THE IRANIAN WORLD IN LATE ANTIQUITY:
A GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP
September 18, 2017
The Chicago Initiative for Global Late Antiquity, the University of Chicago Center in Paris, the Oriental Institute, and the EPHE

8:30-9:00  Breakfast and Coffee

9:00-9:30  Introductions
           Richard Payne, the University of Chicago
           Muriel Debié, EPHE-Sorbonne

9:30-10:30 Geographies Real and Imagined
           “New Research Perspectives and Methodologies: Mapping the Text of the Šahrestānīhā-ī Ėrānšahr”
           Jonathan Hardy, the University of Minnesota
           “The Geography of the Sasanian Empire in the Shāhnāmeh”
           Sara Mirahmadi, Leiden University
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Religions and Their Critics
   “Manichaeism as Imperial Zoroastrianism’s Imagined Other”
   Sima Fouladpour, Shahid Beheshti University
   “Late Sasanian Epistemology, Greco-Roman Empiricism and the Murji’a: A Reevaluation”
   Thomas Benfey, Princeton University

12:00-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-14:30 The Eastern Iranian World
   “Marriage Regulations in the Eastern Iranian World in Late Antiquity: The Documentary Evidence”
   Said Reza Huseini, Leiden University
   “Kings and Heroes: The Sasanians and the Epic Cycle of Sistan”
   Leila Varahram, the University of Tehran

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break
15:00-16:00 Poetic Epic and Political History

“Aristocrats, Money, and Legitimate Succession in Ferdowsi’s Shāhnāmeh: Literary Narratives and Political Norms”
Alexandra Hoffmann, the University of Chicago

“Allusion and Anachronism: Historical Memory in the Ayādgār-i Zarērān”
Sam Lasman, the University of Chicago

16:00-16:15 Break

16:15-17:15 Art and Archaeology

“The Landscape Archaeology of Fire Temples: Chahar Taq in Sasanian Fars”
Sarvenaz Parsa, Freie Universität – Berlin

“Nīshāpūr Figural Buff Ware Pottery: The Problem of Provenance”
Layah Ziaii-Bigdeli, the University of Minnesota

17:15-18:00 Discussion

Shima Jaafari-Dehaghi, the University of Tehran
Matthew Canepa, the University of Minnesota