



Mobility, Empire and Cross Cultural Contacts in Mongol Eurasia



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# Mobility and Transformations: New Directions in the Study of the Mongol Empire

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**Part A: International Conference: Mobility and Transformations: Economic and  
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## Organizers

**Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
**Hodong Kim** (Seoul National University)

All lectures will take place at the Center for the Study of Rationality,  
Feldman Building, Eilat Hall,  
The Edmond J. Safra Campus of The Hebrew University, Givat Ram

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## PROGRAM

**Sunday, June 29, 2014**

10:00-10:15

Welcome: **Michal Linial**, Director, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies  
**Reuven Amitai**, Dean, Faculty of Humanities

10:15-11:45

### **Modes of Migrations**

**Chair: Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Discussant: David Morgan** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Nikolay Kradin** (Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok)  
*Movement of Peoples, Empires, Technologies in the Mongol Empire: A View from the Far East*

**Stefan Kamola** (Princeton University)

*The Probable Course of an Improbable Life: Migration, Rebellion, and Rashīd al-Dīn*

**David Robinson** (Colgate University)

*Migration and Memory*

11:45-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-14:00

### **Religious Exchange**

**Chair: Johan Elverskog** (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX)

**Discussant: Peter Jackson** (The British Academy)

**Jonathan Brack** (University of Michigan)

*Sufi Ritual and the Mongols: the Sama' in Ilkhanid Iran*

**Wonhee Cho** (Yale University)

*The Mongol Rule of Taoists and Buddhists in Southern China: A Comparative Review*

**Charles Manson** (EPHE Paris)

*Warrior Emperor and Ecclesiastic Thaumaturge: Relations between Möngke Qan and Karma Pakshi*

**Roman Hatuala** (Independent Scholar)

*Latin Sources on Competing Catholic and Muslim Proselytizing Activity among the Golden Horde's Nomads in the First Half of the 14th Century*

14:00-15:30

Lunch

15:30-17:30

**Rulers and Ruled in Transition: the United Empire and China**

**Chair: Liu Xiao** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

**Discussant: Kim Hodong** (Seoul National University)

**Miklós Sárközy** (Institute of Ismaili Studies, London)

*The Dīwān-i Qā'imīyyāt—Aspects of Mongol-Nizārī Contacts in the Light of a Newly Discovered Literary Source*

**Liu Yingsheng** (Nanjing University)

*A Discussion before the Mongolian Campaign to the Volga Area and Eastern Europe 1235*

**Geoffrey Humble** (University of Leeds & The Hebrew University)

*Centre, Periphery, Politics and Authority: Seeking Non-Chinggisid Court Networks in the Early Empire*

**Christopher Atwood** (Indiana University Bloomington)

*Qubilai Qa'an's Three Confucian Crises*

18:30

Reception at IIAS lobby and greetings by **Prof. Menachem Ben-Sasson**, President of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Poster Session: Mobility and Transformations** (during evening reception)

**Na'ama O. Arom** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*"Our Word" – Foreign Advisers and the Western Diplomacy of the Early Ilkhans*

**Márton Gergő Vér** (University of Szeged, Hungary)

*The Provision Orders of the Postal System of the Chinggisid Empire*

**Haiwei Liu** (University of Southern California)

*Seeking Legitimation across Cultures: The Case of Prince Ananda and the Challenge of Mongol Rule over Muslim Subjects*

**Florence Hodous** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Cross-Cultural Influences on Law in the Ilkhanate and the Yuan dynasty*

**Hosung Shim** (Indiana University Bloomington)

*Transmission and Misconception: A Crooked Sense of Direction in Geographical Writings as Evidence of Mongols' Agency in Cultural Exchange during the Mongol Empire*

**Tom Sinclair** (Cyprus University)

*Movement on the Ayas-Tabriz Road from the mid-1250s to 1337 A.D.: Products, Coin and Metal, and the Growth of Cities*

**Vered Shurany** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Islam and Buddhism in Mongol-Ruled Hexi*

**Eloise Wright** (University of California, Berkeley)

*Elite Reorientations under Mongol Rule in Dali, Yunnan*

**Monday, June 30, 2014**

09:30-11:00

**Law and Institutions**

**Chair: David Morgan** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Discussant: Kim Hodong** (Seoul National University)

**Roman Pochekaev** (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg Branch)

*Törü: Ancient Turkic Law 'Privatized' by Chinggis Khan and his Descendants*

**István Vásáry** (Loránd Eötvös University, Budapest)

*A Multi-Cultural Institution of Mongol Eurasia: the Chancellery of the Golden Horde and Ilkhanid Iran*

**Stephen G. Haw** (Independent Scholar)

*The Semuren in the Yuan Empire – Who Were They?*

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:30

**Artistic Media on the Move**

**Chair: Morris Rossabi** (Columbia University & Queens College, City University of New York)

**Discussant: Sheila Blair** (Boston College/ Virginia Commonwealth University)

**Yuka Kadoi** (University of Edinburgh)

*Draping a Body, Magnifying a Space: Textiles as Political Legitimacy and Cultural Identity in Mongol West Asia*

