

The workshop will focus on the practices and settings of knowledge production and transmission within various cultural and linguistic traditions of the medieval world. By examining a wide range of texts and manuscripts from different periods and regions of medieval Eurasia, the workshop aims to shed new light on how knowledge of various kinds (historical, legal, theological, philosophical, technical) was acquired, disseminated, preserved, and re-interpreted in medieval cultures.

International Workshop

Shaping Knowledge in the Medieval World

Cross-Cultural Perspectives

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Program

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09:30 – 10:00

Welcoming Address

Claudia Rapp, OeAW/University of Vienna

Opening Remarks

Cinzia Grifoni, OeAW/University of Vienna
Maria-Lucia Goiana, OeAW

10:00 – 11:00

Session 1

Chair: Adrian Pirtea, OeAW

Philip Forness, KU Leuven
Shaping and Organizing Knowledge Through the
Formation of Homiliaries from Greek to Syriac to
Arabic

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2

Chair: Edit Anna Lukács, OeAW

Johanna Jebe, University of Tübingen
Monastic Knowledge and Knowledge about
Monasticism: History-of-Knowledge Perspectives
on Religious Change in the Carolingian World

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:30

Session 3

Chair: Francesca Fiaschetti, OeAW

Pascale Hugon, OeAW
On the Shoulders of Buddhas: Negotiating
Authority and Creativity in the Medieval Tibetan
Buddhist Tradition of Learning

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:00

Session 4

Chair: Andreas Rhoby, OeAW

Floris Bernard, Ghent University
Floating Among the Stars: Didactic Poetry on the
Astral Sciences in Byzantium

16:00 – 16:30

Concluding Remarks and Discussion

Nikos Zagklas, OeAW/University of Vienna

19:00

Dinner for Invited Guests

Participants

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