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Emerging Scholars in Coptic Studies: Exploring Interdisciplinary Perspectives and New Research

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SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023
9:00am–5:00pm
ST. VLADIMIR INSTITUTE, 620 SPADINA AVE, TORONTO ON, M5S 2H4

9:00 – 9:15am Welcome address: Dr. Ramez Boutros, President, CSCS.
“Beyond Traditional Boundaries: The Benefits of Interdisciplinary Research in Coptic Studies.”

MORNING SESSION:

9:15 – 9:30 Nelly van Doorn-Harder, Professor, Wake Forest University, NC, USA.
Discussant: Copts in Modern Era. “Notes on Methodologies.”

9:30 – 9:45 Carol Markos, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON
“Loyal to Heaven: How Coptic Youth Manage Diasporic Ambivalence by Retreating from the World.”

9:45 – 10:00 Fr. Paul Guirguis, Doctor of Ministry, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, NY.
“Religious Education in the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Legacy of Habib Girgis.”

10:00 – 10:15 Lilian Estafanous, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
“Religious Minorities in Diaspora: A Study of the Political Mobilization of the Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Community in Canada and the United States.”

10:15 – 10:30 1st COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 10:45 Discussion (paper: C. Markos)

10:45 – 11:00 Discussion (paper: Fr. P. Guirguis)

11:00 – 11:15 Discussion (paper: L. Estafanous)

11:15 – 11:30 Jitse Dijkstra, Professor, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa.
Discussant: History of Ancient Texts. “Notes on Methodologies.”

11:30 – 11:45 Andrew Aziz, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa
“Graeco-Roman and Late Antique Egypt: Exploring the Concept of Magic.”

11:45 – 12:00pm Kirolos Kilada, Orthodox Christian Studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto
“Sacred Space Between Shenoute of Atripe and Ibn Sabbaʿ.”

12:00 – 12:15 Discussion (paper A. Aziz)

12:15 – 12:30 Discussion (paper K. Kilada)

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH BREAK (Light lunch will be offered)

AFTERNOON SESSION:

1:30 – 1:45 Fr. Mebratu K. Gebru, Visiting Professor of Liturgical Theology, Agora University, VA, USA.

Discussant: Coptic Liturgy. “Notes on Methodologies.”

1:45 – 2:00 Marc Guany, Orthodox Christian Studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto

“A Revisit and a Proposal for the General Funeral Rite on the Palm Sunday.”

2:00 – 2:15 Karim Guirguis, Orthodox Christian Studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto

“A Cosmic Priest: Man as Mediator in the Coptic Liturgy of John of Bostra.”

2:15 – 2:30 Discussion (paper M. Guany)

2:30 – 2:45 Discussion (paper K. Guirguis)

2:45 – 3:00 2nd COFFEE BREAK

3:00 – 3:15 Ramez Boutros, Sessional Lecturer II, University of Toronto, (NMC).

Discussant: History and Modern Architectural Studies. “Methodologies and Perspectives.”

3:15 – 3:30 Kyrillos Morcos, Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, University of Toronto

“On Liturgical Architecture in the Canadian Coptic Diaspora.”

3:30 – 3:45 Discussion (paper K. Morcos)

3:45 – 4:00 Emmanuel Gergis, Associate Professor of Dogmatics and Systematic Theology, Agora University, VA, USA.

Discussant: Coptic Liturgy and Theology “Notes on Methodologies.”

4:00 – 4:15 Andrew Youssef, Orthodox Christian Studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto

“Shenouda of Atripe: A Coptic Ascetic's Christology in the Dawn of the Chalcedonian Controversy.”

4:15 – 4:30 Yousef Sawires, Orthodox Christian Studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto

“The Forgotten Coptic Prayer for Those in Hades.”

4:30 – 4:45 Discussion (paper A. Youssef)

4:45 – 5:00 Discussion (paper Y. Sawires)

5:00 Concluding Remarks: Dr. Ramez Boutros, President of the CSCS.