



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 Weerd - 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*
Michael Stanley-Baker (MPIWG Berlin) *Mapping Drug Knowledge in Time and Space: A China prototype for a study of Eurasian transmissions*

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 Steenberg (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)

