Since the summer of 2020, the DFG-funded project “Orient-Digital” has been working to make Oriental manuscript collections in Germany accessible in the new portal “Qalamos: Connecting Manuscript Traditions”. For more than two years, the long-term research project “Bibliotheca Arabica” at the Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities has been building an extensive bio-bibliographical research database of Arabic manuscripts.

Among the main emphases of our projects are the standardisation of metadata, references to authority records, and the improvement of the data quality of authority records.

Standardisation and authority control are essential prerequisites for re-using information acquired in different projects and for establishing links between entities (persons, corporate bodies, works, and locations) across data sources and Digital Humanities applications. The focus of our workshop is non-European manuscript research and cataloguing from a library perspective as well as from a Digital Humanities research perspective.

For updates and further information, please see our blog post: https://blog.sbb.berlin/authority-control-and-oriental-manuscripts

### Registration

The workshop and the evening lecture will take place online and on-site. Especially for the workshop, seating is limited. If you wish to attend either of the events in person, please contact: orientabt@sbb.spk-berlin.de

### Webex Links

**Evening Lecture:** [https://spk-berlin.webex.com/spk-berlin/j.php?MTID=meb226c6af79a7f86993d001caeebb72f](https://spk-berlin.webex.com/spk-berlin/j.php?MTID=meb226c6af79a7f86993d001caeebb72f)

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### Venues

**Evening Lecture, October 27, 2021**

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz
Otto-Braun-Saal
Potsdamer Straße 33
10785 Berlin

**Workshop, October 28-29, 2021**

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz
Simón-Bolivar-Saal
Potsdamer Straße 33
10785 Berlin
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Wednesday, 27 October 2021

6:00 – 8:00 PM CET Evening Lecture

Opening Address

Evening Lecture: Father Columba Stewart, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library
The Digital Dawn of Comparative Manuscript Studies: How Authority Control Has Become the Critical Link

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Thursday, 28 October 2021

Webex Link: https://spk-berlin.webex.com/spk-berlin/j.php?MTID=meb6b8091c6b6e3c563266ff8b92788c1

9:00 – 10:00 AM CET Welcome and Opening Lecture

Opening Address: Achim Bonte – Generaldirektor Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz

Opening Lecture: Jürgen Kett — DNB
Overview of current developments in standardisation in the GND

10:00 – 12:00 AM CET Panel I: Libraries and Authority Records I

Carolin Schreiber and Robert Giel — Handschriftenportal
Handschriftenportal: Types of authority data and their use

Gerhard Müller — Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
Multilinguality in the GND

Colinda Lindermann and Christoph Rauch — Project Orient-Digital
Authority records in Qalamos: Practices and perspectives

Discussion

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### 1:00 - 3:00 PM CET Panel II: Libraries and Authority Records II

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- Werner Schwartz — Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen
  - Allowing for multiple standard forms: The CERL Thesaurus
- Yasmin Faghihi — Cambridge University Library
  - The role of a coordinator of data and content: Managing the creation and use of data across a distributed network
- David Calabro, Joshua Mugler, Catherine Walsh — Hill museum and Manuscript Library
  - Titulus and HMML Authority File: Creating and sharing authorities from cross-cultural manuscript traditions at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library

Discussion

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### 3:30-5:30 PM CET Panel III: Project Reports

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- Nathan Gibson — Biblia Arabica, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
  - Authority records at the frontiers of research: How can small projects incorporate large providers into their workflows?
- Theodore Beers — AnonymClassic, Freie Universität Berlin
  - Flexibility vs. interoperability in manuscript metadata: Reflections from the AnonymClassic project
- Mohamed Maslouh — MMP-II, Ghent University
  - MARC21, RDF, VIAF, and fifteenth-century Arabic historiography

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**Friday, 29 October 2021**

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**Welcome and Coffee**

9:00 – 9:30 AM CET Welcome and Opening

**9:30 – 12:00 AM CET Panel IV: Limits & Challenges**

Maxim Romanov — Universität Wien
Being pragmatic: Data and authority files in the OpenITI corpus

Lorenz Nigst — KITAB Project
Categories not made for their content: Challenges of premodern Islamicate texts with regard to authority files

Till Grallert — Open Arabic Periodical Editions, Project Jarāʾid and SIHAFA
Who is ʿAlī Pasha? Modelling personal names from the late Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean (c. 1850–1920)

Jonathan Robker — The Digital Orientalist, Universität Münster
Digitizing bibliographic manuscripts: Best practices and desiderata from extant exemplars

Discussion

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**1:00 – 2:30 PM CET Panel V: Automation**

Daniel Kinitz, Thomas Efer, Tariq Yousef — Bibliotheca Arabica, Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig
Pragmatic approaches to authority control of premodern Arabic personal names and book titles

Michael Becker and Sarah Winkelmann — Universitätsrechenzentrum Leipzig
Handling large quantities of person data: Opportunities and challenges

Discussion

Coffee break

**3:00 – 5:00 PM CET Panel VI: Use & Re-Use**

Huw Jones — Cambridge University
How reusable is your data?

Cornelis van Lit — The Digital Orientalist, Utrecht University
Create Locally, Share Globally: Customizing automation for building authority records out of existing catalogs

Discussion and Wrap-up Day 2