

The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)

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Archives and Archival Practices: Documentary Corpora from the Islamicate World

Thursday, 23 September, 03:00pm–05:30pm CEST

Friday, 24 September, 03:00pm–05:40pm CEST

Zoom-Meeting

Registration:

<https://www.csmc.uni-hamburg.de/register-workshop10.html>

In this workshop we will examine and interpret the traces of archives and archival practices that survive in extant documentary corpora from the pre-modern Islamicate world. We will bring together scholars working with original documents in various languages and scripts (Persian, Arabic, Judaeo-Arabic, Judaeo-Persian) to examine the comparability of practices with roots in legal systems, social institutions, and administrative cultures which share key cultural frames of reference. We will also discuss the challenges that emerge from the complicated preservation histories of written artefacts from the Islamicate world.

Programme

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- 03:00 – 03:10 *Welcome*
- 03:10 – 03:30 Ofir Haim (Princeton): *Private Archives in Pre-Mongol Iran: The Archive of Yehuda ben Daniel as a Case Study*
- 03:30 – 03:50 Arezou Azad (Oxford): *Archival Practices in New Persian Documents from 11th-13th Century Afghanistan*
- 03:50 – 04:10 *Discussion*
- 04:15 – 04:30 *Break*
- 04:30 – 04:50 Zahir Bhalloo (Hamburg): *Archival Practices in the Medieval Islamic World: The Ādūjī b. Yāzili Documents in the Ḥaram al-Sharīf Documentary Corpus*
- 04:50 - 05:10 Ali Rafi (Tehran): *Depth of Description, Terminology and System of Units in Correspondence Archiving at Safavid Royal Court*
- 05:10 – 05:30 *Discussion*

Friday, 24 September, 03:00pm–05:40pm CEST

- 03:00 – 03:20 Marina Rustow (Princeton): *Stab-Stitching in the Archives: Material Evidence for Provisional Binding Methods*
- 03:20 - 03:40 Konrad Hirschler (Berlin, Hamburg): *Archival Practices in the Haram al-Sharif Corpus of Mamluk Jerusalem*
- 03:40 – 04:00 *Discussion*
- 04:00 - 04:20 *Break*
- 04:20 – 04:40 Daisy Livingston (Hamburg): *Speculations about the Archives of the Qadis of late-Mamluk Cairo*
- 04:40 - 05:00 Tamer El-Leithy (Baltimore): *Traveling Deeds: The Circulation of Private Legal Documents in late-Mamlūk Damascus (1480-1500 A.D.)*
- 05:00 – 05:20 *Discussion*
- 05:20 - 05:40 *Wrap-up and further discussion*