

CONVENERS

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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP MISATTRIBUTIONS AND FORGERIES IN MIDDLE EASTERN MANUSCRIPT TRADITIONS



PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 16 MAY

09:00–09:30 Welcome
Claudia Rapp (Director of the Institute for Medieval Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Andreas Rhoby (Head of the Department of Byzantine Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences)

PANEL 1
Chair: George Kiraz

9:30–10:00 Ali Aghaei (Humboldt University, Berlin)
Forgeries in Qur`ān Colophons: The Case of the Khayqānī Qur`ān and the Challenge of Dating Early Quranic Manuscripts

10:00–10:30 Sigalit Chacham (Independent Scholar)
"Allah will Destroy the Life of Whoever Stole my Books"

10:30–10:50 Discussion

10:50–11:20 BREAK

PANEL 2
Chair: George Kiraz

11:20–11:50 Jan Thiele (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones, Madrid)
Misattributions in Ash`arī Literature

11:50–12:20 Mehmet Necmeddin Beşikci (University of Cambridge, UK)
Uncovering Ismā`il Gelenbevi's Hidden Sources: An Examination of Autograph and Misattributed Manuscripts

12:20–12:40 Discussion

12:40–13:40 LUNCH

PANEL 3
Chair: Ephrem A. Ishac

13:40–14:10 Eveline Handby (Macquarie University, Sydney)
The Anatomy of a Bad Fake: A Closer Look at 'Ancient' Hebrew Books from Turkey

14:10–14:40 Nir Shafir (University of California San Diego)
False Authorship in the Polarized Society of the Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Empire

14:40–15:00 Discussion

15:00–15:30 BREAK

PANEL 4
Chair: Ephrem A. Ishac

15:30–16:00 Binyamin Katzoff (Talmud Department, Bar Ilan University)
Could This Be a Mistake? The Strange Case of the Misleading Numeration of Chapters in the Tosefta

16:00–16:30 Ted Erho (Universität Hamburg; Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
Patristic Misattributions in Early Homiletical Literature Extant in Ethiopic

16:30–17:00 Sonja Brentjes (Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science, Berlin; Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)
Numerous Attributions of Arabic Versions of Euclid's Elements to Three Actors: al-Ḥajjāj b. Yusuf b. Maṭar (d. after 827), Ishāq b. Ḥunayn (d. 911), and Thabit b. Qurra (d. 901) – Are They All False?

17:00–17:30 Discussion

18:30 DINNER

FRIDAY, 17 MAY

PANEL 5
Chair: Grigory Kessel

9:00–09:30 Valentina Sagaria Rossi (University of Rome Tor Vergata)
Al-Ṣafadī's Hand and Not al-Ṣafadī's Hand in a Manuscript of al-Wāfi bi-l-Wafayāt

9:30–10:00 Eléonore Cellard (Independent Scholar)
Modern Forgeries of Kufic Qur`ans

10:00–10:30 Emily Cottrell (Laboratoire Mondes Sémitiques, Paris; Maison Denise Masson, Marrakech)
A C-14 Dating of the Adāb al-Falāsifa of Ḥunayn b. Ishāq (808-873 CE)

10:30–11:00 Discussion

11:00–11:30 BREAK

PANEL 6
Chair: Grigory Kessel

11:30–12:00 Ephrem A. Ishac (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)
Syriac Liturgical Texts with Multi Touch Attributions

12:00–12:30 Catalin-Stefan Popa (Romanian Academy, Bucharest; The Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization)
An Unknown Harklean Version in a Syriac Gospel Fragmentary Manuscript (End of 7th c.). Attribution and Liturgical Function.

12:30–12:50 Discussion

12:50–13:50 LUNCH

PANEL 7
Chair: Bruno De Nicola

13:50–14:20 Ali B. Langroudi (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
"I Made This Prologue and Wrote the Four Gospels in Persian." Two Authorship Claims for One Text

14:20–14:50 Stefan Kamola (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)
Who Was the First World Historian, and Why Does it Matter?

14:50–15:10 Discussion

15:10–15:40 BREAK

PANEL 8
Chair: Bruno De Nicola

15:40–16:10 Mónika Schönléber (Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, Hungary)
Misattributing futūḥ Works in Arabic Historiography

16:10–16:40 Mahmoud Zaki (Qatar National Library)
Tracing Forgeries: Cases of Fake Notes in Arabic Manuscripts

16:40–17:00 Discussion

17:00–17:30 General Discussion

17:30 END OF WORKSHOP