



Interdisciplinary Conference

**MULTILINGUALISM IN CENTRAL ASIA, NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST
FROM ANTIQUITY TO EARLY MODERN TIMES**

Vienna, March 1–3

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II. SECTIONS AND TOPICS OF DISCUSSION
(Preliminary Programme Framework)

MARCH 1, 2010

1st Session:

Chair: Jens BRAARVIG.

1.1. Welcome addresses:

10:00–10:10	SCHWARZ (for the Institute of Iranian Studies)
10:10–10:20	BRAARVIG (for the project group)

1.2. General Introduction – Impulse papers on the Project:

(= 1 or 2 papers at the Opening Session, March 1, and a Round Table with 3-4 shorter impulse papers and on the last day, March 3). On March 1:

10:20–10:40	BRAARVIG, Introduction I: Multilingualism and <i>linguae francae</i> : typological and methodological reflections.
10:40–11:10	GELLER, Introduction II.

11:10–11:30 **Coffee break**

2nd Session: Multilingualism in Mesopotamia:

Chair: Mark GELLER.

11:30–12:00	SELZ: Body parts in Sumerian Compound Verbs, a Universal or Multilingual Perspective?
12:30–13:00	HACKL, JURSA, WAGENSONNER (presented by WAGENSONNER): Akkadian and Aramaic in Babylonia in the late first millennium BC: new light on an old problem.

13:00–14:30 **Lunch break**

3rd Session: Multilingualism in the Achaemenid Empire and Ancient Central Asia, I:

Chair: Ela FILIPPONE.

14:30–15:30	SCHMITT, Urartean Influences in Achaemenid Epigraphy
15:30–16:00	GELLER, Aramaic and Old Persian

16:00–16:30 **Coffee break**

4th Session: Multilingualism in the Achaemenid Empire and Ancient Central Asia, II:

Chair: Rüdiger SCHMITT.

16:30–17:00	SADOVSKI, Language Interference between Iranians and Non-Iranians in Pre-Islamic Times
17:00–18:00	ROSSI & FILIPPONE, Multilingual inscriptions from Persepolis and the linguistic situation in Achaemenid Iran

MARCH 3, 2010

Workshop

“MULTILINGUAL LISTS, CATALOGUES, AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS”

(10:00–13:30)

This workshop is organized in continuation of four previous meetings on “Classification as a Hermeneutic Tool”, a part of which was held at the University Vienna in 2008 and 2009.

Participants are requested to prepare a short statement (ca. 10 minutes) of how they view the relevance of the workshop’s topic to their fields of specialisation. A discussion (ca. 5-10 minutes) will follow after each statement.

Participants with statements: BRAARVIG, BADALANOVA GELLER, GELLER, ROSSI, SADOVSKI, SELZ.