



DRAFT PROGRAMME
(please note that this may change)

“Early Islamic Balkh: History, landscape and material culture”
16th-17th January 2015, Wolfson College, Oxford

Friday 16th

14:00 Welcome and introduction

14:30 **I. RECONSTRUCTING THE CITY**¹

Discussant: J. Johns

E. Herzig – “Balkh and the ‘Islamic city’”

R. Mairs – “Excavations at Balkh (1924-)”

S. Heidemann – “Coin Finds in Relation to Local and Economic History, and Spatial Organization”

16:20 Tea

16:40 **II. BALKH IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT**

Discussant: T. Williams

P. Marquis and N. Rassouli – “The city of Balkh in the context of the oasis”

P. Wordsworth – “Connecting the early Islamic city: Balkh in geographical networks”

18:00 Drinks reception, Wolfson College

19:30 Conference Dinner for speakers and discussants

¹ (each presentation is scheduled at around 20 mins. presentations with 10 mins. Questions led by discussant. At the end of each panel will be 20 min. of open discussion on all of the panel papers)

Saturday 17th

9:30 **III. THE CHANGING CITY FROM RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES**

Discussant: Etienne de la Vaissière

A. Azad – “Sacred landscape”

F. Grenet – “Zoroastrians and Balkh”

Ch. Adle – “Nuh Gunbad”

11:20 Coffee

11:50 **IV. NARRATING BALKH**

Discussant: Sarah Savant

E. Bosworth and A. Azad – “Who ruled Balkh (651-1220)?”

R. Hoyland – “Balkh in the Umayyad period”

H. Kennedy – “Balkh as a capital of the Ghaznevids”

13:10 Lunch

14:10 (Part ii) *Discussant: D. Brookshaw*

D. Ingenito – “Balkhi poets and poetry on Balkh”

A. Mir-Ansari – “Memoir Writing (tadhkira-niwāsī) in Greater Khurāsān during the 6th/12th Century”

T. Vorderstrasse – “Chinese sources on Balkh”

16:00 – 16:30 General Discussion