**Eiren Shea** (University of Pennsylvania)

*Khitan and Uighur Sources of Yuan Court Dress*

**Jonathan Bloom** (Boston College & Virginia Commonwealth University)

*The Role of Paper in the Arts of the Mongols*

**Roxann Prazniak** (University of Oregon)

*Princess Sengge Ragi's Historic Gathering: Thoughts on Art and the Mongol Khanates*

13:30-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:30

**The Mongol State in Central Asia in Comparative Perspective**

**Chair: Liu Yingsheng** (Nanjing University)

**Discussant: Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Peter Jackson** (The British Academy)

*The Islamization of the Chaghadaids in Comparative Perspective*

**Sheila Blair** (Boston College/ Virginia Commonwealth University)  
*The Mongol Muslim Mausoleum - in Iran, Central Asia and China*

**Qiu Yihao** (Fudan University, Shanghai)  
*The Western Branch of the Chaghadaid Ulus Relating to the Eastern Frontier of Ilkhanate: a Comparative Study of an Inner-Mongol Conflict*

**Beatrice F. Manz** (Tufts University)  
*The Memory of the Mongols in Central Asia and the Islamic World 1300-1800*

16:30-17:00  
Coffee break

17:00-19:00  
**Economic Exchanges**  
**Chair: Roman Pochekaev** (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg Branch)  
**Discussant: Peter Jackson** (The British Academy)

**Yasuhiro Yokkaichi** (Waseda University & Keio University, Japan)  
*Fars and Two Iraqs under Mongol Rule: Kish Merchants' Trade Network in the Indian Ocean*

**Sussanne Reichert** (University of Bonn)  
*Karakorum as a Manufacturing City – Cultural Ties Evidenced by the Archaeological Record*

**Alexander Pachkalov** (Financial University, Moscow)  
*Numismatics as a Source for History of Golden Horde Cities*

**Lawrence Langer** (University of Connecticut)  
*Rus' and the Economic World of the Mongol Empire*

## **Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

09:30-11:00  
**Science, Wisdom and Knowledge Transfer**  
**Chair: Christopher Atwood** (Indiana University, Bloomington)  
**Discussant: Reuven Amitai** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**George Lane** (SOAS, University of London)  
*The Chinggisids and their Intellectual Jousting Tournaments*

**Yoichi Isahaya** (University of Tokyo/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)  
*Cross-Cultural Dialogue between a Chinese Sage and Muslim Polymath: Chinese Calendar in the Īlkhānīd Zīj as the Embodiment of the Astronomical Dialogue*

**Qiao Yang** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Like Stars in the Sky: Dynamic Networks of Astronomers in Mongol Eurasia*

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

**The Mongols and Maritime Asia**

**Chair: Valerie Hansen** (Yale University)

**Discussant: Morris Rossabi** (Columbia University & Queens College, City University of New York)

**Cecilia Levin** (Harvard University)

*The Great Wave: The Influence of the Mongol Empire on Javanese Art*

**Ethan Segal** (Michigan State University)

*Yuan Dynasty Policies and Their Impact on Early Medieval Japan*

**Francesca Fiaschetti** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Mobility, Tributes and the Foundations of Qubilai's Diplomacy - The Annam Example*

13:00-13:30

**General Discussion and Concluding Remarks**

13:30-14:30

Lunch

**Part B: Summer School: New Directions in the Study of the Mongol Empire**

**Tuesday July 1, 2014**

18:00-20:00

**Keynote Address**

**Chair: David Morgan** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Kim Hodong** (Seoul National University) *The Mongol Imperial Institutions and the Empire's Unity*

Reception at IAS

**Wednesday, July 2, 2014**

9:00-11:00

**Liu Xiao** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)  
*Reading the Yuan Dianzhang* (Sinologists only)

11:30-13:00

**Morris Rossabi** (Columbia University & Queens College, City University of New York)  
*Mongolia in the Mongol Empire*

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00- 16:00

**Christopher Atwood** (Indiana University Bloomington)  
*New Directions in Yuan History*

16:30- 18:30

**David Morgan** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)  
*New Directions in the Study of the Ilkhanate*

**Thursday, July 3, 2014**

9:00-10:30

**Roman Pochekaev** (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg Branch)  
*New Directions in the Study of the Golden Horde*

11:00-12:30

**Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*The Mongol Middle Kingdom: New Directions in the Study of the Chaghadaid Khanate*

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:30

**Peter Jackson** (The British Academy)  
*Some Early Western Sources on the Mongol Advance*

**Liu Xiao** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)  
*Chinese Sources on the Mongol Empire*

16:30-17:00

Coffee break

17:30-18:30

**Reuven Amitai** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Arabic Sources: The Mongols and the Mideast*

**Friday, July 4, 2014**

9:00-10:30

**Johan Elverskog** (Southern Methodist University, Dallas)  
*Religion and the Mongols*

11:00- 12:30

**Sheila Blair** (Boston College/ Virginia Commonwealth University)  
*Visual Sources on the Mongols*

12:45-13:30

General discussion

Dinner at the Old City for Summer School Participants

**Saturday, July 5, 2014**

Trip to the North