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ROME CONFERENCE (24-26 NOVEMBER 2021):

**CONSTRUCTING AND USING CHRISTIAN BUILDINGS DURING
EARLY ISLAM: INTERCONNECTED APPROACHES TO THE CHURCH
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST (7TH-9TH C.)**

Organisation: M.^a Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO & Simon PIERRE

WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Session 0. Presentation

13.30-13.45. Antonio PIZZO. *Presentation*

13.45-14.15. Simon PIERRE & M.^a Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO. *Introduction*

Session 1. Byzantine Syria during Early Islam

14.30-15.00. Pierre-Louis GATIER. *The issue of church building in the Syrian and Palestinian Near East during the 7th and 8th centuries: a historiographical assessment*

15.00-15.30. Robert SCHICK. *Churches in Southern Jordan in the Early Islamic Period*

15.30-16.00. Pauline PIRAUD-FOURNET. *A Late Antique Residence in Bosra (Syria), Possibly still Occupied by a Christian Notable during the Umayyad period*

16.00-16.30. Discussion

16.30-17.00. Break

17.00-17.30. Mattia GUIDETTI. *The relevance of churches in early medieval Syria*

17.30-18.00. Mathilde BOUDIER. *The Christians of Damascus and their Churches in the 9th century*

18.00-18.30. Discussion

20.00. Dinner



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THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Session 2. *Ex-Sasanian Churches in the Islamic East*

09.30-10.00. Françoise BRIQUEL-CHATONNET. *Remarks on the Building of Churches in Late Antiquity: the Syriac World*

10.00-10.30. Julie BONNERIC. *The Churches of Iraq and the Gulf at the Turn of Islam: Chronological, Spatial and Functional Analyses*

10.30-11.00. Discussion

11.00-11.30. Break

11.30-12.00. Narmin ALI & Simon BRELAUD. *Bazyan and other Northern Mesopotamian churches in Late Sasanian-Early Islamic periods*

12.00-12.30. Armen KAZARYAN. *Armenian architecture during Arabic occupation, mid-7th – early 10th century: Possibilities and ways of development*

12.30-13.00. Discussion

13.00-14.30. Lunch

Session 3. *From the Visigoths to the Umayyads: A Christian Al-Andalus*

14.30-15.00. M^a Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO. *Beyond 711: building and afterlife of churches in al-Andalus*

15.00-15.30. Jesús LORENZO. *The Christian Church under the Islamic Rule in al-Andalus: Bishops and Monasteries in Light of the written texts*

15.30-16.00. Alejandro VILLA DEL CASTILLO. *Ornamenting Churches under Muslim Rule: Christian Sculptural Production in al-Andalus*

16.00-16.30. Discussion

16.30-16.45. Break

Session 4. *Northern Mesopotamia: Neither Byzantine nor Islamic?*

16.45-17.15. Philip WOOD. *Creating new Churches and Monasteries in Northern Mesopotamia from the Seventh to Ninth Centuries*

17.15-17.45. Elif KESER-KAYAALP. *Building/Rebuilding Churches in Northern Mesopotamia in the Early Islamic period*

17.45-18.15. Simon PIERRE. *Confronting Early Islamic Law? Building New Churches in the Syrian Orthodox world*

18.15-18.45. Discussion

20.00. Dinner



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FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Session 5. Northern Africa from Rome to the Fatimids

09.00-09.30. Audrey DRIDI. *Building churches at the beginning of Islam: the case of al-Fusṭāṭ first Christian places of worship*

09.30-10.00. Anna LEONE & Hafed ABDOULI. *Christianity and the Fate of Christian Monuments in the Maghreb from the 8th to the 11th c.*

10.00-10.30. Lucia ARCIFA & Michelangelo MESSINA. *Monasteries and Religious Institutions in the Arab-Byzantine frontier of eastern Sicily: a new agenda*

10.30-11.00. Discussion

11.00-11.15. Break

Session 6. Palestine and Arabia under the Umayyads and the Abbasids

11.15-11.45. Anne MICHEL. *Building, Embellishing, Renovating, Reusing: What Becoming for Christian Buildings of Worship in Jordan in the First Centuries of Islam?*

11.45-12.15. Piero GILENTO. *Churches in north-eastern Jordan in Early Islam. Revision of material sources and new research perspectives*

12.15-12.45. Daniel REYNOLDS. *Beyond continuity: Christians in Early Islamic Palestine, c. 750-950*

12.45-13.15. Discussion

13.15-13.30. Final conclusions and closing

13.30. Lunch