

Manuscripts East and West – Towards Comparative and General Codicology.

A Conference in Honour of Malachi Beit-Arié

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Malachi Beit-Arié is the Ludwig Jesselson Professor Emeritus of Codicology and Palaeography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and one of the leading scholars in manuscript studies worldwide. He was head of the Hebrew Palaeography Project under the auspices of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and he served as the director of the Jewish National and University Library of Jerusalem from 1979 until 1990. He is also the founder and director of SfarData, the first online codicological database of dated mediaeval Hebrew manuscripts.

Malachi Beit-Arié's work has an enormous impact on contemporary research in comparative manuscript studies. Therefore CSMC has invited 25 colleagues to this conference in honour of his 80th birthday in May 2017 and his scholarly achievements. The scholars and scientists working on diverse Asian, African and European manuscript cultures will contribute to a general methodological re-assessment of manuscript research and to new comparative perspectives on codicology and palaeography.

Tuesday 17 October 2017

- 1.30 **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**
- WELCOME ADDRESSES**
- 2 pm **Prof. Dr. Susanne Rupp, Vice President of the University of Hamburg**
Prof. Dr. Nili Cohen, President of The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Prof. Dr. Colette Sirat
Prof. Dr. Michael Friedrich
- SESSION I**
- 2.30 pm **Michael Friedrich (University of Hamburg)**
Codicology in the 21st Century
- 3 pm **Shimon Iakerson (St. Petersburg State University)**
*What the Karaite Jews Managed to Conceal from Avraam Firkovich, and
Where we Can See these Treasures today*
- 3.30 – 4 pm *Coffee Break*

SESSION II

- 4 pm **Costantino Moretti (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)**
Learning from Mistakes: Notes on Scribal Errors, Corrections and other “Paratextual” Elements found in Dunhuang Buddhist Manuscripts
- 4.30 pm **Christian Brockmann (University of Hamburg)**
Observations on the Oldest Manuscripts of Aristotle's Logical Writings
- 5 pm **Edna Engel (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)**
Codicological and Palaeographical Analysis of the “Sabbateni” Hebrew Binding Fragments
- 5.30 – 6 pm *Coffee Break*

SESSION III

- 6 pm **Sarit Shalev-Eyni (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)**
Making Hebrew Manuscripts in the Christian Urban Domain:
The Case of Esslingen
- 7.15 pm *Reception*

Wednesday 18 October 2017

SESSION IV

- 9 am **Henk De Groot (Inden witten Hasewint, Rotterdam)**
Making Parchment: Some Unsettled Questions
- 9.45 am **Sarah Fiddymnt (University of York)**
Biomolecular Codicology: Revealing the Unwritten Biographies of Books
- 10.30 am **Ira Rabin (University of Hamburg, BAM Berlin)**
Advanced Codicology: Including Instrumental Analysis into Codicological Studies of Hebrew Manuscripts
- 11.15 – 11.45 am *Coffee Break*

SESSION V

- 11.45 am **Jost Gippert (Goethe University Frankfurt)**
Virtual Codicology - Reconstructing Palimpsested Codices
- 12.15 pm **Oren Weinberg (National Library of Israel, Jerusalem)**
KTIV - The International Collection of Digitized Hebrew Manuscripts
- 12.45 – 2.30 pm *Lunch Break*

SESSION VI

2.30 pm **Cristina Scherrer-Schaub (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)**
[Buddhist Manuscripts from Gandhâra, Tibet, and China in Historical Perspective](#)

3.15 pm **Dmitry Bondarev (University of Hamburg)**
[Ajami Manuscripts of West Africa: an Anthropology of Layout](#)

4 – 4.30 pm *Coffee Break*

SESSION VII

4.30 pm **Grigory Kessel (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Wien)**
[Making a Quire of a Syriac Manuscript: Discerning Uniformity and Variety](#)

5.15 **François Déroche (Collège de France, Paris) /
Nuria Martinez de Castilla (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)**
[Late Medieval Moroccan Bindings. A few Remarks](#)

5.45 – 6.15 pm *Coffee Break*

SESSION VIII

6.15 **Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)**
[Professional Context of Hebrew Book Production in the East: New Perspectives](#)

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SESSION IX

9 am **Paola Buzi (Sapienza Università di Roma)**
[Coptic Manuscripts in their Archaeological Context: The “PATHs” Project and its First Results](#)

9.30 am **Alessandro Bausi (University of Hamburg)**
[The State of the Art of Ethiopian Manuscript Studies: a Short Overview](#)

10 am **Tamar Leiter (Hebrew Palaeography Project, Jerusalem)**
[SfarData - The Codicological Data-Base of the Hebrew Palaeography Project](#)

10.30 – 11 am *Coffee Break*

SESSION X

11 am **Edwin Wieringa (University of Cologne)**
[Symbolism and Self-Promotion: Identity Politics in the Production of Contemporary Illuminated Qur'ans in Indonesia](#)

11.30 pm **Florinda De Simini (University of Naples L'Orientale)**
[Manuscript Cultures from South Asia and the Creation of Regional Identities](#)

12 – 2 pm *Lunch Break*

SESSION XI

2 pm **Marilena Maniaci (University of Cassino and Southern Lazio) /
Pasquale Orsini (Sapienza University of Rome)**
*Comparative Perspectives on the Study of Manuscript Colophons:
Some Preliminary Remarks*

2.30 pm **Nurit Pasternak (Hebrew Palaeography Project, Tel-Aviv)**
Mise-en-ligne in Hebrew Manuscripts: The Obstructive “Forerunner”

3 – 3.30 pm *Coffee Break*

SESSION XII

4 pm **Monika Müller (State and University Library Hamburg)**
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4.45 pm **Thies Staack (Heidelberg University)**
*Using “Western” Codicological Concepts for the Analysis of Early Chinese
Bamboo Manuscripts: Benefits and Problems*

5.30 – 6 pm *Coffee Break*

SESSION XIII

6 pm **Colette Sirat (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)**
Hebrew Codicology versus other Codicologies

7.30 pm *Farewell Dinner*