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9:00  **Greetings**
Yonatan Moss, Director of the Center for the Study of Christianity  
HE Archbishop Mor Anthimos Jack Yakoub, Syriac Orthodox Patriarchal Vicar of Jerusalem, Jordan, and the Holy Land  
HE Bishop Mar Yacub Ephrem Semaan, Patriarchal Exarch of the Syriac Catholic Church in Jerusalem, the Holy Land, and Jordan

9:30  **First Session: Syriac Magic**  
Chair: Avigail Manekin Bamberger  
Anna Cherkashina: Syriac Anti-Witchcraft Magical Practices  
Ohad Abudraham: 'In the Name of Jesus' - A New Syriac Amulet on Silver from Late Antiquity

10:40  Coffee Break

11:00  **Second Session: Syriac Classics**  
Chair: Noam Mizrahi  
Menahem Kister: A Midrashic Unit in Aphrahat’s Demonstrations and the Sifre  
Valentina Duca: Polemics and Experience in Isaac of Nineveh

12:10  Lunch (For speakers and chairs)

13:30  **Third Session: Syriac Biblical Commentary**  
Chair: Sarah Stroumsa  
Orly Mizrahi: David’s Vindication: 1 Samuel 21: 1-6 and 2 Samuel 11-12 in Syriac Biblical Commentary  
Arye Zoref: Questions and Doubts on the Bible in Syriac and Judeo Arabic Commentaries

14:40  Coffee break

15:00  **Fourth Session: Away from the Syriac Center**  
Chair: Christian Stadel  
Christian Stadel: R. Shmuel Masnut and the Peshitta: On the Use of the Syriac Christian Bible by a Jewish Exegete from Medieval Aleppo  
Radu Mustață: Retrieving Indian Authorship in the Early Modern Syriac Literature from Malabar

16:10  **Concluding Remarks**  
Radu Mustață, Fellow of the Center for the Study of Christianity

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