

Programme

The conference investigates the neglected history of Arabic-Islamic textual practices and interpretative methods in the early modern world.

Although philology has always been a global knowledge practice, no such account of its history has ever been written. Wherever texts exist, a method of making sense of them has existed as well. What were these methods? What forms did textual practices take in Arabic-Islamic scholarship before the encounter with European philology?

The conference focuses on three interrelated areas:

- **Text critical practices**
transmission, verification, care for the text, detecting corruption, emendation
- **The growth and evolution of texts**
reading, commentaries, glosses, polemic, abridgements, anthologies and encyclopaedias
- **The Arabic Cosmopolis**
Arabic textual practices as world philology

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Arabic-Islamic Textual Practices
in the Early Modern World

الفيلولوجيا العربية الإسلامية
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Schedule

Thursday, 13 July 2017

- 9:15 – 9:30 Arrival and Coffee
9:30 – 10:00 ISLAM DAYEH
Freie Universität Berlin
*What was Philology in Arabic?
Some Preliminary Notes*
KATHY VAN VLIET, ISLAM DAYEH
Brill, Freie Universität Berlin
Launch of Philological Encounters (Brill)
- 10:00 – 11:00 LARA HARB
Princeton University
Philology and Aesthetics in 'Ilm al-ma'ānī
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 ADAM TALIB
Durham University
*Emblematic or Exceptional? aṣ-Ṣafadī's
Ghayth and ad-Damāmīnī's Nuzūl*
- 12:30 – 1:30 MYKHAYLO YAKUBOVYCH
The National University of Ostroh Academy
Tafsīr Glosses in the Ottoman Tradition
- 1:30 – 3:00 Lunch Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 ASAD Q. AHMED
University of California, Berkeley
*Palimpsests of Themselves: Commentaries
and Glosses in Post-Classical Islam*
- 4:00 – 4:30 Coffee Break
- 4:30 – 5:30 AHMED EL SHAMSY
University of Chicago
*Anti-Philology in the Arabo-Islamic Tradition
in the Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries*
- 5:30 – 6:30 RIDWAN AL-SAYYID
Higher Institute for Islamic Studies, Beirut
Islamic Studies and the Return to Philology

Friday, 14 July 2017

- 9:30 – 10:30 BILAL ORFALI
American University of Beirut
*Black Humor and Qur'ānic References in
Hamadhānī's al-Maqāma al-Mawṣiliyya*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 MARIA MAVROUDI
University of California, Berkeley
*Byzantine Translations from Arabic
into Greek*
- 12:00 – 1:00 JOSÉ MARTÍNEZ DELGADO
Universidad de Granada
*The Hebrew Word-Lore and the Judeo- Arabic
Lexicography in al-Andalus
(10th-15th Centuries)*
- 1:00 – 2:30 Lunch Break
- 2:30 – 3:30 CHRISTOPHER BAHL
SOAS, University of London
*The Circulation of al-Damāmīnī's Grammar
Commentaries Across the Western Indian
Ocean*
- 3:30 – 4:30 TORSTEN TSCHACHER
Freie Universität Berlin
*The Limited Universal: Arabic through a Tamil
Lens*
- 4:30 – 5:00 Coffee Break
- 5:00 – 6:00 AHMAD KHAN
Universität Hamburg
*Islam in an Age of Print: Editors,
Antiquarianism, and a Republic of Letters*
- 6:00 – 7:00 JONATHAN BROWN
Georgetown University
*How British Translators in India Revolutionized
(Accidentally) Islamic Legal History*

Saturday, 15 July 2017

- 9:30 – 10:30 KONRAD HIRSCHLER
Freie Universität Berlin
*Philology and Multiple-Text Manuscripts
in the Middle Period*
- 10:30 – 11:30 SHAMIL JEPPIE
University of Cape Town
*The Making of a Timbuktu Biographical
Dictionary*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 1:00 KATHRYN A. SCHWARTZ
Harvard University
*The Role of the Commissioner in
Canonizing the Printed Canon*
- 1:00 – 3:00 Lunch

Venue

Freie Universität Berlin, Lecture Hall -1.2009
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