

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

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### **Samaritan Manuscript Culture and the Transmission of the Samaritan Torah**

The Samaritans, a religious and ethnic group which became separate from the common Jewish culture during the 2nd century BCE, have a distinct tradition of the Hebrew Pentateuch and the Hebrew language. The Samaritan version of the Pentateuch is found in manuscripts dating from the 11th century CE onwards, written in the typical "Samaritan" Hebrew script by scribes settling in different places of the Eastern Mediterranean (Palestine, Egypt, Syria).

The lecture will describe the specific relationship between the written transmission of the Samaritan Pentateuch in these manuscripts, on the one hand, and its oral transmission in liturgical reading, on the other.

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