



Manuscript Cultures in Medieval Syria

Towards a history of the Qubbat al-khazna depository in Damascus

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Thursday, 28 June

Venue: Freie Universität Berlin, Topoi House, Hittorfstraße 18, 14195 Berlin

9:30 Welcome by Klaus Mühlhahn, Vice President of Freie Universität Berlin

9:45 Introduction to Conference

10:00-11:30 *Session 1 The Qubba's history and its academic discovery I*

Chair: Sara Nur Yildiz (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)

Said Aljoumani (Scholars at Risk/Freie Universität Berlin): *The pre-Ottoman history of the Qubbat al-Khazna* (in Arabic)

Boris Liebrecht (Freie Universität Berlin/The Graduate Center, City University of New York): *Fire, Consuls, Scholars - Conflicting Views on the Discovery of the Qubbat al-Khazna Documents*

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-1:30 *Session 2 Looking beyond the Qubba and Syria*

Chair: Stefan Weber (Museum für Islamische Kunst im Pergamonmuseum Berlin)

Miriam Lindgren-Hjälms (Stockholm School of Theology, Sankt Ignatios Theological Academy): *What has Damascus to do with Sinai? Paleographical similarities in Christian-Arabic texts preserved in the Qubba and in Saint Catherine's Monastery*

Ronny Vollandt (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München): *The Qubbat al-Khazna and the Cairo Genizah: a typological comparison*

1:30-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:00 *Session 3 Mapping corpora: Judaism & Syriac*

Chair: Lukas Mühlethaler (Freie Universität Berlin, Jewish Studies)

Gideon Bohak (Tel-Aviv University): *The Jewish Texts from the Damascus Genizah*

Grigory Kessel (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften): *A survey of the fragments from Syriac manuscripts found in Qubbat al-Khazna*

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

4:30-6:00 *Session 4 Studying scripts*

Chair: Verena Lepper (Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung, Berlin)

Ahmad al-Jallad (Universiteit Leiden): *An embryonic Graeco-Arabic script? The transcription system of the Psalm Fragment in light of Greek transcriptions of Arabic from the early Islamic and pre-Islamic periods*

Francesco D'Aiuto (Tor Vergata - Università di Roma)/Donatella Bucca (Tor Vergata - Università di Roma): *The Greek hymnographic fragments of Damascus: scripts and texts*

7:30 Conference Dinner

Friday, 29 June

Venue: Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Unter den Linden 8, 10117 Berlin

9:00-10:30 *Session 5 The Qubba's history and its academic discovery II*

Chair: Christoph Rauch (Staatsbibliothek Berlin)

Cordula Bandt/Arnd Rattmann (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften): *Bruno Violet and the exploration of the Qubbat al-khazna around 1900*

Christoph Marksches (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften): *Hermann von Soden: Some remarks on a Berlin Professor undeservedly fallen into oblivion*

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-1:15 *Session 6 Mapping corpora: Coptic & Latin & Old French*

Alin Suciu (Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen): *The Coptic Fragments from the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus*

Serena Ammirati (University of RomaTre): *Again on the Latin Fragments of Damascus: A further Analysis of the oldest items*

Laura Minervini (Università di Napoli Federico II)/Gabriele Giannini (Université de Montréal): *The Old French Texts of Damascus Qubbat al-Khazna*

1:15-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:45 *Session 7 Mapping corpora: Arabic*

Chair: Beatrice Gründler (Freie Universität Berlin, Arabic Studies)

Eyad al-Ṭabbā' (University of Damascus): *A preliminary catalogue of the Koran manuscripts in the Umayyad Mosque: Overview and Analysis*

Konrad Hirschler (Freie Universität Berlin): *Binding fragments from the Qubbat al-Khazna in Syrian manuscripts*

Arianna D'Ottone Rambach (Sapienza - Università di Roma): *Unpublished Exemplars of Block-Printed Arabic Amulets from the Qubbat al-Khazna*

4:45-5:15 Coffee Break

5:15-6:00 Future Initiatives

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