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The Inexorable Conversation

Islam-Christian Contacts and
Contests in Early Modern Eurasia

12 October 2023

Aula Baratto, Ca' Foscari

Chair: **Stefano Pellò**

9.20-10.00

Boghos Levon Zekiyan

*Cristianesimo e Islam:
Esperienze di conflitto e
convivenza*

10.00-10.30

Michele Bernardini

*Timur and the Christians:
Massacres and Opportunistic
Alliances*

10.30-11.00

Sinem Casale

*Visions of Christians before
the Shah and the Padshah*

Discussion/Coffee break

Chair: **Paolo Lucca**

11.20-12.20

Jorge Flores
and **Giancarlo Casale**

*Indo-Persian Conversions
and the Portuguese
Inquisition:*

Jorge Flores

*A 'New Christian' from Elvas
and an 'Old Christian' from
Mardin*

Giancarlo Casale

*Qadi of Hormuz's Son
Becomes a Catholic – Or
Does He?*

12.20-12.50

Stefano Pellò

*Unigenita Materia: Early
Modern Persian Poetry and
the Travels of Italian Natural
Philosophy to Isfahan and
Delhi*

Discussion

13.15-15.00

Lunch break

Chair: **Aldo Ferrari**

15.00-15.30

Rudi Matthee

*Shah Sultan Husayn and
the Christians: New Julfa's
Armenians and European
Missionaries in Late Safavid
Iran*

15.30-16.00

Paolo Lucca

*Prodigal Sons or
Schismatics? Strategies and
Dynamics of Conversion
between European
Missionaries and New Julfa
Armenians in the Age of
Confessionalization*

16.00-16.30

Ali Aydin Karamustafa

*Çomar Bölükbaşı, the
Ottoman Janissary-turned-
Celali: Muslim and Christian
Accounts of His Story*

Discussion/Coffee break

Chair: **Boghos Levon
Zekiyan**

16.50-17.20

Benedetta Contin

*Local Literary Culture and
Christian Armenian Society
in the late Byzantine and
Early Ottoman Peripheries*

17.20-17.50

Aldo Ferrari

*L'Église arménienne et
l'Empire russe*

17.50-18.20

Abbas Siavash Abkenar

*From Vernacularization to
Revolution: The Armenian
Role in Qajar Statecraft and
Social Transformation*

Final discussion