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The Alexander Grass Chair Endowed Lecture by Marina Rustow
Tuesday, January 24 in the Smathers Library Judaica Suite



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A TALK BY

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Among the many unexpected finds the Cairo Geniza has yielded are hundreds, possibly thousands of medieval documents of state in Arabic script. Among these are decrees, rescripts, petitions, tax receipts and fiscal accounts from period of the Fatimid caliphs in Egypt and Syria (969–1171). Most of these Fatimid state documents were reused for Hebrew-script texts, hence their survival in the discarded manuscript chamber of a medieval Egyptian synagogue. In this talk, Professor Rustow will discuss how these documents illustrate techniques for writing and preserving records by one of the most powerful and dynamic medieval Muslim dynasties and their implications for the large and important community of Jews over whom they ruled.

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