Cultural Encounters in Near Eastern History  
An Interdisciplinary Conference, 10-12 May 2012

Thursday, May 10
08:30 Registration
08:50 Welcome and introduction
Chair: Fredrik Hagen (University of Copenhagen)
09:00 Mogens Trolle Larsen (University of Copenhagen)
Cultural Encounters in the Assyrian Colony Period
10:00 Robert C. Hunt (Brandeis University)
Some Observations on Cross-Cultural Comparison: A View from Anthropology
11:00 Coffee
11:15 Piotr Michalowski (University of Michigan)
Ethnicity as a Cultural Problem: Sumerians and Akkadians Revisited
12:15 Lunch buffet on the 3rd floor
Chair: Irene Winter (Harvard University)
13:15 Cornelius von Pilgrim (Swiss Institute for Architectural and Archaeological Research in Egypt)
Multi-cultural life at Egypt’s southern border - An archaeological view from Elephantine in the Late Period
14:15 Günter Vittmann (University of Würzburg)
Social and Cultural Interaction in Achaemenid Egypt
15:15 Coffee
15:30 Christian E. Loeben (Museum August Kestner, Hannover)
Nubians, Persians, and Greeks in Ancient Egypt. Their approaches to and methods of ‘reshaping’ the traditional Pharaonic Art
16:30 Refreshments and snacks on the 3rd floor

Friday, May 11
Chair: Cornelius von Pilgrim (Swiss Institute for Architectural and Archaeological Research in Egypt)
09:00 Rachel Mairs (Brown University)
The Greeks in Bactria, ca. 323 BC - AD 10: Evolution of a Settler Community
10:00 Anna Cannavò (Université Lumière)
Greek and Phoenician ‘Colonization’ in Cyprus
11:00 Coffee
11:15 Philipp W. Stockhammer (Heidelberg University)
Transcultural Entanglements in the Late Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean
12:15 Lunch buffet on the 3rd floor
Chair: Gojko Barjamovic (University of Copenhagen)
13:15 Irene Winter (Harvard University)
Non-Verbal Reflections of Cultural Encounters in the Public Monuments of Mesopotamia
14:15 John P. Nielsen (Loyola University)
Cultural Encounters and Family Names in early Neo-Babylonian society
15:15 Coffee
15:30 Lauren Ristvet (University of Pennsylvania)
Negotiating Tradition in Hellenistic Babylonia
16:30 Refreshments and snacks on the 3rd floor

Saturday, May 12
Chair: Paul John Frandsen (University of Copenhagen)
09:00 Joost Kramer (Leiden University)
Wrestling with Egypt’s pharaonic past: The adaptation of the heritage of ancient Egypt in Islam
10:00 Jørgen Bæk Simonsen (University of Copenhagen)
From Qur’anic Revelation to religious and legal cultural encounters
11:00 Coffee
11:15 Jessica Goldberg (University of Pennsylvania)
Negotiating identity in the Mediterranean Islamic business world: The Cairo Geniza merchants as locals and foreigners
12:15 Lunch buffet on the 3rd floor
Chair: Piotr Michalowski (University of Michigan)
13:15 Concluding discussions

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The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 1st floor 
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