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27TH MAY 2024, 3 PM

ROUND TABLE

MANUSCRIPTS AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Location: Abu Rayhan Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies (Tashkent)
Chaired by **Dr. Bruno De Nicola** | ÖAW, Institute of Iranian Studies

SPEAKERS

Prof. Bahrom Abduhalimov | Al-Biruni Institute, Tashkent
[Welcome](#)

Dr. Florian Schwarz | ÖAW Institute of Iranian Studies, Austria:
[“Chances and challenges of international partnerships”](#)

Prof. Zahidulla I. Munavvarov | Leading researcher, Center of Islamic Civilization in Tashkent:
[“The Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan as a new international platform on the studying of the handwritten heritage of the peoples of Central Asia”](#)

Prof. Gabrielle van den Berg | University of Leiden, The Netherlands:
[“The Oriental Manuscript Collection at Leiden University Library: Various Initiatives, Developments and Cooperations.”](#) [ONLINE]

Prof. Charles Melville | BIPS - University of Cambridge, UK:
[“The accessibility of digitised manuscripts”](#)

Dr. Nodir R. Karimov | Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies:
[“The works of Hakim Tirmizi as an important source on Muslim psychology”](#)

Dr. Firuza Melville | Shahnamah Project, Pembroke College, UK:
[“Collaborative digitisation and publication of the Tashkent and Cambridge manuscript treasures”](#)

Dr. Sanjar Gulomov | Al-Biruni Institute, Tashkent:
[“Document or Manuscript? About Aspect and Content of some Majmu‘as in the Al-Biruni Institute”](#)

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INAUGURAL LECTURE

THE MONGOL CONQUESTS AND THE TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE IN CENTRAL ASIA: MANUSCRIPT CULTURE AND INTERSECTIONS OF THE ORAL AND THE WRITTEN, 13TH–15TH CENTURIES

Prof. Devin DeWeese | Indiana University

Location: Auditorium 105, Faculty of History State University of Samarkand, University Boulevard 15, Samarkand

Chaired by **Dr. Florian Schwarz** | ÖAW, Institute of Iranian Studies

Inaugural Lecture hosted by the **State University of Samarkand**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CENTRAL ASIAN MANUSCRIPTS IN THE MONGOL AND TIMURID EMPIRES (13TH TO 15TH CENTURIES)

Conference hosted by the Bukhari Research Centre

DAY 1 29TH MAY 2024

09:30–10:00

Welcome (Shovosil Ziyodov & Bruno De Nicola)

10:00–11:00

Panel I: Sufism on the margins of Central Asian manuscripts

Chair: **Devin DeWeese** | Indiana University

Florian Schwarz | ÖAW Institute of Iranian Studies:

“The Berlin manuscript or. oct. 294: a collection of early 14th-century *ijāzāt* (and more) from Samarkand”

Bruno De Nicola | ÖAW Institute of Iranian Studies:

“A possible lost letter of Mir Sayyid Hamadani in a unique Kubrawi manuscript of the 15th c.”

11:00–11:30: COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

Panel II: Central Asian manuscript libraries and collections

Chair: **Andrew Peacock** | University of St. Andrews

Lola Dodkhudoeva | Tajikistan Academy of Sciences:

“The library of Muhammad Parsa: new findings of the manuscripts from Tajikistan”
[ONLINE]

Boris Liebreiz | Saxon Academy of Sciences:

“The books of Ali al-Bistami, known as Musannifak”

Durbek Rakhimjanov | International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan:

“Manuscripts of Abu Hafs Nasafi's *Kitab al-Qand*”.

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00–15:30

Panel III: Law and Education in Central Asian Manuscripts

Chair: **Shodi-Muhammad Sufizadeh** | Tajikistan Academy of Sciences

Ashirbek Muminov | IRCICA

“Integration of Islamic Schools and Teachings in the Golden Horde”

Shovosil Ziyodov | Imam Bukhari International Scientific Research Center, Uzbekistan:

“The waqf books of the Juybari shaykhs donated to the Gawkushan library”

Saidakbar Muhammadaminov | Institute of Oriental Studies, ASU:

“Aspects of text compositions in fiqh manuscripts of Central Asia in the 14th–15th centuries.”

15:30–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00–17:30

Panel IV: The materiality of Central Asian manuscripts

Chair: **Charles Melville** | University of Cambridge

Marie Efthymiou | College de France, Paris, France:

“Interconnexion between the materiality of the manuscript and the visual culture in Timurid manuscripts”

Ilse Sturkenboom | Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München:

“Considerations of Timurid Herat's role in the development of paper decoration in Central Asia”

Jamie Comstock-Skip | Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Oxford:

“Painting styles of the Herat School(s) at the close of the Timurid dynasty in Transoxiana ca. 1490—1507”

DAY 2 30TH MAY 2024

09:30–11:00

Panel V: History and epic in prose, poetry and images in Central Asia

Chair: **Bruno De Nicola** | ÖAW Institute of Iranian Studies

Stefan Kamola | ÖAW Institute of Iranian Studies:

“Editing Rashīd al-Dīn: Ḥāfız-i Abrū’s working copy of the Blessed History of Ghazan Khan in manuscript Beruni 1620.”

Andrew Peacock | University of St. Andrews:

“A Shahnama for a nomad ruler: Shadi’s Book of Victories of Shaybani Khan”

Charles Melville | University of Cambridge:

“Early manuscripts of the *Jami‘ al-tawarikh* and their Central Asian associations”

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00

Panel VI: Poetry in Central Asian manuscripts

Chair: **Firuza Melville** | University of Cambridge

Shodi-Muhammad Sufizadeh | Tajikistan Academy of Sciences):

“Codicological and textual features of one of the earliest copies of *Kulliyat* by Saadi Shirazi”

Aftandil Erkinov | International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan:

“Lifetime manuscripts of the divans (1465-1501) of Alisher Navai - as a source in the study of the poet’s creative laboratory”

Gabrielle van den Berg | University of Leiden:

“Firdausi’s *Yusuf-u Zulaykha* in the Persian manuscript tradition” [ONLINE]

13:00–14:00 LUNCH

14:00–15:30

Panel VII: Manuscript production between in Mongol and Timurid Central Asia

Chair: **Marie Efthymiou** | Collège de France, Paris, France

Aziz Tajiev | Imam Maturudi International Scientific Research Center, Uzbekistan:

“Manuscripts of Sa’duddin Taftazani’s work *Sharh Aqoid an-Nasafi*”

Uktambek Sultanov | Institute of Oriental Studies, ASU:

“Manuscript production in Juchid Gurganj: the case of Imam Baghavi’s *Kitab Masabih*”

Nicholas Kontovas | Bodleian Library, University of Oxford:

“A manuscript of Ḥusayn Bayqara”

15:30–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00–17:00

Panel VIII: Documenting pre-modern Central Asia

Chair: **Florian Schwarz** | ÖAW Institute of Iranian Studies

Qahramon Yakubov | Abu Rayhan Beruni, ASU:

“The Earliest Document from Khorezm: Waqf Deed of the Shaykh Sulaymān Haddādī Mosque.”

Nasriddin Mirzaev | National Archives of Uzbekistan:

“Specific features of the documents of the XIV-XV centuries kept in the National Archives of Uzbekistan”

17:00–17:30 CLOSING REMARKS