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Misattributions and Forgeries in Middle Eastern Manuscript Traditions Workshop

Date:

May 16-17, 2024

Venue:

Institut für Mittelalterforschung,
Österreichische Akademie der
Wissenschaften, Vienna

Conveners:

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Submission deadline:

December 15, 2023

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The purpose of this workshop is to study misattribution of content in and forgeries of Middle Eastern manuscript cultures as intellectual history. This cross-discipline workshop aims to cover manuscripts in various languages, including, but not limited to, Arabic, Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian (OK, technically not the Middle East!), Hebrew, Persian, and Syriac, in addition to the ancient languages of Egypt and Mesopotamia. All time periods are of interest.

Our workshop series not only gives speakers ample time to present (30 to 45 minutes depending on submissions), but also provides ample sessions of discussions 30 minutes long each. The purpose is to provide a space where scholars can engage with each other and learn from different disciplines.

Scholars interested in participating may send via email a proposal between 750 and 1,000 words. Proposals are to focus on the misattribution of content or forgeries aspects of the manuscript (i.e. not a study of the main literary text of the manuscript) and how that enhances our understanding of the intellectual history of manuscript production. Comparative analyses across traditions are encouraged.

Submission deadline is December 15, 2023, to be sent via email directly to Uta Nitschke-Joseph at nitschke@ias.edu.

Scholars are expected to fund their travel to/from and accommodation in Vienna. Lunches will be provided. Speakers will be invited to contribute to a collected volume on an agreed-upon theme. Junior scholars are encouraged to submit.

Additional information: www.ias.edu/hs/islamic-world/memat