

**Syriac and Its Users in the Early Modern World c.1500 – c.1750**  
Christ Church, Oxford

	<b>Thursday March 15</b>	<b>Friday March 16</b>
09:00 (Lecture Room 2)	Welcome and introductory comments	
09:30 First session (Lecture Room 2)	<b>Community Boundaries in the Middle East</b> <i>Heleen Murre-van den Berg</i> , 'The Book of the Garden (ktābā d-gantā aw d-luqqātē) – a late sixteenth century witness to the early phases of catholicization of the Church of the East <i>Lucy Parker</i> – The interconnected histories of the Syriac Churches	<b>New Horizons</b> <i>George Kiraz</i> : The Patriarchate of Antioch in the Early Modern World <i>Radu Mustăță</i> : Liturgical poetry among the Saint Thomas Christians in the aftermath of the Synod of Diamper (1599): The case of the 'canticles of glorification'
11:00	Coffee (Kidd Room)	Coffee (Kidd Room)
11:30 Second session (Lecture Room 2)	<b>Scribes, Authors and Scholars</b> <i>David Taylor</i> : Maphrian Basilios Shem'un on Purgatory: Syrian Orthodox responses to Catholic theology in the early eighteenth century. <i>Hidemi Takahashi</i> : On Some Syriac Scribes and Scholars of the Early Modern Period: Readers and Copyists of Barhebraeus' Works	<b>Syriac Christianity and Islam</b> <i>Sergey Minov</i> : The Marvels Found in the Great Cities, Seas and Islands: Appropriation of a Muslim Literary Genre by Syriac-Speaking Christians <i>Ephrem Ishac</i> : Syriac Liturgy in the Sixteenth Century
13:00	Lunch (Hall)	Lunch (Hall)
14:15 Third session (Lecture Room 2)	<b>Syriac Scholarship in Europe, Part I</b> <i>Philip Forness</i> : Scholarship on Syriac Christianity and Cultural Exchange in Early Modern Europe <i>Joanna Weinberg</i> : A Jew reads the Gospels in Syriac: Azariah de' Rossi's critique of the Vulgate (1577)	<b>Texts Beyond Manuscripts</b> <i>Erica Hunter</i> : Syriac Amulets: Vernacular Traditions of the Christian Communities in Hakkari <i>Colin Clarke</i> : Syriac Epigraphic Metrical Poetry: Origins and Expressions in Stone
15:45	Coffee (Kidd Room)	Coffee (Kidd Room)
16:15 Fourth Session, until c.17:45. (Lecture Room 2)	<b>Syriac Scholarship in Europe, Part II</b> <i>Theo Dunkelgrün</i> , [Syriac Studies in the Low Countries, from 1560s Antwerp to 1620s Leiden] <i>András Mércz</i> : The Syriac Correspondence of Moses of Mardin	<i>John-Paul Ghobrial</i> : Closing remarks, opening of round table
Dinner (for speakers and invited guests)	Drinks reception from 19:00 in the Kidd Room, Christ Church Dinner @ 19:45 in the Freind Room, Christ Church	Dinner at 19:30 at Chutneys Indian Brasserie, 36 St Michael's Street, OX1 2EB