

## CALL FOR APPLICATION

### CSMC Summer School on Hebrew Palaeography and Codicology

**7 – 15 September 2017 in Hamburg, Germany**

**Conveners:** Malachi Beit-Arié (Hebrew University Jerusalem), Sarit Shalev-Eyni (Hebrew University Jerusalem), Edna Engel (Hebrew University Jerusalem), Nurit Pasternak (Hebrew University Jerusalem)

**Venue:** State and University Library Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscripts, University of Hamburg (CSMC)

**Application deadline:** 8 July 2017

**Topic:**

In recent years the interest in Medieval Hebrew codicology and palaeography has grown among scholars and students of texts who use manuscripts written in the Hebrew script. Users of manuscripts in all scripts are now increasingly becoming aware of the importance of the materiality of the text to textual criticism and editing as well as historical and cultural research and the need to acquire a basic knowledge of codicological aspects and its typological practices.

Due to historical circumstances, Jewish communities were scattered around the Mediterranean basin and further eastward, westward and northward. Hebrew manuscripts were produced from Yemen and the Maghreb in the south, to central, northern and eastern Europe in the north, from central Asia in the east to England in the west; embraced by the book civilizations of Islam and Christianity – the Oriental and Western Islamic territories and their Arabic script and booklore, the Byzantine East and its Greek script, the Latin West, and other Oriental minor languages and scripts. Consequently, dealing with Hebrew manuscripts and Hebrew codicology and palaeography inevitably involves manuscripts produced in both Orient and Occident, and their codicological and palaeographical typology is bound to relate to those of the major host zones. Bridged by shared script, culture, literature and some scribal traditions, they are separated by the different environments which affected their scribal practices.

The summer school is organised in collaboration with the Hamburg State and University Library, which will allow access to original manuscripts in situ for the teaching sessions. The School will include lessons and exercises on diverse typologies of codices and scripts, on illuminated manuscripts and on Hebrew manuscripts as historical sources; it will offer an introduction to the collections of Hebrew manuscripts in Germany and to the Hamburg Collection which consists of more than 550 manuscripts. The laboratory at the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures will show

its material-science methods and technical procedures to reconstruct the history of manuscripts, their support and used inks, and to recover lost writing. Jewish Studies and neighbouring fields like Arabic, Ethiopian, Greek or Turkish Studies will present their research on manuscripts at CSMC.

The lessons and lectures will be accompanied by a culture program including visits to the famous Jewish Cemetery in Hamburg-Altona, Museum Collections and other institutions and sights relevant for Hamburg Jewish history.

### **Application:**

The Summer School is intended for **young scholars and MA students** from the Humanities.

Good **language skills** in Hebrew are advisable but not obligatory for participation.

**Fee:** 250 EURO.

Some **scholarships** for covering accommodation and/or travel expenses up to 250 EURO are available.

Participants can get up to **10 ECTS Credit Points** for the successful participation in the summer school.

**Suitably qualified scholars and students are invited to apply.** Space for the Summer School is limited and early application is advised. Selection of participants will be on the basis of the potential benefit to their studies from attending the Summer School.

**To apply**, please send us a letter of intent, specifying your field of interest, as well as your CV by the **8th of July** via e-mail to Dr Irina Wandrey [irina.wandrey@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:irina.wandrey@uni-hamburg.de).

**Applicants** will be informed on 15 July 2017 whether their application has been successful and the Summer School fee will be due for payment by 30 July 2017.

### **Further Information:**

For further information and questions please contact:

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