



**Kinship Encounters in the Early and Medieval Islamic World:**  
The concluding conference of the HCMH research group on  
**Kinship and Community in the Early and Medieval Islamic Mediterranean**

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 25-26, 2022  
The Observatory Hall, Eshkol Tower, 30<sup>th</sup> floor, University of Haifa  
**PROGRAM**

**Tuesday, October 25**

**9:00 – 09:30 Reception.**

**9:30 – 10:00 Greetings and opening remarks.**

Zur Shalev, co-director HCMH.

Uriel Simonsohn, University of Haifa & Oded Zinger, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**10:00 - 11:30**

Gideon Avni & Itamar Taxel, Israel Antiquities Authority.  
*Out of the Cave: Changes in Funerary Customs in Early Islamic Palestine and their Reflection of Kinship Dynamics.*

Elissa Bullion, University of Pittsburgh.  
*Empty Graves and Auspicious Orientations: A Bioarchaeological Approach to Kinship in Early Islamic Central Asia.*

**11:30 - 11:45 Break**

**11:45 - 13:15**

Elizabeth Urban, West Chester University.  
*Slavery, Manumission, and Kinship in Early Islamic History.*

Oded Zinger, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.  
*Slavery and Kinship Encounters.*

**13:30 - 15:00 Lunch**



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**15:00 - 16:30**

**John Nawas**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.  
*Perceptions of Kinship in Ibn Abi Tahir Tayfur's 'Kitab Baghdad'.*

**Edmund Hayes**, Radboud University.  
*Encountering the Internal Other: Non-Shi'i Family Members Among the Imami Shi'a.*

**16:30 - 16:45 Break**

**16:45 - 17:30**

**Eve Krakwoski**, Princeton University.  
*Infinite Resignation or Infinite Grief? Death and Mourning in Letters from Medieval Egypt.*

**17:30 – 18:00**

**Janet Carsten**, The University of Edinburgh.  
*Observations.*

**18:30 Dinner**



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**Wednesday, October 26**

**09:00 - 10:30**

**Antonia Bosanquet**, University of Hamburg.

*"When the Husband Converts but the Wife Desists": Husband-Only Conversion and Legal Discourse in the 8<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Century.*

**Christian Sahner**, University of Oxford.

*Family Ties between Muslim Men and High-Status Non-Muslim Women (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Century AD).*

**10:30 - 10:45 Break**

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Ana Echevarria**, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia.

*Female Widowhood in the Construction of Family Networks in al-Andalus.*

**Uriel Simonsohn**, University of Haifa.

*Subverting Patriarchy in 'Ṣaḥābī' Dialogue Scenes.*

**12:30 - 13:30 Lunch**

**13:30 - 14:00**

**Janet Carsten**, The University of Edinburgh.

*Observations.*

**14:00 – 14:30 concluding remarks**

**Uriel Simonsohn**, University of Haifa & **Oded Zinger**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



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**Nicole Khayat.**

*A journey into the Khayat family archive.*

**19:00 Dinner**