

IMES Research Seminar, Mondays and Tuesdays, Spring 2025
Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh

'Taxes, taxes, taxes. All the rest is bulls*it in my opinion'

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Monday 13 January
5.15pm
(week 1)

**Caliphal Finances
Team (IMES)**

'They have come to a place where there is no one who can read them.' The many lives of the Aberdeen papyri from Egypt to Python

Tuesday 28 January
1pm
(week 3)

**Simon Loynes
(IMES)**

From esoteric communication to verbatim revelation: The conspicuous absence of the root w-ḥ-y in the schematics of revelation in medieval tafsīr

Monday 10
February 5.15pm
(week 5)

**Nik Matheou
(History)**

Crisis of accumulation in the Chinggisid world-order: Land, capital and fiscal administration in Ilkhanid Ani, 1256-1335

Tuesday 25
February 1pm
(week 6)

**Caliphal Finances
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People and Money: The agents of Abbasid taxation from the village to the caliph

Monday 10 March
5.15pm
(week 8)

**Caliphal Finances
Team (IMES)**

Accounting practices in the multilingual administration of the Abbasid era

Tuesday 25 March
1pm
(week 10)

**Stefano Nicastro
(History)**

The Port of al-Iskandariyya: The physical infrastructures and administrative roles of the Mamluk Dīwān and the Genoese *funduq* in shaping Egyptian-Genoese commerce and interactions (twelfth-fifteenth centuries)

All sessions take place in the **Project Room (1.06) at 50 George Square**
The Monday 5.15pm seminars will be followed by a reception

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