

During the last years, Arabic papyrology has started to contribute significantly to Arabic and Islamic studies: we now dispose of a number of high standard editions of documents; scholars working on the Islamic World up to the 16th century counterbalance literary tradition with documentary evidence; and cooperation with Demotic, Greek, and Coptic papyrology has steadily improved.

The thematic framework of the "Sixth International Society for Arabic Papyrology (ISAP) Conference" in 2014 will be somewhat wider. We intend to bring together scholars using documentary evidence for the history of the Early Islamic world (including Arabic, Coptic, and Greek papyri, inscriptions and coins) with scholars working on Semitic languages and writing systems in general.

The conference will be hosted by the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Ludwig Maximilian University, and the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, and be organized by Prof. Dr. Andreas Kaplony and Dr. Daniel Potthast of the Munich Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, and by Dr. Kathrin Müller of the Academy's Commission for Semitic Philology.

The conference will start on the morning of Tuesday, October 7, 2014, and continue through the afternoon of Friday, October 10, 2014. The programme will include 20-minute lectures, a public evening lecture, as well as a visit of the Bavarian State Library with its holdings in Oriental manuscripts (and Sabaic wooden sticks), organized by Dr. Helga Rebhan and Dr. Peter Stein.

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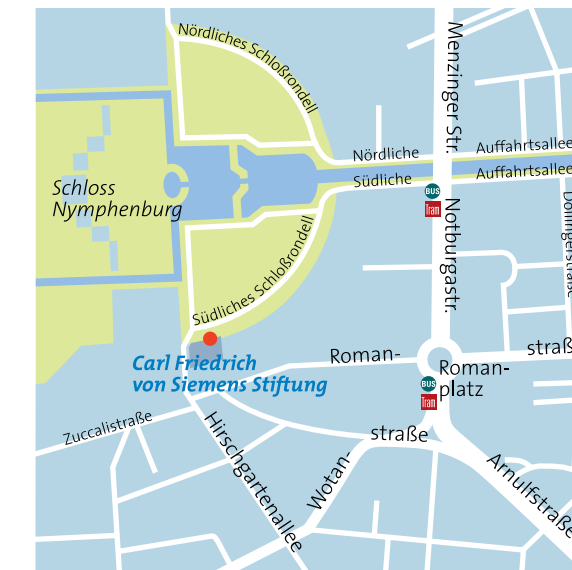
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Writing Semitic: Scripts, Documents, Languages in Historical Context

The Sixth International Society for Arabic Papyrology (ISAP) Conference

October 7th – 10th, 2014



Tuesday, October 7th

Bayer. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Phil.-hist. Saal

9.00 h Registration

11.00 h Opening

Address of welcome by the BAdW and the ISAP

The Genesis and Early History of the Alphabet: New Perspectives and Problems
Manfred Krebernik (Jena)

The Qurʾān and Semitic Studies
Hartmut Bobzin (Erlangen)

13.00 h Lunch

15.00 h **Session 1: Administration of Empires**

Aramaic Documents from Achaemenid Bactria: Connections to the West – and the East – and the Future
Peter T. Daniels (New York)

Reading History Anew: Pahlavi Documents from Early Islamic Times
Dieter Weber (Berlin)

Networks of Dependency: Requests and Petitions on Papyrus
Petra M. Sijpesteijn (Leiden)

Response by Ursula Bsees

Discussion

16.30 h Coffee break

17.00 h **Session 2: Geniza Documents Seen by New Perspectives**

Coptic Magic in the Cairo Geniza
Tonio Sebastian Richter (Leipzig)

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Munther al-Sabbagh (Santa Barbara)

Response by Oded Zinger

Discussion

19.00 h *Public lecture (room A 021)*
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)

Welcome

Writing Semitic on Wooden Sticks: The Manuscript Tradition of Pre-Islamic South Arabia
Peter Stein (Jena)

Reception

Wednesday, October 8th

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9.30 h **Session 3: Literature and Documents**

Parallel Transmissions of Documents: On the Value of the Inshāʾ-Literature for Arabic Papyrology
Daniel Potthast (Munich)

Early Evidence for the Second Source of Islam: A Preliminary Study of Four Ḥadīth Papyri from the Austrian National Library
Ursula Bsees (Vienna)

