

Einladung zum

Mongolei-Colloquium

Donnerstag, 23. April 2015

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History and Society during the Mamluk Era (1250-1517)

The Mongols and the Jews: Dangerous Times, a Golden Age or Business as Usual?

The Mongol Invasions of the thirteenth century, and the subsequent states that they created, had a profound and long-term effect on the history of Asia and Europe, and even beyond. In various places and times, Jewish communities and individual Jews in these continents were influenced greatly by these events, and here and there may have played a certain role in them. How did the Mongols see the Jews, how did Christians and Muslims view the role of the Jews at this time, and how did the Jews themselves see matters? This lecture will look at Jewish reactions and relations with the Mongols, from emergence of the Great Mongol Empire in the Eurasian Steppe and the first invasions of the Middle East (ca. 1220), the invasions of East Europe (1330s and '40s), the second wave of the Mongol invasions in the Middle East (1250s) and the subsequent establishment of an independent Mongol state there (the so-called Ilkhanate, ca. 1260-1335). Jews, like their neighbors, could be victims of the invasions, but also found ways to escape the worst effects; there were those who placed great hopes in these invaders from the East, and others who found ways to exploit these changes for their benefit. Overall, Mongol rule was a positive time for many Jewish communities, and certainly for some specific Jews. Whether it can be called a Golden Age remains to be seen.

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