

Symposium
From the Euphrates to the Thames and the Mur

200 years of Middle Eastern Studies and Middle Eastern Collections

10 and 11 November 2011

Austrian Cultural Forum London

A two day conference at the Austrian Cultural Forum London celebrating the
200th anniversary of the founding of the Museum Joanneum in Graz

Organisers:

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Karl Franzens Universität Graz

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Programme
10 November 2011

10am

Welcome

Peter Mikl, Director, Austrian Cultural Forum London

The Archduke, The Museum Joanneum and the University

10.30am

Gerhard M. Dienes, Universalmuseum Joanneum

Josef Herk, President, Styrian Chamber of Commerce

Archduke John of Austria (1782-1859), an innovative-minded Habsburg Prince

11am

Coffee break

11.15am

Wolfgang Muchitsch, Director Universalmuseum Joanneum

The Joanneum, Austria's Universalmuseum

11.45am

Helmut Konrad, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Karl Franzens-Universität Graz

The Graz University – bulwark and bridge to the southeast

12.15pm Lunch break

From Graz to the Orient, from the Orient to Graz

2pm

Karl Peitler, Universalmuseum Joanneum, Graz

Anton Prokesch-Osten and his donations to the Joanneum

2.45pm

Heinz Trenczak, Graz

Film presentation: „Djavidan - Queen for a Day” by Heinz Trenczak and Arthur Summereder

3.30pm

Coffee break

Joseph von Hammer-Purgstall, Influential Literary Translator

4pm

Hammer-Purgstall's translations from Persian

Nima Mina, SOAS, University of London

4.30pm

Gerhard M. Dienes, Universalmuseum Joanneum, Graz

Joseph von Hammer-Purgstall, Hafez and Goethe

5pm

End

Evening Concert

7pm

West-East Divan

Liederabend

Goethe-Lieder von Franz Schubert and Hugo Wolf

Jennifer France, Soprano

Katie Bray, Mezzo-soprano

Gareth John, Baritone

Sanaz Sotoudeh, Piano

11 November 2011

Joseph von Hammer-Purgstall and James Claudius Rich: The Dawn of Middle Eastern Studies in Austria and England

10am

Hannes D. Galter, University of Graz/URANIA Graz

„In the Beginning there was Babylon.

James Claudius Rich and Middle Eastern Archaeology”

10.30am
Sibylle Wentker, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
Hammer-Purgstall and James Claudius Rich

11am Coffee Break

11.15am
Barbara Porod, Universalmuseum Joanneum
Joseph von Hammer-Purgstall and the Beginnings of the Joanneum

12pm Lunch Break

Translation of Cultures

2pm
Somayeh Daghighi, London/Graz
Avicenna. How a polymath from the medieval Islamic world inspired western natural sciences and humanities

2.30pm
Hannes D. Galter, University of Graz/Urania Graz
“Bridging the Cultural Gap. The Role of Oriental Studies then and now”

3pm
Luitgard Galter, HAK I, Wels
“Living in two Cultures. Preliminary Report of an Ongoing Project”

3.15pm
Multimedia-Presentations by Students of the HAK I, Wels

- Living in two Cultures I (Schloss Hainfeld 2008)
- Living in two Cultures II (Istanbul 2010)
- Globetrotters: Stories around the World (Wels 2011)
- Living in two Cultures III (Wels-London 2011)

3.45pm
Prof. MMag. Luitgard Galter, HAK I, Wels
“Living in two Cultures. Results and Prospects”

4pm
End