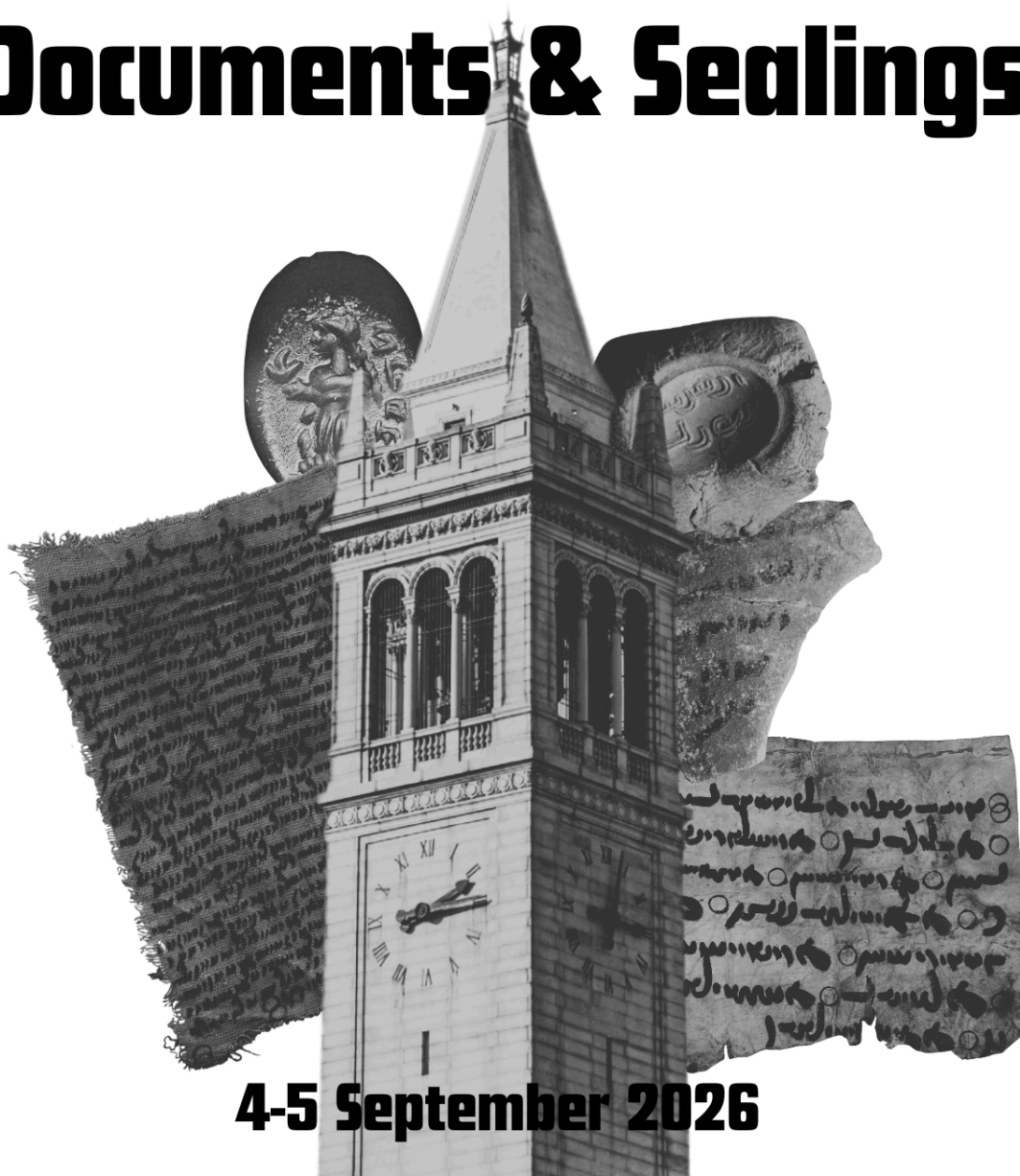


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Friday, September 4, 2026

Time GMT	Time PDT	Presentation
14:30h	7:30am	Adam Benkato & Arash Zeini <i>Introduction</i>
14:45h	7:45–8:30am	Tommy Benfey (Tübingen) <i>The term āmār in the Middle Persian documents and the early Islamic fiscal system</i>
15:30h	8:30–9:15am	Olivia Ramble (Oxford) <i>Wives, sisters and daughters: insights into the socio-economic roles and legal status of women as recorded in the Tabarestān and Hastijān documents</i>
16:15h	9:15–10am	Alice Ziegler (Berkeley) <i>Camels in Sasanian Glyptics: The Problem of Dromedaries and Bactrians</i>
	<i>break</i>	
17:30h	10:30–11:15am	Ibrāhīm Šafi‘ī (Independent scholar) <i>Sasanian Middle Persian Epistolary Tradition in the Caucasus: Studies on Selected Cases in Early Armenian and Georgian Sources</i>
18:15h	11:15–12pm	Adam Benkato (Berkeley) <i>Updates on the Cataloging and Analysis of the Sealings of the Central Iran Documents</i>

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Saturday, September 5, 2026

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14:45h	7:45–8:30am	Samra Azarnouche (EPHE) <i>Middle Persian beyond Eranshahr: New Epigraphic Evidence from Arabia and China</i>
15:30h	8:30–9:15am	Hossein Sheikh (Bochum) <i>Locating Rūdbār: New Reading of Two Bullae From Northern Iran</i>
16:15h	9:15–10am	Nima Asefi (Oxford) <i>From the Mother of the Xusrōyān to Xusrō the King of Kings: Uncovering Links among Three Middle Persian Documents</i>
		<i>break</i>
17:15h	10:15–11am	Milad Abedi (Innsbruck) <i>Pahlavi Boat Documents from Sasanian Egypt: Re-examining Papyrus Heid. Pahl. 20</i>
18h	11–11:45am	Mark Gradoni (Irvine) <i>‘From that which is in the Bun’: Reconstructing the Socio-Economic Networks of a Late Antique Agrarian Landscape from the Berkeley-Berlin Pahlavi Archive</i>