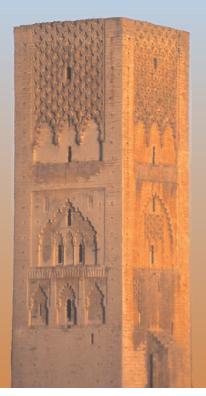
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MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

9.30: REGISTRATION

10.00: Welcome and introduction to the workshop Amira K. Bennison and María Angeles Gallego

10.30: Coffee break

11.00: Panel One. THEOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

The political context of Jewish Mu'tazilism

Gregor Schwarb, CMJR, Cambridge

Almohad tawhid and its implications for religious difference

Amira K. Bennison, University of Cambridge.

Discussant: David Abulafia, University of Cambridge

12.30: Lunch

14.00: Panel Two. CONTEXTS OF ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE ISLAMIC WEST

Interfaith Relations under the Almohads: Evidence from the Andalusian Exile
Anna Akasoy, University of Oxford
Ethnic disaffection and dynastic legitimacy in the Almohad period
Ignacio Sanchez Sanchez, University of Cambridge
Discussant: Maria Angeles Gallego, CCHS-CSIC

15.30: Tea break

16.00: Panel Three. BLURRED BOUNDARIES: IBN RUSHD AND MAIMONIDES

Explicit cruelty, implicit compassion: Judaism, forced conversions and the
genealogy of the Banu Rushd

Delfina Serrano, CCHS-CSIC

Ismaelite influences on Maimonides conception of God's nature

Miquel Beltrán, University of Mallorca

Discussant: James Montgomery, University of Cambridge

17.30: Close

19.00: Conference dinner at Wolfson College

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

9.30: Panel Four. ALMOHAD POLICIES AND MINORITY RESPONSES

Abd al-Mu'min's religious policies

Maribel Fierro, CCHS-CSIC

Jewish reactions to Almohad rule

María Angeles Gallego, CCHS-CSIC

Discussant: Amira K. Bennison, University of Cambridge

10.30: Coffee break

11.00: Panel Five. THE ALMOHADS, CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANITY
Christians as reflected in Almohad sources
Eva Lapiedra, University of Alicante
Muslim minorities under Christian dominion in the eyes of the
Dar al-Islam
Ana Echevarria, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia
Discussant: Louise Haywood, University of Cambridge

12.30: Lunch

13.30: Panel Six. BEYOND THE DHIMMA

Christian merchants in the Almohad cities

David Abulafia, University of Cambridge

A comparison between Almohad treatment of religious minorities and the later Spanish treatment of the Moriscos

Amina Nawaz, University of Cambridge

Discussant: Elizabeth Drayson, University of Cambridge

15.00: Visit to the University Library, Cambridge to view a small display of Genizah fragments and Islamic manuscripts

16.30: TEA AND GENERAL SUMMATION
Amira K. Bennison and María Angeles Gallego