**03-05/11/2013 Workshop with Jo Van Steenbergen’s research group “Mamluk History and Culture, 1250-1517” in Ghent, Belgium**

Ali El Ouni (University of Tunis, Tunisia): *Bedouins and the State in the Medieval Mamluk Syria. The Case of al-Fadhl in the Bahri Period*

Rihab Ben Othmen (University of Tunis, Tunisia*): A Foray into the Scene or a Performance behind the Curtain: women in the power game in the Mamluk sultanate*

Stefan Heidemann (University of Hamburg, Germany): *Mediterranean Copper Trade, Coinage Reforms and the Invasion of Timur – corroborating archaeology, literary evidence and material science*

Stuart Borsch (Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA): *Irrigation and Social Structure in Medieval Egypt*

Muhammad Gharaibeh (Annemarie Schimmel Research College, Bonn): *The Importance of Brokerage in a Scholar's Life*

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