

The Trouble with Taxation: Tax Revolts and Discourses against Fiscal Policies

University of Edinburgh, 4-5 September 2023

Workshop
Project room (1.06), 1st floor, 50 George Square

Programme

Monday, 4 September 2023

10:30-11:30: Noémie Lucas (Edinburgh) & Hannah-Lena Hagemann (Hamburg):
Welcome and introductory remarks

11:30-12:00: Coffee Break

12:00-1:00: Noémie Lucas (Edinburgh):
“Making Arabs Pay Taxes: A Socio-Political History of Fiscal Tensions in the Early Abbasid Period”

1:00-2:30: Lunch

2:30-3:30: Andrew Marsham (Cambridge):
“Nile Floods, Delta Ecology, and Tax Revolts in Early Islamic Egypt”

3:30-4:00: Coffee Break

4:00-5:00: Annliese Nef (Université Paris 1-Panthéon-Sorbonne):
“Ismaili Domination, Sunni Criticism and Contestation in Ifriqiya and Sicily in the 10th and 11th Centuries: The Example of Taxation”

5:00-6:00: Response to Day 1 (Salam Rassi, Edinburgh) and general discussion

7:30 *Dinner (speakers and discussants)*

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

10:30-11:30: Hannah-Lena Hagemann (Hamburg):
“*Kharāj* and *ḵburuj*: Khārijism and the Problem of Taxation (7th-10th Century CE)”

11:30-12:00: Coffee Break

12:00-1:00: Harry Munt (York):
“The 145/762 Slave Revolt in Medina”

1:00-2:30: Lunch

2:30-3:30: Yannis Stouraitis (Edinburgh):
“A Rare Case of Tax Rebellion in High Medieval Byzantium: The Vlach Revolt of 1066”

3:30-4:00: Coffee Break

4:00-5:00: Response to Day 2 (Michael Cook, Princeton) and general discussion

7:00 *Dinner (speakers and discussants)*

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