The aim of this two-day conference is to take a closer look at the interplay between charity and foundations in the Eastern Mediterranean in a longue-durée-perspective. By choosing a broad chronological and more narrow geographical perspective, we seek to bring together strands of research that have until now been looked at separately. Although the history of both charity and foundations has attracted significant attention in the last twenty years, studies have either privileged a certain religious tradition, a specific time frame or a more general spatial approach.

Rather than following a Western (colonial), Braudelinspired, perception of the (Eastern) Mediterranean as a static and archaic space with only very few structural changes over time, we are interested in the continuities and ruptures of discourses, practices, structures and norms of philanthropy and foundations from Late Antiquity until the present day. Our aim is to explore examples of giving and endowing in, but also between, the three monotheistic traditions that were most prominent in the region and to contribute thereby, to borrow Peregrine Horden's and Nicolas Purcell's phrase, to the history of charity and foundations in, and not of, the Mediterranean. Our special interest is in certain conjunctures and turning points of these discourses and practices: both the charged religious landscape of the Crusades or the 1860s were historical moments in which Christian, Islamic and Jewish philanthropic institutions were created all around the Mediterranean. Although most papers will concentrate on a specific religious tradition at a concise time and geographical space, we encourage the contributors to endeavor to compare their case studies to other religious traditions and other geographical and temporal spheres, in order to find out more about the reciprocal influences of the development of charity and endowments in the Eastern Mediterranean.

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Photos

Photo Cover: Haseki-Huerrem-Sultan-waqf Jerusalem (1556), source: Wikipedia

Photo inside left: Mosque in Ramallah with ICRC milk Distribution Center (1949/1950), source: ICRC Archives, photo taken by B.E. Lindroos, V-P-PS-E-00319 Photo inside right: Image of the Founder Theodoros Metochites in the Monastery of Chora (Constantinople)

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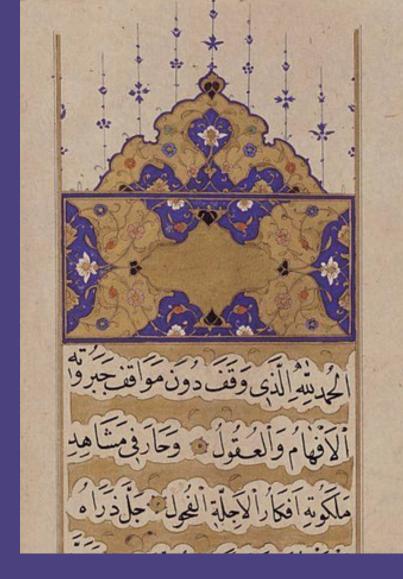








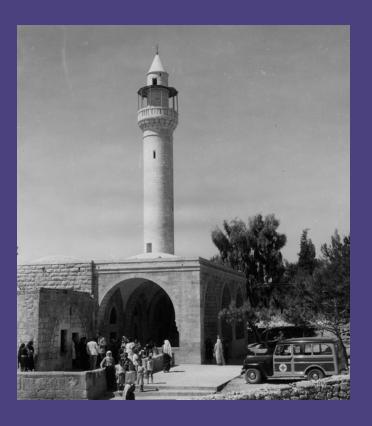




23–24 May 2019 Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG)

Workshop

Philanthropy and Foundations in the Eastern Mediterranean: Christian, Jewish and Muslim Perspectives



Thursday, 23 May

Welcome and Introductory Remarks Johannes Paulmann, Zachary Chitwood and Esther Moeller

Session 1: Discourses of Giving and Endowing Chair: Noémie Duhaut Mainz

> Motivations and Misconceptions: Transnational Jewish Philanthropy 1918–1940 Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah Leiden

> My Church, My Association: A Constellation of Coptic Christian Charity (21st Century) Mina Ibrahim Gießen

Session 2: Practices and Structures of Charity and Endowing

Chair: Birgit Kynast Mainz

Foundations in Byzantium from a Social-Historical Perspective Johannes Pahlitzsch Mainz

The Role of Islamic Charitable Endowments in the Provision of Health Services **Ignacio Sánchez** Warwick

Summary of the First Day's Discussion 18.30

Travel to Dinner Location 18.45

Dinner for Conference Participants 19.00

Friday, 24 May

Session 3: The Legal, Political 9.00 and Economic Dimension

Chair: Roman Shliakhtin Mainz

»Religious« Dimensions of Charitable Wagf Making: Legal, Political and Economic Implications

Astrid Meier Halle

Slaves, Philanthropy and Foundations in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire Veruschka Wagner Bonn

Coffee break 10.30

Session 4: The Gender Dimension 11.00

Chair: Katharina Stornig Gießen

Women Endowers and Choice of Beneficiaries: Comparative Examples from the Geniza to Late Ottoman Times Randi Deguilhem Aix-en-Provence

The Testament of Kale Pakouriane: Charity and Memoria of a Byzantine Founder at the Time of the First Crusade **Zachary Chitwood** Mainz

12.30 Lunch

Session 5: The Regional Dimension 14.00

Chair: Stanislau Paulau Mainz

»Michigan in Arabia« – a U.S. Student-led Charitable Endeavour to Shape the Future of Iraq

Sarah Epping Berlin

Between State Politics, International Relations and Local Charity Traditions: Humanitarian Aid in 20th-Century Egypt **Esther Möller** Mainz

Summary of the Conference and Final Remarks 15.30

Departure of Conference Participants 16.00

