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The Transformation of the Imamate in Yemen, 1200-1800: Beyond the Failed State Paradigm

Presented by Dr. Ekaterina Pukhovaia

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The International Association for the Study of Arabia in association with the MBI al Jaber Foundation and the British Yemeni Society invite you to a lecture entitled "The transformation of the Imamate in Yemen, 1200-1800: beyond the failed state paradigm" by Ekaterina (Kate) Pukhovaia. This talk considers how pre-modern states in Yemen dealt with the geographical, religious, and tribal divisions that are nowadays seen as obstacles to successful state-building. We will discuss how competition with states in Lower Yemen aided the development of the classical Zaydi imamate (1200-1500) and what allowed the Sharaf al-Dīn dynasty to unify Yemen in the early sixteenth century; how the period of Ottoman rule (1535-1638) reconfigured the political landscape of Yemen and created a new regional socio-political balance that lasted until the nineteenth century; and how Ottoman innovation enabled the rise of a new Zaydi imamate, led by the Qasimid dynasty, in the early seventeenth century.

Kate holds a BA (2012) and MA (2014) in Oriental Studies from Lomonosov Moscow State University, and a PhD in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University (2021). She is currently working on her first book, *Between sultans and imams: State and elite transformation in Zaydi Yemen, 1200-1800*. Kate has been a Polonsky Fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute since October 2021.



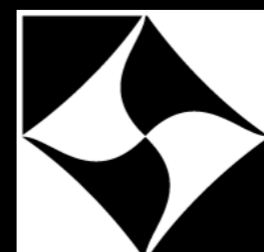
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