



**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 Ērānšahr*”
Jonathan Hardy, the University of Minnesota
“The Geography of the Sasanian Empire in the
Shāhnāmeḥ”
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 *Shāhnāmeḥ*: Literary Narratives and Political Norms”

Alexandra Hoffmann, the University of Chicago

“Allusion and Anachronism: Historical Memory in the *Ayādgār-ī 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 Ziiai-Bigdeli, the University of Minnesota

17:15-18:00 Discussion

Shima Jaafari-Dehaghi, the University of Tehran

Matthew Canepa, the University of Minnesota

