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Führungen

07.12.23 (17:30)



ARMENIER, EZIDEN UND KURDEN BEI KARL MAY UND
WIE SIE SICH SELBST SEHEN

Zentrum für Aktuelle Kunst, Zitadelle
Am JuliuSturm 64, 13599 Berlin
Kuratorenführung: Dr. Thomas Kramer

Invited guest: Dr. Semran Cengiz
“Representation of the Yezidis in the Novels of
Karl May”

30.01.24 (15:00)



ALEVISM IN GERMANY
Alevitische Gemeinde zu Berlin
Waldemarstraße 20, 10999 Berlin
Führung: Numan Emre

15.01.24 (11:00)



MANICHAISM AND THE MANICHAEAN MANUSCRIPTS
Die Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der
Wissenschaften
Unter den Linden 8, 10117 Berlin
Führung: Prof. Dr. Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst



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WORKSHOP

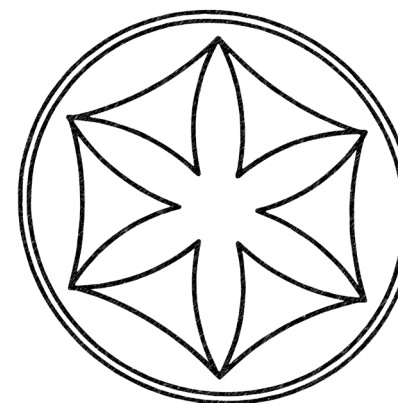
**“NON-MAINSTREAM RELIGION IN THE MIDDLE EAST:
BETWEEN CONTINUITY AND TRANSFORMATION”**

IN THE FRAME OF THE SEMINAR

IRANIAN SPEAKING RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

by

Khanna Omarkhali



Part I. 13. January 2024, 2.2058, 10:00-14:30

Panel I. Zoroastrianism: Modern Developments

Chair: *Khanna Omarkhali* 10:00-11:10

Lisa Koerber 1) Zoroastrianism: general introduction
2) The rise of Kurdish Zoroastrianism

William Uyttendaele Zoroastrianism in the 21st century:
conservation and adaptation

Pause 11:10-11:30

Panel II. Zoroastrianism in Russia & India: Contemporary Debates

Chair: *William Uyttendaele* 11:30-13:00

Alexandra Zasiadko 1) The phenomenon of “Russian
Zoroastrianism”: mimetic practices of re-
creation of the ancient Iranian religion in the
community of St. Petersburg

2) A half-Parsi is a Parsi? Discussions around
interfaith marriages and mixed descent
among the Parsis of India

Pause 13:00-13:20

Panel III. Yezidism: The Siberian Community

Chair: *Lisa Koerber* 13:20-14:20

Henriette Raddatz 1) Yezidism: general overview
2) Yezidis in Siberia. Social-economic
organisation and the possibilities of diaspora

Part II. 27. January 2024, 2.2058, 10:00-15:30

Panel I. Alevism and Kurdish Alevi Religious Revival

Chair: *Zeynep Elif* 10:00-11:10

Leyli Nouri Das Alevitentum: eine allgemeine
Übersicht

Ahmet Kerim Gültekin The revitalization of Raa Haqi: how
nature-oriented beliefs and discourses
in Kurdish Alevism reshape and
transmit the heavily suppressed ethnic
identity in the 21st century?

Pause 11:10-11:30

Panel II. Sufism in Iran and Kurdistan; Zār Ceremony

Chair: *Leyli Nouri* 11:30-13:30

Nikbanoo Ardalan Dervishes in Iran: an overview of
rituals and practices

Mohammad Othman The Ḥaqqa communities in Iraqi
Kurdistan

Marion Kuhn *Zār* – spirit possession beliefs in Iran

Pause 13:30-14:00

Panel III. Oriental Christianity

Chair: *Khanna Omarkhali* 14:00-14:40

Anna-Simona Barbara Üzel Oriental Christianity

Panel IV. Ismailis

Chair: *Lisa Koerber* 14:40-15:20

Aram Shakeeb Abu-Saleh The Ismailis: the esoteric meaning of
Islam