The Timurid Period: Cultural Production, Exchange and Legacies
26-27 May, Leiden University

Programme

Wednesday, 25 May

16.00-17.30 Book presentation *Intellectual Networks in Timurid Iran*
By Evrim Binbas, Royal Holloway, University of London

Venue: Lipsius Building, Room 228

17.30-18.30 Reception with drinks

Thursday, 26 May

8.30-9.00 Coffee and tea

9.00-9.20 Welcome
9.00-9.10 Dr. Gabrielle van den Berg, Leiden University
9.10-9.20 Dr. Vladimir Norov, Benelux Ambassador of Uzbekistan

9.20-9.30 *In the shadow of the Samarkand monuments: 40 years of transformation as seen by an archaeologist*
Frantz Grenet, Collège de France

9.30-11.30 Timurid Historiographical Narratives and Legacies
Chair: Evrim Binbas, Royal Holloway, University of London

*Timurid ideology and cultural production in a regional context*
Beatrice Manz, Tufts University

*Reflection of international relations of the Timurid state in the Insha collections: Questions of textual analysis and problems of authenticity*
*(in Russian with English translation)*
Sanjar Gulomov, Al-Biruni Centre of Oriental Manuscripts, Institute of Oriental Studies

*Evidence of Timurid legitimacy in the Safavid period? The case of the Barnābādī Khwājas of Herat*
Maria Szuppe, CNRS, UMR Mondes iranien et indien
11.30-12.30 Timurid Architecture and Epigraphy
Chair: Daniel C. Waugh, University of Washington Seattle

*Epigraphic monuments of Samarqand from the time of Timur and the Timurid period: Cultural-historical contexts*  
(in Russian with English translation)
Bakhtiyar Babadjanov, Al-Biruni Centre of Oriental Manuscripts, Institute of Oriental Studies

*Texts added, texts removed: Architectural narratives at Gur-i Amir in Samarqand*
Elena Paskaleva, Leiden University

12.30-13.30 Lunch (Gravensteen Building for all guests)

13.30-15.30 Timurid Aesthetics
Chair: Frantz Grenet, Collège de France

*Builders and destroyers: Military leaders as demiurges of aesthetics in the Timurid age,*  
Michele Bernardini, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”

*Jade: An Introduction to Timurid Aesthetics*
Yuka Kadoi, University of Edinburgh

*A unique syncretism: the Timurids’ glazed tiles of Shahrisabz*
Céline Ollagnier, Association "Sciences et Patrimoine" PACT

*A Timurid Resonance? New Perspectives on Ceramic Tile Production in Tabriz in the 15th century*
Sandra Aube, CNRS, UMR Mondes iranien et indien

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Timurid Arts of the Book
Chair: Francis Richard, BULAC & UMR Mondes iranien et indien

*Manuscripts of the Timurid Period - Carries of culture*  
(in Russian with English translation)
Nozim Khabibullaev, Tashkent
When Paper was Gold: Diplomacy, Cultural Encounter and the Arts of the Book under the Timurids, ca. 1370-1507
Yusen Yu, University of Heidelberg

Decorative papers in Timurid manuscript culture
Jake Benson, Leiden University

19.00 Conference dinner (only for invited speakers and chairs)
Restaurant: Prentenkabinet, Kloksteeg 25, 2311 SK Leiden Map

Friday, 27 May

9.00-10.30 Timurid Literary Legacies
Chair: Gabrielle van den Berg, Leiden University

Timurid princes as patrons of science and culture - Shah Rukh’s sons
(in Russian with English translation)
Khurshid Fayziev, director Amir Timur Museum, Tashkent

The Timurid ruler and poet as an object of imitation - Husayn Baykara and Alisher Navai
Aftandil Erkinov, National University of Uzbekistan / ZMO Berlin

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Timurid Geographical Narratives
Chair: Liesbeth Geevers, Leiden University

Crossing the Borders and Times: The Image of Central Asia in China from the Qarakhanids to the Timurids
Dilnoza Duturaeva, Uzbek Academy of Sciences/ University of Bonn

Geographical information in historical sources from the Timurid period (Central Asia)
(in Russian with English translation)
Omonulla Buriev, Tashkent

12.30-13.30 Lunch (Lipsius Building, only for invited speakers and chairs)
13.30-15.00 Timurid Dynastic Legacies
Chair: Gabrielle van den Berg, Leiden University

The Enigmatic Tārīkh-i khāndān-i tīmūriyya
Ron Sela, Indiana University Bloomington

The Timurid dynastic legacy: change and continuity in dynastic rule in Iran and Central Asia, 15th-16th centuries
Liesbeth Geevers, Leiden University

Fortifications of power in the Manğît period based on the model of the Timurids
Gulchekhra Sultonova, Uzbek Academy of Sciences/ Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Timurid Religious and Political Iconography
Chair: Elena Paskaleva, Leiden University

Timurids and Khoja Ahmad Yasawi: Evolution of His Image (in Russian with English translation)
Ashirbek Muminov, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University Astana

Amir Timur in the modern history of Uzbekistan
Bakhrom Abdukhalimov, Uzbek Academy of Sciences

17.00-17.30 Closing remarks

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