



Reconsidering the Mamluk Village



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Readings on al-Dimashqī's *Filāḥa* Manual

The agricultural manual of al-Dimashqī (*Al-Durr al-multaqiṭ fī 'ilm filāḥatay al-Rūm wa-al-Nabaṭ*, or *Pearls Gleaned from the Science of the Two Agricultures of the Romans/Byzantines and the Nabataeans*), dating to the second half of the seventh or first quarter of the eighth century (circa 1275-1327 CE), is a Syrian agronomical text that remains largely unstudied and unpublished. This lecture will explore its unique chapters on village establishment, animal breeding, beekeeping, and silkworm rearing. These sections offer insights into village structures, land division, and the economic activities of peasants, providing practical guidance for successful and profitable agricultural practices.

with **Prof. Dr. Heba Mahmoud Saad Abdelnaby**

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