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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2019

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

9.00–9.30 **Florian Schwarz** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Melanie Malzahn | University of Vienna / Turfan Studies, BBAW
Dietmar W. Winkler | University of Salzburg / PRO ORIENTE

OPENING SPEECH – Chair: Dietmar W. Winkler

9.30–9.50 **His Grace Mar Awa Royel** | Bishop of California,
Assyrian Church of the East
Turfan and the Assyrian Church of the East

SESSION 1 – Chair: Dietmar W. Winkler

9.50–10.10 **Vittorio Berti** | University of Padua
Some preliminary remarks on the composition criteria of the Christian Sogdian Manuscript E28 in the light of the Syriac ascetic collections of the Church of the East

10.10–10.30 **Chiara Barbati** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Again on the Gospel of Mark in Turfan

10.30 Discussion

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2 – Chair: Chiara Barbati

11.15–11.35 **Martina Galatello** | PhD Student, Sapienza University of Rome
Exploring Syriac palaeography from Turfan: Notes on the Christian Syriac and Sogdian fragments in Syriac script from the Berlin Turfan Collection

11.35–11.55 **Pier Giorgio Borbone** | University of Pisa
A Tale of Three Scripts: Syriac palaeography between Inner Asia and Mesopotamia

11.55–12.15 **Natalia Smelova** | University of Manchester
From Palestine to Central Asia? Contents and contexts of the Codex Armeniacus Rescriptus

12.15 Discussion

LUNCH BREAK

KEYNOTE SESSION – Chair: Peter Zieme

14.30–15.15 **Erica C.D. Hunter** | SOAS, London
Turfan: Research dimensions and dynamics

15.15–15.30 **David Tam** | Tsinghua University, Beijing
A briefing on my visits to the Pútáogōu Xīpáng (Bulayiq) Christian Monastery Site in May and July 2018

15.30 Discussion

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 3 – Chair: Erica C.D. Hunter

16.00–16.20 **Christiane Reck** | Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Features of the Christian Sogdian fragments in Sogdian script in the Berlin Turfan Collection

16.20–16.40 **Peter Zieme** | Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Questions about tomb inscriptions of Turkic speaking people in Central Asia and China

16.40–17.00 **David Tam** | Tsinghua University, Beijing
The place of authorship for the Dunhuang Manuscript Yishen Lun (On God)

17.00 Discussion

Final remarks