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is now online! علمه محمله د ŠLOMO SURAYT II

We are glad to announce that Šlomo Surayt II علمت مهائيط – An Advanced Course in Surayt-Aramaic (Turoyo) has now been released both as online course and as textbook, and is freely available at www.surayt.com.

The course consists of the following new learning materials:

- 1. In B-level, 8 learning units with extended grammatical explanations and cultural notes
- 2. Detailed **grammar tables** covering pronouns and pronominal suffixes, pseudo- and auxiliary verbs, verb conjugations, verbs with object suffixes, and numbers, as well as days of the week, months and seasons
- 3. An extended **glossary**, with more than 2,000 entries, prepared with the help of the lexicon software TLex and expanded with grammatical information and examples. The glossary ends with a English-Surayt (and German-Surayt) word list
- 4. Equivalent to C1 level: a **Reader** (*Qëryono*) comprising 10 edited text samples written by native speakers, and enriched with explanatory notes and exercises
- 5. A multi-lingual **list of linguistic terms** in Surayt has also been prepared and added as an annex to the Reader

The course material is offered in 5 languages – German, English, Swedish, Dutch and Turkish. French and Arabic versions are currently being prepared.

In order to support the learning of Surayt, the project team has presented the course as a **textbook.** It has also developed an **app for learners** which is to be released very soon, and a **digital corpus** of around 170,000 words based on 175 short articles and essays written by various authors on different topics. In addition, the IT company "Trabdin" from Gothenburg/Sweden, an external project partner, developed the lexical App **SuryoyoTalk** based on the material from *Šlomo Surayt*.

The advanced level course is a continuation of *Šlomo Surayt – An Introductory Course to Surayt-Aramaic (Turoyo)*. It has been developed within the framework of the Surayt-Aramaic-Online Project (SAOP, 2017-2020) by an international consortium: Freie Universität Berlin (Coordinator), Stockholm University, Mor Ephrem Monastery (The Netherlands), Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute (USA), and Midyat Süryani Kültür Derneği (Turkey). The project is co-financed by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union (2017-1-DE01-KA203-003573).

We believe that this constitutes a major milestone in the revitalisation efforts of Surayt-Aramaic (Turoyo), thus enabling further institutionalisation in the learning and teaching of this endangered language.

Feedback is welcome via email to aramaic.online@gmail.com.

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