

أَمْتَرَجُ الْمَاءَ بِالرَّاحِ وَتَقَوُّنْتَ بِعَيْنَيْهِ تَقْوَى الْأَجْسَادِ
 بِالْأَرْوَاحِ فَبَيْنَا أَنَا عِنْدَ حَاكِمِ الْأَشْكَدِيَّةِ
 عَشِيَّةَ عَمْرٍو وَقَدْ أَحْضَرَ مَالَ الصَّدَقَاتِ لِيُفْضَهُ عَلَيَّ
 ذَوِي الْفَأَقَاتِ إِذْ دَخَلَ شَيْخٌ عَقْرِيهِ لِعَنْدِهِ أَمْرًا مَصِيبَةً
 صَوَّرَ نَعْمًا عِنْدَ الْقَاضِي



قَالَتْ أَيْدِي اللَّهِ الْقَاضِي وَالْأَمْرُ بِهِ لِلْقَاضِي

Above: Illustration of a qāḍī (judge) and litigants from *Maqāmāt al-Ḥarīrī*. Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, *arabe* 3929, fol. 15v. 12th-13th c. CE.

Below: Preliminary drafts of petition to the Fatimid caliph al-Mustansir (11th c. CE). Cambridge University Library, T-S Ar. 30.278, recto. Reproduced by kind permission of the Syndics of Cambridge University Library.

Handwritten text in Arabic script, likely a petition or legal document, with some red ink used for emphasis or headings.

Cover: Two miniatures, one of three monks and two merchants, the other of stages in the life of a converted-infid-el-turned-bishop, both before seated judges. Gratian, *Cutting from the Decretum Gratiani*; Northern Italy, c. 1275-1300; British Library, Additional 37473, ff. 1-2.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 | UCLA ROYCE 314
Concepts of Law and Community

1:30 Welcoming Remarks

SESSION I | Chair: Jessica Goldberg (UCLA)

2:00 "Legal Alchemy: How and Why Canonists Turned Muslims into Jews"
Presenters: **David Freidenreich** (Colby College) and **Victoria Paquette** (Colby College)
Discussant: **Brendan Goldman** (Princeton University)

2:45 "The Culmination of Religious Identity for Defining a Legal Community: The Papacy, Law, and the Communal Identity of Christendom in the Early-Thirteenth Century"
Presenter: **Atria Larson** (Saint Louis University)
Discussant: **Abigail Firey** (University of Kentucky)

3:30 Coffee Break

SESSION II | Chair: Michael Cooperson (UCLA)

4:00 "The Legal Significance of *Sahabiyyāt* Biographies for Regulating Muslim Non-Muslim Kinship Ties"
Presenter: **Uriel Simonsohn** (University of Haifa)
Discussant: **Evan Metzger** (UCLA)

4:45 "*Non-Muslim Religious Communities* and the Shaping of Ḥanbali Law"
Presenter: **Chris PreJean** (UCLA)
Discussant: **Lev Weitz** (Catholic University of America)

5:15 Conclusion of Day I

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020 | UCLA ROYCE 314
Society and Its Institutions

9:00 Coffee, fruit, pastries

SESSION III | Chair: Arvind Thomas (UCLA)

9:30 "My law does not instruct me to say anything but what I have already said': Monastic Communities and the Law in Late 10th- to Early 11th-Century Central Italy"
Presenter: **Maya Maskarinec** (University of Southern California)
Discussant: **Atria Larson** (Saint Louis University)

10:15 "Overturned Order, Neglected Law? The Production of Legal Knowledge in Normandy, ca. 880–1080"
Presenter: **Abigail Firey** (University of Kentucky)
Discussant: **David Freidenreich** (Colby College)

11:00 Coffee Break

SESSION IV | Chair: Michael Morony (UCLA)

11:15 "Heterodox Judges and Witnesses: Boundaries Between Muslim Communities Inside the Courtroom"
Presenter: **Mathieu Tillier** (Sorbonne University)
Discussant: **Oded Zinger** (Hebrew University)

12:00 "East Syrian Confessional Law in the Early Medieval Caliphate"
Presenter: **Lev Weitz** (Catholic University of America)
Discussant: **Faisal Abdullah** (UCLA)

12:45 Lunch Break

SESSION V | Chair: Cecilia Palombo (Princeton University)

2:30 "Violence and Community: Two Brawls from the Cairo Geniza"
Presenter: **Oded Zinger** (Hebrew University)
Discussant: **Marina Rustow** (Princeton University)

3:15 "Legal Pluralism in Action: Individual Strategies and Overlapping Communities in Some Early Medieval Papyri"
Presenter: **Arietta Papaconstantinou** (University of Reading)
Discussant: **Maya Maskarinec** (University of Southern California)

4:00 Coffee Break

SESSION VI | Chair: Asma Sayeed (UCLA)

4:30 "Al-Ṭarasūsī's Fatwā on Preventing the Compulsory Payment of Zakāt by Minors"
Presenter: **Evan Metzger** (UCLA)
Discussant: **Uriel Simonsohn** (University of Haifa)

5:00 "*Sharʿ Man Qablanā* (The Laws of Those Who Preceded Us): Muslim Views on Pre-Muḥammadan Religious Law and Its Utility in the Sharīʿah"
Presenter: **Faisal Abdullah** (UCLA)
Discussant: **Mathieu Tillier** (Sorbonne University)

5:30 Conference Reception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 | UCLA ROYCE 314
State Power, Law, and Community

9:00 Coffee, fruit, pastries

SESSION VII | Chair: Sharon Gerstel (UCLA)

9:30 "Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Communities in Normative Documents of Islamo-Christian Iberia"
Presenter: **Adam Kosto** (Columbia University)
Discussant: **Alexandre Roberts** (University of Southern California)

10:15 "Reviving Romanitas: Rediscovering the Roman Past in Byzantine Legal Texts (8th–11th c.)"
Presenter: **Zachary Chitwood** (Universität Mainz)
Discussant: **Patrick Morgan** (UCLA)

11:00 Coffee Break

SESSION VIII | Chair: Warren Brown (Caltech)

11:30 "Legislating Religious Boundaries in the Twelfth-Century Mediterranean"
Presenter: **Patrick Morgan** (UCLA)
Discussant: **Adam Kosto** (Columbia University)

12:00 "Al-Awzāʿī's Letters to 'Abbāsīd Authorities: Law and Community on the Frontier"
Presenter: **Holly Robins** (UCLA)
Discussant: **Arietta Papaconstantinou** (University of Reading)

12:30 Lunch Break

SESSION IX | Chair: Carol Bakhos (UCLA)

2:00 "Imprisonment, Torture and the Limits of *Dhimmi* Legal Autonomy in Medieval Egypt: The Specter of State Violence in Cairo Geniza Documents"
Presenter: **Brendan Goldman** (Princeton University)
Discussant: **Holly Robins** (UCLA)

2:45 "Narrating the Trial of John bar 'Abdūn"
Presenter: **Alexandre Roberts** (University of Southern California)
Discussant: **Zachary Chitwood** (Universität Mainz)

3:30 Coffee Break

SESSION X | Chair: Luke Yarbrough (UCLA)

3:45 "The Fatimid State and the Jewish Community: Six Geniza Documents"
Presenter: **Marina Rustow** (Princeton University)
Discussant: **Chris PreJean** (UCLA)

4:30 Concluding Discussion