The workshop brings together a group of international specialists on Christian Arabic studies and aims to explore the translation techniques employed in various genres during the early stages of the Syro-Arabic Melkite translation movement.

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Thursday, June 19

- Arrival of guests with coffee 09.00-09.30
- 09.30-09.45 Welcoming address Shabo Talay (Professor in the Institute of Semitic Studies and Dean of the Department of History and Cultural Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)
- 09.45-10.00 Introduction to the workshop Aurélie Bischofberger and Vasiliki Chamourgiotaki
- PANEL I: Prof. Shabo Talay (Freie Universität Berlin)
- 10.00-11.00 Searching for Translation Schools in Christian Arabic Material Miriam Hjälm (Sankt Ignatios College, University College Stockholm, and Uppsala University)
- 11.00-12.00 Translating, Reading, and Copying Syriac Hagiography: The Manuscripts from Sinai's Early Christian Arabic Workshop Peter Tarras (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

PANEL II: Dr. Jan van Ginkel (Freie Universität Berlin)

- 14.00-15.00 The Transmission of the Arabic Translation of Jacob of Serugh's Homily on the Priest Aaron from the 9th to the 13th century Vasiliki Chamourgiotaki (Freie Universität Berlin)
- 15.00-16.00 Isaac of Nineveh Translated into Arabic in the Melchite Community of the Monastery of Mar Saba in Jerusalem: A First Survey on the Translation Technique of Memra I of Part I Emanuele Zimbardi (University of Turin, Italy)
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break

PANEL III: Prof. Beatrice Gruendler (Freie Universität Berlin)

- 16.30-17.30 Greek Fathers in Syro-Arabic Translations: Zooming in on Sinai ar. 549 [online] Alexander Treiger (Dalhousie University)
- 17.30-18.30 The Arabic Version of the Six Books on the Dormition of Mary: Syro-Arabic Translations and the Memory of Christian Origins in Early Islamic Palestine and Sinai Adrian Pirtea (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Friday, June 20

PANEL IV: Dr. Anna-Simona Barbara Üzel (Freie Universität Berlin)

- Arabic Adaptations of Proper Nouns and 10.00-11.00 Place Names from a Syro-Hexaplar Version of the Book of Joshua [online] Juan Pedro Monferrer Sala (University of Córdoba)
- 11.00-12.00 Same Tools, Different Outcomes: A Comparative Analysis of Translation Techniques in Christian Arabic Pentateuch Translations from Syriac Aurélie Bischofberger (University of Münster; Gerda Henkel Scholarship) 12.00-12.30 Coffee break
- 12.30-13.30 Final round table