



International Workshop

Making of a Sage: Corpora of Wise Sayings in a Religio-Historical Perspective

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Programme

Friday, 28 June 2024

Historische Sternwarte, Geismar Landstr. 11, 37083 Göttingen

8.30 – 9.00

Jens Scheiner (Göttingen), Ute Pietruschka (Halle/Göttingen): Welcome Address,
Workshop Objectives

Panel 1 The Sage as “Crystallizing Figure”

Chair/Respondent: Oliver Overwien (Berlin)

9.00 – 10.00 Keynote Lecture:

Ulrich Marzolph (Würzburg): “Kristallisationsgestalten” in Middle Eastern
Narrative Tradition

10.00 – 10.45

Jan van Ginkel (Berlin): Alexander the Great as a “Kristallisationsgestalt”. The
various forms and motives of Alexander to promote a morally correct life

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 11.45

Maxim Yosefi (Uppsala/Göttingen): From the Symbol of Doomed Power to the
Personification of Wisdom: Luqmān in Classical Arabic Poetry

11.45 – 12.30

Ute Pietruschka (Halle/Göttingen): The Many Faces of the Sage: Luqman and his
Manifestations in Arabic Literature

12.30 – 13.15

Dmitrij Bumazhnov (Göttingen): Macariana Islamica II: Reflections on Christian
Roots of the Triple Hadith about Infants Speaking in Their Cradles

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch

Panel 2 Text Re-use in Large Text Corpora

Chair/Respondent: Michael Marx (Berlin)

14.30 – 15.30 Keynote Lecture:

Marco Bächler (Dessau): Tools for Text Re-use

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 16.45

Samuel Rubenson (Lund): Tracing the Transmission of Desert Wisdom

16.45 – 17.30

Maxim Romanov (Hamburg): Text Reuse in the Arabic Written Tradition: A Case of Biographical Collections

18.00 City walk (optional)

19.30 Dinner at Restaurant Bullerjahn (Markt 9, 37073 Göttingen)

Saturday, 29 June 2024

Kulturwissenschaftliches Zentrum, Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14, Room 0.608

Panel 3 Ahiqar from the Ancient Near East to Late Antiquity

Chair/Respondent: Jens Scheiner (Göttingen)

9.00 – 10.00 Keynote Lecture:

Seth Bledsoe (Nijmegen): The Concept of Wisdom in the Book of Ahiqar:
Rethinking the Fabled Wisdom of an Influential Sage

10.00 – 10.45

Simon Birol (Göttingen): Ahiqar as the Epitome of Wisdom in the Syriac Tradition

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.00

Reinhard Kratz (Göttingen): Making Ahiqar an Israelite in the Book of Tobit

12.00 – 12.45

Ioannis M. Konstantakos (Athens): Ahiqar and the Genres of Wisdom: Fables and Sayings in Ancient Near Eastern Narrative and Wisdom Literature

12.45 – 13.30

Wrap-up discussion

13.30

Lunch & Farewell

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