The Complexity of Interaction along the Eurasian Steppe Zone in the First Millennium AD
Empires, Cities, Nomads, Farmers

February 9–11, 2012, Bonn

Conference Venue:
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February 9, 2012
Conference Opening
16 c.t. Jan Bemmann, Michael Schmauder (Bonn),
Introduction
Session 1. Theory, Climate, Nomads/Barbarians
as the "Others"
16.30 Daniel Rogers (Washington),
Empire Dynamics in Inner Asia
17.00 Claudio Cioffi-Revilla (Fairfax),
Data, Theory, and Agent-Based Modeling of Inner
Asian Steppe Polities and Environments
17.30 Nikolai Kradin (Vladivostok),
How Nomads Come to Empire
18.00 Pavel Tarasov (Berlin),
Climate Change in Central and Inner Asia in the
First Millennium AD
Evening Lecture, open to public (in German)
19.30 Johannes Gießauf (Graz),
"Er zeigte eine wirklich außergewöhnliche Mi-
schung aus tiefster Befähigung zur Metaphysik
einerseits und Grausamkeit andererseits. So war
er eindeutig für die Mongolei bestimmt" – Euro-
päer und die Steppe
20.30 Dinner for Speakers

February 10, 2012
Session 2. Xiongnu, the Han Empire and the
Oases in the West
9.00 Mayke Wagner (Berlin),
Reconstruction of Human Mobility during the
First Millennium BC in Eastern Central Asia
9.30 Nicola Di Cosmo (Princeton),
On Xiongnu and Han Empires
10.00 Enno Giele (Tucson),
Local Evidence of Xiongnu-Han Interaction from
the Deserts of Gansu and Western Inner Mongolia
10.30 Coffee Break
11.00 Bryan K. Miller (Bonn),
Negotiating the Frontier: Identity, Cultural Poli-
tics, and the Southern Xiongnu Entity
11.30 Ursula Brosseder (Bonn),
Dynamics of Communication and Exchange along the
"Steppe Highway" in the Centuries around the
Turn of the Era
12.00 Lunch for Speakers
(cafè DelikArt, LVR-LandesMuseum)
Session 3. Early Turks, Uyghurs, Tang China and
Sogdians
13.00 Michael Drompp (Memphis),
Strategies of Cohesion and Control in the Türk
and Uyghur Empires
13.30 Etienne de la Vaissière (Paris),
The Orkhon and the Ötüken, or How to Make the
Best of a Bad Bargain
14.00 Thomas O. Höllmann (München),
On the Road Again. Diplomacy and Trade from
Chinese Perspective
14.30 Guided Tour through the Exhibition
„Steppenkrieger – Reiternomaden des
7.–14. Jahrhunderts in der Mongolei“
15.30 Coffee Break
Session 4. Nomads in Central Asia and India
during Parthian, Sassanid and Gupta reign
16.00 Timo Sticker (Jena),
The Gupta Empire in the Face of the Hun Threat:
Parallels to the Late Roman Empire?
16.30 Matthias Pfisterer (Wien),
Alkhan and Nezak. Between Nomadic Tradition and
Cultural Appropriation
17.00 Marek Olbrycht (Rzeszów),
Assad Clan and the Nomads of Central Eurasia.
Ways of Cultural Transfer
17.30 Guided Tour through the Exhibition
„Steppenkrieger – Reiternomaden des
7.–14. Jahrhunderts in der Mongolei“
18.00 Dinner for Speakers

February 11, 2012
Session 5. Central and Inner Asia during the
10–12th Century
9.00 Jan Bemmann (Bonn),
Cities in the Steppes – Turks, Uyghurs and Mong-
ols in the Orkhon Valley
9.30 Michal Biran (Jerusalem),
The Silk Roads in the 10th–12th century. Between
China and the Islamic World
10.00 Jürgen Paul (Halle an der Saale),
Khwarazm, the Qarakhitay, and the Qipchaqs.
The Struggle between Tekesh and Sultanshah
(1172–1193)
10.30 Coffee Break
11.00 Peter Golden (New Brunswick-Piscataway),
The Turkic World of Mahmûd al-Kâshgharî
11.30 Tatjana Skrynnikova (Saint-Petersburg),
Old-Turkish Roots of Chinggis-khan’s ‘Golden
Clan’. Continuity of Genesis. Typology of Power
12.00 Lunch Break
Session 6. Greek Cities, Rome, Byzantium and
the Nomads in the West
13.30 Sören Stark (New York),
Between Hephthalites, Sogdians and Tang. Some
Observations on the Royal Iconography of the
Ashina Turks
14.00 Mischa Meier (Tübingen),
Dealing with Non-State Societies. Rome and No-
madic Peoples in Late Antiquity
14.30 Valentina Mordvinseva (Simferopol’),
Barbarians and their Contacts with the Antique
Centres in the North Pontic Region (3rd century
BC – mid 3rd century AD)
15.00 Coffee Break
15.30 Walter Pohl (Wien),
Huns, Avars, Hungarians – A Comparative Ap-
proach based on Written Evidence
16.00 Michael Schmauder (Bonn),
Huns, Avars, Hungarians – A Comparative Ap-
proach based on Archaeological Evidence
16.30 Nicola Di Cosmo (Princeton), Walter Pohl
(Wien)
18.00 Dinner for Speakers
Resumée, Final Discussion