Towards a Digital Eurasia: Databases and Computational Methods for the History of Asia and the Middle East

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 8th-9th 2016, Rabin Building, room 2001

Wednesday, June 8th, Rabin Building, room 2001

10:00-10:45 - Francesca Fiaschetti (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Florence Hodous (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and Alon Klein-Orbach (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Opening remarks and introduction to the Jerusalem Prosopography Project database

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 – Panel I: Network Analysis and the History of Eurasia
Chair: Yifat Monnickendam (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Austrian Academy of Sciences) Historical and archaeological network analysis: methods and tools for a relational approach towards medieval Afro-Eurasia
Bettina Gramlich-Oka (Sophia University) Knowing the [Confucian] Way and the creation of a network

Lunch

14:30-16:00 – Panel II: Reading texts digitally
Chair: Sinai Rusinek (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar Ilan University)
Maxim Romanov (University of Leipzig) Al-Dahabi’s “cat”: Algorithmic Analysis of Arabic Biographical Collections
Hilde de Weerdt - Qiao Jiyan (Leiden University) Re-examining the history of factionalism in Song China

Coffee Break

16.15-17.45 – Panel III: Space and Text 1
Chair: Min Zhang (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Jieh Hsiang (National Taiwan University) Context Discovery in Land Deeds
Kurt Franz (University of Tübingen) Place Names and Name Places: Approaches to Arabic-script Toponymy in Historical Geographic Information Systems

Thursday, June 9th, Rabin Building, room 2001

9:15-10:45 – Panel IV: Space and Text 2
Chair: Wonhee Cho (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Amy Singer (Tel Aviv University) The Digital Ottoman Platform: challenge #1, a gazetteer

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 – Panel V: Prosopography
Chair: Yigal Bronner (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Michael Fuller (UC Irvine) The China Biographical Database as an Adaptable Model for Prosopographical Relational Databases
Jo van Steenbergen (Ghent University) Mamluk Prosopography Project (MPP): From a Project Database to an Open Access Database of Late Medieval Syro-Egyptian Elites

Lunch

14:00-15:45 – VI: Roundtable
How can more qualitative-oriented databases and more quantitative/computational methods inform each other?
Moderators: Michal Biran (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Austrian Academy of Sciences)