identity: The Case of the Khitans in China." Paper read at the international research workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, "Eurasian Nomads as Agents of Cultural Change", Jerusalem, Institute for Advanced Studies, HU, June 5-8 2006.

23. **Michal Biran.** "Mongol Diet: From Mice and Dogs to Gourmet Fusion Cuisine." Paper read at the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of East Asian Studies in Israel, Tel Aviv, June 11-12 2006.

24. **Michal Biran.** "Cross-Cultural Contacts in the Chaghadaid Realm (1220-1370)." Paper read at the Second International Conference of Medieval History of the Eurasian Steppe, Jászberény, Hungary, May 24–26, 2007.

25. **Michal Biran.** "Culture and Cross-Cultural Contacts in the Chaghadaid Khanate (1260-1370)." Paper read at the conference "The Middle Ages Now," Bar Ilan University, March 27, 2008.

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28. **Michal Biran.** "Migrations, Religious and Ethnic Changes in the Wake of the Mongol Empire." Paper read at the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of World History Association, London, June 25-28, 2008.

29. **Michal Biran.** "Rulers and City Life in Mongol Central Asia." Paper read at the conference: Turco-Mongolian Rulers, Cities and City-life in Iran and the neighboring Countries; Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo, Japan September 12-13 2009.

30. **Michal Biran.** "Chinggis Khan in China and the Muslim World: Between Hero and Anti-Hero." Paper read at the Joint conference of the Hebrew University and the National University of Mongolia "From Mongol Empire to Modern Mongolia", National University of Mongolia, Ulaan Baatar, August 13, 2010.

31. **Michal Biran.** "Kitan Migrations in Inner Asia." Paper read at the international conference "Conquest, Migration and Cultural Exchanges in Central Eurasia," Seoul, 3 December 2010.

32. **Michal Biran.** "The Mongol Empire in World History." In the International Workshop, "The Cambridge History of the World Volume 5," Jerusalem, Institute for Advanced Studies,



HU, February 6-8, 2011.

33. **Michal Biran.** "Who Counted Kin and How: Warrior Groups, State Regimes and Social Boundaries in Central, East and South Asia, ca. 1200-1850ce," *Chair and discussant in Joint Conference of the Association of Asian Studies and International Convention of Asia Scholars*, Honolulu, Hawaii March 31-April 3, 2011.

34. **Michal Biran.** "The Mongol Conquest of Baghdad 1258-2008." Paper read at the 10th Annual Israeli Conference for Asian Studies, Jerusalem, May 24-26, 2011.

35. **Michal Biran.** "Qarakhanid Eastern Trade: The Silk Roads in the 11th-12th Centuries." Paper read at the international conference *The Complexity of Interaction along the Eurasian Steppe Zone in the First Millenium AD: Empires, Cities, Nomads, Farmers*, Bonn, February 9-11, 2012.

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37. **Michal Biran.** "World Conquest and Imperial Space in the Mongol Empire." Paper read at the international workshop *Imperial Space: The Organization of Near Eastern Empires from the Second Millenium BC to the Second Millenium AD*, Topoi Excellence Center, Berlin, May 3-5, 2012.

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39. **Michal Biran.** "Violence and Non-Violence in the Mongol Conquest of Baghdad," Paper read at the 3rd LIVIT conference on Legitimate and Ilegitimate Violence in the Islamic World, Exeter, UK, September 3-4, 2012.

40. **Michal Biran.** "The Mongol Conquest of Baghdad Revisited: Between Violence and Restoration." Paper read at the conference: Chinggis Khan and Globalization: The 850 Anniversary of Chinggis Khan's Birthday, Ulaan Baatar, November 13-15, 2012.

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