

Conference venue

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International Conference
in memoriam

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International Conference Great Chinggisid Crisis: History, Context, Aftermath

University of Bonn
Department of Sinology
11 to 13 May 2023



The mid-fourteenth century witnessed a series of crises and transformation that brought to an end the existence of Mongol Eurasia as a politically, but even more so ideologically and geographically united space. The Chinggisid rule did not disappear everywhere, but also in those areas where it persisted, old political structures often either collapsed or transformed in a way that led to the rise of new power hierarchies and ideologies. As the research of the recent decades has shown, the Chinggisid rule as well as the systemic conditions facilitated by it (interconnectedness, migratory flows, expansion of religions, cultural and intellectual interchange) significantly impacted the areas under Chinggisid control during the 13th-14th centuries in many ways, even though the exact degree and scope of this impact still remains an issue of discussion. The conference therefore engages with the question how we can understand the crisis, its processes, and the role it played in the following historical developments across Eurasia.

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... By the Power of the Eternal Heaven...

PROGRAMME

11 May 2023

14:00-14:45

Welcome

Opening, Greetings

14:45-16:00

Keynote speech I

Prof. Peter Jackson (Keele University)

The Crisis of the Mongol World (c. 1330-c. 1390)

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00

Panel I

Prof. Hans van Ess (LMU Munich)

Mongol Perspectives on the Chinggisid Crisis

Prof. Jan Bemmann (University of Bonn)

*Chinggisid Rule over the Mongolian Plateau and the
Archaeological Evidence*

Prof. Veronika Veit (University of Bonn)

*The Long-term Failure of Imperial Confederations of Central-Asian
Origin*

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9:00 – 10:30 – Panel II

Prof. Lorenzo Publicci (Istituto Universitario Orientale, Napoli)

*Against all Odds. Italian Trade in the Late 14th Century Golden
Horde*

Prof. Reuven Amitai (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Changing Mamluk Strategy on the Eastern Front: The Euphrates
Frontier in the Aftermath of the Collapse of the United Ilkhanate
in the mid-Fourteenth Century*

Dr. Michael Hope (Yonsei University)

*The Rebellion of the Amir al-umara': A Recurring Tragedy in
Ilkhanid Historiography*

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 11:30 – Panel III

Dr. Marie Favereau (Nanterre-Paris University)

*"Beyond the 'Bulqaq': Why the Golden Horde Survived the
Mongol Empire"*

Dr. Eiren Shea (Grinnell College)

*The Cloud Collar Abroad: Local Iterations of a Pan-Mongol
Symbol of Power*

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30 – Panel IV

Prof. Morris Rossabi (Columbia University)

*The Fall of the Ilkhanate and Its Impact
on the Yuan*

Prof. YANG Xiaochun (Nanjing University)

*On the Changes of Fortune of the Rich
Families in Songjiang Fu at the Turn of the Yuan and Ming
Dynasties (1355-1370)*

Prof. Ralph Kauz (University of Bonn)

*Timur's Death and the Subsequent Crisis of His
Empire*

14:30-15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30 – Panel V

Dr. Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

*"Times of Anomalies, Strife and Turmoil". The Great Chinggisid
Crisis in the Mirror of the Documents of the Patriarchate of
Constantinople*

Dr. ISAHAYA Yoichi (Hokkaido University)

*A Strange Parallel? Agrarian Crisis with Economic Efflorescence in
14th-Century Mongol Eurasia*

Dr. Ishayahu Landa (University of Bonn)

*Diseases and the Stability of the Imperial Rule: Mongol Eurasia of
the 14th century Revisited*

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:00 – Keynote speech II

Prof. Michal Biran (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*The 14th Century Crisis in
Central Asia in Comparative Perspective*

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9:00 – 11:00 – Panel VI:

**Balzan Seminar panel (*Comparative Cases from the Islamic
Premodern History*)**

**Chair and Discussant: Prof. Michael A. Cook
(Princeton University)**

Dr. Marie Legendre (University of Edinburgh)

Early Abbasid Rule as Crisis

Prof. Christian Mauder (University of Bergen)

*Courtly Cultures of Coping with Crisis and Competition: A
Comparison of Cultural Patronage at Buyid and Mamluk Courts*

Dr. Ekaterina Pukhovaia (Leiden University)

*The Yemni Zaydi Imamate in Search for Stability (13th-15th
Centuries)*

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:00 – Panel VII

Dr. YANG Qiao (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)
*Language Transformation in Dynastic Transition: The Mongolian-
Chinese Bilingual Glossary
(Hua yi yi yu) Revisited*

Dr. QIU Yihao (Fudan University)

*Folding the Chinggisid World: The Spatial Order
and Political Hierarchy in Ming Policy toward Islamic Central Asia*

14:30 – 15:30 Round table

*How should/can we define a crisis in a premodern imperial
political entity?*

15:30 – 15:45 Break

15:45 - 16:30

Final remarks and open discussion