Al-Balādhurī: A Guide for the Perplexed

29 – 30 April 2016

Friday 29 April 2016: Public Lecture
Okinaga Room, Wadham College, OX1 3PN

17:00 Chase Robinson (CUNY)
Provisional observations on the Futūḥ al-buldān

18:30 Drinks reception

Saturday 30 April 2016: Workshop
MBI Al Jaber Building, Corpus Christi College, OX1 4JF

Please register by writing to baladhuriworkshop@gmail.com.
A contribution of £10 (or £5 for students) towards coffee, sandwich lunch and tea will be payable on the door.

09:30 Registration
10:00 Introductory remarks by Mark Whittow (University of Oxford)
10:15 Hugh Kennedy (SOAS)
Concerning Fadak: reading a micro-narrative in al-Balādhurī’s Futūḥ

11.00 Coffee

11:30 Robert Hoyland and Leyla Masma Najafzada (University of Oxford)
Al-Balādhurī and the beginnings of Islam in the Caucasus
Nick Evans (University of Oxford)
“An unprecedented peace”: al-Balādhurī on the North

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Edward Zychowicz-Coghll (Univeristy of Oxford)
Provincial history for metropolitan purposes? Al-Balādhurī’s Egyptian sources

Su I-Wen (University of Edinburgh)
Al-Balādhurī’s sectarian vision: was he a proto-Sunnī?

15:30 Tea

16:00 Ryan Lynch (University of Oxford)
The reception and reuse of al-Balādhurī’s Futūḥ in medieval Islamic history

16:45 Concluding discussion, introduced and chaired by James Howard-Johnston (University of Oxford)

17:30 Drinks reception