The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC) cordially invites you to the workshop

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.

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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
03:50 – 04:10 Discussion
04:15 – 04:30 Break
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
03:40 – 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-Mamlûk Damascus (1480-1500 A.D.)
05:00 – 05:20 Discussion
05:20 - 05:40 Wrap-up and further discussion