Sharḥ Ghunyat al-Kuttāb fī al-Khaṭṭ by Abū Bakr ibn Shihāb al-Dīn Aḥmad ibn al-Ḥimṣīya
Abdulmalik Ahmad Essayed Shetewy (Riyadh)

Response by W. Matt Malczycki

Discussion

11.00 h Coffee break

11.30 h **Session 4: Business and Daily Life According to Documents**

Using Papyri to Determine the Purchasing Power of a Dinar in Early Islamic Egypt
W. Matt Malczycki (Auburn)

Patronage in the Legal Arena According to Geniza Letters
Oded Zinger (Princeton)

The Waqf System in Early Islam and its Characteristics Based on Documentary Evidence
Sobhi Bouderbala (Tunis)

Response by Marina Rustow

Discussion

13.00 h Lunch and visit to Nymphenburg Castle Park

15.30 h **Session 5: Inputs from Neighboring Fields**

Medallion of Maṣūʾr ibn Nūḥ: Historical Interpretation
Shamsiddin S. Kamoliddin (Tashkent)

Tools and Techniques for the Documentary Evidence of Early Arabic Paper Manuscripts: Discovered Complementary Proofs Under the Written Arabic Scripts
AbdulSalam Eleasely (Riyadh)

An Archaeological and Cultural Study of Three Tombstones Newly Discovered in Elephantine Island in Aswan

Mohamed Ahmed Abd Ellatif Ibrahim (Cairo)

Response by Ahmad Al-Jallad

Discussion

17.00 h Coffee break

17.30 h **Session 6: Documents from Bilād al-Shām**

The Non-Muslim Fragments from the Qubbat al-Khazna of the Umayyad Mosque at Damascus
Ronny Vollandt (Berlin)

Marriage and Divorce Contracts from Mamluk Jerusalem
Mohamed Nasr Abdelrahman (Cairo)

Response by Lucian Reinfandt

Discussion

18.30 h Snack

20.30 h Evening Tea

Thursday, October 9th

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9.30 h **Session 7: Language and Formulae**

The Practice of Domestic Slavery in Medieval Egypt: an Analysis of Arabic and Judaeo-Arabic Bills of Sale from the Cairo Geniza
Craig Perry (Atlanta)

Words and Phrases of Arabic Papyri: Are they Systematic?
Hazem Hussein Abbas Ali (Beni-Suef)

Arabic Papyri, Elite Migration, and the Persianisation of Egypt in the 9th Century AD
Lucian Reinfandt (Vienna)

Response by Andreas Kaplony

Discussion

11.00 h Coffee break

11.30 h **Session 8: New Documents from Egypt**

Two Unpublished Arabic Papyri from the Dār al-Kutub al-Miṣriya
Mohamed Mohamed Morsy (Cairo)

Three Arabic Letters
Ayman Aly Shahin (Bamberg)

Fāṭimid Letter of Designation Related to Alexandria
Ahmed Nabil (Sadat City)

Response by Petra Sijpesteijn

Discussion

13.00 h Lunch

15.00 h **Session 9: Multilingualism, Arabicization, and Cultural Transfer**

The Archive of the Fayyum Pagarchy in the 8th Century
Lajos Berkes (Heidelberg)

The Coptic Papyri in the Egyptian Library and Archives
Maher Eissa (Fayyum), Anne Boud'hors (Paris)

Treatment of Conjunctivitis in the Light of P. Grenf. I 52, P. Princ. III 155 and Arabic Manuscripts
Alia Hanafi (Cairo)

Response by Daniel Potthast

Discussion

17.00 h *Presentation of Oriental Manuscripts in the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek*

19.30 h Dinner

Friday, October 10th

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9.30 h **Session 10: Signs, Numerals, and Orthography**

Arabic Abjad Numerals: Origin, Usage and Form
Johannes Thomann (Zurich)

Numerals and Signs in Arabic Papyri
Saied Maghawry Mohammed (Cairo)

The Phonetic Origins of Arabic Orthography
Ahmad Al-Jallad (Leiden)

Response by Jessica Goldberg

Discussion

11.00 h Coffee break

11.30 h General Meeting of the ISAP

13.30 h Lunch

15.00 h Excursion with dinner (optional)