Contents

List of illustrations .......................... x
Preface .................................. xi

I Mamluk rule and Succession

1 Literary offerings: a genre of courtly literature ......................................................... 3
   P. M. HOLT
   Emeritus School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

2 Rank-and-file Mamluks versus amirs: new norms in the Mamluk military institution .......... 17
   AMALIA LEVANONI
   University of Haifa

3 Mamluk amirs and their families and households ......................................................... 32
   DONALD S. RICHARDS
   Oxford University

4 Joseph’s law – the careers and activities of Mamluk descendants before the Ottoman conquest of Egypt ................................................................. 55
   ULRICH HAARMANN
   Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

II Mamluk households: coherence and disintegration

5 The re-emergence of the Mamluks following the Ottoman conquest ......................... 87
   MICHAEL WINTER
   Tel Aviv University

6 ‘Mamluk households’ and ‘Mamluk factions’ in Ottoman Egypt: a reconsideration .......... 107
   JANE HATHAWAY
   Ohio State University
### Contents

7 Personal loyalty and political power of the Mamluks in the eighteenth century  
**THOMAS PHILIPP**  
*Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen Nürnberg*  
118

8 The Mamluk beylicate of Egypt in the last decades before its destruction by Muḥammad ʿAlī Pasha in 1811  
**DANIEL CRECELIUS**  
*California State University, Los Angeles*  
128

### III Mamluk culture, science and education

9 Mamluk astronomy and the institution of the *Muwaqqit*  
**DAVID A. KING**  
*Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-Universität*  
153

10 The Mamluks as Muslims: the military elite and the construction of Islam in medieval Egypt  
**JONATHAN P. BERKEY**  
*Davidson College, North Carolina*  
163

11 The late triumph of the Persian bow: critical voices on the Mamluk monopoly on weaponry  
**ULRICH HAARMANN**  
*Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Ziel*  
174

12 Concepts of history as reflected in Arabic historiographical writing in Ottoman Syria and Egypt (1517–1700)  
**OTFRIED WEINTRITT**  
*Universität Freiburg*  
188

13 Cultural life in Mamluk households (late Ottoman period)  
**NELLY HANNA**  
*American University in Cairo*  
196

### IV Mamluk property, geography and urban society

14 The residential districts of Cairo’s elite in the Mamluk and Ottoman periods (fourteenth to eighteenth centuries)  
**ANDRÉ RAYMOND**  
*Emeritus Université de Provence, Aix-en-Provence*  
207

15 Patterns of urban patronage in Cairo: a comparison between the Mamluk and the Ottoman periods  
**DORIS BEHRENS-ABOUSEIF**  
*Universität München*  
224
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Contents</th>
<th>ix</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16 Notes on the early <em>nazar al-khāṣṣ</em></td>
<td>235</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DONALD P. LITTLE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McGill University, Montreal</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Coptic festivals of the Nile: aberrations of the past?</td>
<td>254</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HUDA LUTFI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>American University in Cairo</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Marriage in late eighteenth-century Egypt</td>
<td>283</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFAQ LUTFI AL-SAYYID MARSO</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University of California, Los Angeles</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Index</td>
<td>290</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Illustrations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14.1</td>
<td>Ruling elite’s residences, 1293–1341</td>
<td>211</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14.2</td>
<td>Ruling elite’s residences, 1341–1412</td>
<td>212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14.3</td>
<td>Ruling elite’s residences, 1412–1496</td>
<td>214</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14.4</td>
<td>Ruling elite’s residences, 1496–1517</td>
<td>215</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14.5</td>
<td>Ruling elite’s residences, 1679–1700</td>
<td>219</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14.6</td>
<td>The ruling elite’s residences at the end of the eighteenth century</td>
<td>221</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>