

# THE YEMENI MANUSCRIPT DIGITIZATION INITIATIVE (YMDI)

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

STAATSBIBLIOTHEK ZU BERLIN, HAUS POTSDAMER STRASSE, 9-10 MAY 2012

## MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

9:00-10:20 OPENING SESSION [ENGLISH]

**Barbara Schneider-Kempf, Director General of Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin:** "Opening Welcome"

**Sabine Schmidtke:** "Yemeni Manuscripts in European libraries"

**Christoph Rauch:** "Yemeni Manuscripts in Berlin"

**David Hollenberg:** "YMDI: Progress and Prospects"

**David Magier:** "YMDI at Princeton"

10:30-11:30 MANUSCRIPTS IN THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES [ENGLISH]

**David Magier (chair)**

**Stephanie Wood:** "YMDI Distance Research Environment"

**Cliff Wulfman:** "The Road to the Web: Digitizing Manuscripts from Yemen"

**Gregory Crane:** [tba]

12:00-13:30 LUNCH

(ART-LIBRARY/OLD PAINTINGS GALLERY, JUST ACROSS THE STAATSBIBLIOTHEK)\*

13:45-15:45 ZAYDĪ STUDIES I [ENGLISH]

**Gregor Schwarb (chair)**

**Jan Thiele:** "Zaydī Scholarship as reflected in Manuscript Glosses"

**Aron Zysow:** "*Kalām* works by Ibn al-Murtaḍā"

**Eirik Hovden:** "Zaydi endowment *fiqh* between doctrines and legal practice"

**Christoph Rauch:** "Zaydi scholarship in 16th century Yemen: Wadi al-Sirr as an example"

16:00-18:00 ZAYDĪ STUDIES II [ENGLISH/FRENCH]

**Bernard Haykel (chair and discussant)**

**Hassan Ansari:** "al-Kaššāf d'al-Zamaḥṣarī et les Zaydites du Yémen"

**Sabine Schmidtke:** "The doctrinal thought of 'Abd Allāh b. Zayd al-'Ansī (d. 667/1268)"

**Brinkley Messick:** "Readings in a System of Texts"

**Gregor Schwarb:** "Some observations on Fakhr al-Dīn al-Najrī's *K. Mirqāt al-anzār*"

19:00 GROUP DINNER

(CAFÉ MÖHRING, IM WEINHAUS HUTH, ALTE POTSDAMER STR. 5, 10785 BERLIN

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9:00-11:00 THE PRIVATE LIBRARIES OF MANUSCRIPTS IN YEMEN [ARABIC]

**Bernard Haykel (chair)**

**Ahmed Ishaq:** "IZBACF and the YMDI Project – Obstacles and Challenges"

**ʿAbd al-Salām b. ʿAbbās al-Wajih:** "Turāth al-Yaman al-makḥṭūṭ bayna l-ihmāl wa-muḥāwalāt al-inqādh"

**Hassan Ansari:** "Al-Maktabāt al-khāṣṣa fī l-Yaman wa-ahammiyyatuhā fī l-dirāsāt al-muʿtaziliyya muqāranatan bi-dawr al-maktabāt al-ʿamma fī Ṣanʿā"

11:15-12:30 ARABIC MANUSCRIPT DIGITIZATION AND CATALOGING PROJECTS [ENGLISH]

**David Hollenberg (chair)**

**Cécile Bonmariage:** "Beyond texts: Digital collections, codicology and paleography (or: the missing links)"

**Anne Regourd:** "Preserving the material book, virtually: the importance of paper in digitizing the private libraries of Zabīd"

**Joyce Bell:** "Beyond cataloging: data conversion and structures for presenting a digitized manuscript"

**Thoralf Hanstein:** "Berlin activities in the field of cataloguing and digitization"

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13:45-15:45 BREAKOUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS: "Yemeni manuscripts & the digital humanities: Prospects for a new manuscript age"

16:00-17:30 TOUR OF THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION OF STAATSBIBLIOTHEK ZU BERLIN (CHRISTOPH RAUCH)

19:00 GROUP DINNER

(OSTERIA CARUSO, KÖTHENER STR. 38, 10936 BERLIN [<http://www.osteria-caruso.de>])\*

\* Since funds are limited participants will have to pay themselves for all meals. Still, the organizers believe that it would be nice if we all went out together for lunches and dinner to continue our discussions, and we have therefore made reservations in the indicated places. Participation is, of course, purely voluntary.