

## Call for applications

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin and Al-Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation (London) are delighted to call for applications for another international training course / workshop in the series:

*Scriptorium: Workshops on the study of Oriental manuscripts*

This training course / workshop will be organized under the title:

### **“Codicological and Paleographical Aspects of Islamic Manuscripts, with a Special Focus on Manuscript Notes”**

Codicological and palaeographical aspects of Islamic manuscripts, like writing support, binding, calligraphy, etc., will be covered in this training course / workshop. Beyond the material side of manuscripts, the main focus of this training course / workshop will be on manuscripts as sources for social and historical research, beside their content. Manuscript notes (like owners and readers entries and collation statements) or analysis of paper are only two examples that reflect several cultural and economic aspects of Islamic learning and societies.

The focus of this course will be on hands-on sessions, in which the participants will have the opportunity to observe themselves the discussed features in Islamic manuscripts kept at Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, which holds around 43,000 volumes, making it one of the largest collections of Oriental manuscripts in the Western world.

The workshop is planned as an advanced training course. Participants are either expected to have some experience in working with manuscripts (respectively their digital surrogates) or already participated at one of the introductory courses offered by several institutions.

The training course / workshop will be conducted by:

**Prof. Dr. Konrad Hirschler** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Dr. Olly Akkerman** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Dr. Anne Regourd** (University of Copenhagen)

**Dr. Boris Liebrecht** (Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Leipzig)

Complementary lectures are given by **Dr. Élise Franssen** (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia) and **Christoph Rauch** (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin).

**Venue:** Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Potsdamer Straße 33

**Date:** 25 - 29 March 2019

Public Keynote Lecture by **Dr. Élise Franssen** (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia), on 25 March 2019

The training course / workshop is intended for advanced MA and doctoral students as well as other junior researchers in the fields of Oriental Philology, Islamic Studies, Ethnography or Comparative Manuscript Studies. Dependent on prior arrangement with the home institution, students and PhD candidates are entitled to receive credit points for their participation.

Working knowledge of written Arabic is required.

The participation fee is 140 Euro. The enrollment in the training course / workshop will only be active after payment. Bank details will be communicated to successful applicants by the beginning of December 2018. In case of cancellation, the fee cannot be reimbursed. The workshop will be held in English and the number of participants will be limited to 20.

Applications, including a motivation letter, curriculum vitae and a summary of your current research project, should be sent to [orientabt@sbb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:orientabt@sbb.spk-berlin.de) until 15 November 2018.