

The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)  
announces a Lecture

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**Berlin Turfan Collection and Its Research – Focused on the  
Middle Iranian and Old Uyghur Texts**

At the beginning of the 20th c. different European countries, China, Japan and Russia, sent archaeological expeditions to Central Asia and brought numerous art objects and texts back to their own countries. Among them a German group excavated intensively in the Turfan area and its findings are now preserved under the name “the Berlin Turfan Collection”. This Collection is one of the most important collections of Central Asian texts and art objects worldwide. Already shortly after the arrival of the first archaeological findings in Germany, their investigation was begun and continued over many generations.

The Academy project “Turfan Studies” at the Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities is one of the main research institutes which has the philological investigation of the Middle Iranian and the Old Uyghur texts in the Berlin Turfan Collection as its main task. In my lecture, first the survey of Berlin Turfan Collection focused on both above mentioned language groups is given and its research carried out in the project “Turfan Studies” is presented.

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**Room 0001, CSMC**