Contents

Abbreviations vii

List of Figures ix

Preface xiii

Introduction, by G.R.D. King 1

1. PIERRE-LOUIS GATIER, Villages du Proche-Orient protobyzantin (4ème-7ème s.). Étude régionale 17

2. HENRY INNES MACADAM, Settlements and Settlement Patterns in Northern and Central Transjordania, ca 550-ca 750 49

3. YORAM TSAFRIR and GIDEON FOERSTER, From Scythopolis to Baysan – Changing Concepts of Urbanism 95

4. ALI ZEYADEH, Settlement Patterns, An Archaeological Perspective. Case Studies from Northern Palestine and Jordan 117

5. ROBERT SCHICK, The Settlement Pattern of Southern Jordan: The Nature of the Evidence 133

6. DONALD WHITCOMB, The Mısr of Ayla: Settlement at al-‘Aqaba in the Early Islamic Period 155

7. GEORGE T. SCANLON, Al-Fustāt: The Riddle of the Earliest Settlement 171

8. G.R.D. KING, Settlement in Western and Central Arabia and the Gulf in the Sixth-Eighth Centuries A.D. 181

9. MIKHAIL B. PIOTROVSKY, Late Ancient and Early Mediaeval Yemen: Settlement Traditions and Innovations 213

10. MICHAEL G. MORONY, Land Use and Settlement Patterns in Late Sasanian and Early Islamic Iraq 221

11. ALASTAIR NORTHEdge, Archaeology and New Urban Settlement in Early Islamic Syria and Iraq 231

Concluding Remarks by HUGH KENNEDY 267

Figures 271