

Lecture Series WiSe 2025/26

Sources and their Materiality

Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Global South

Organisers:

Prof. Dr. Nora Lafi, Chair of Islamic Studies / Dr. Felipe B. Francisco, Arabic Studies

24 October – 06 February

Friday 10.15–11.45 (Berlin time)

MUVI-RAUM (S 81, NW II)

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24.10 Prof. Dr. Nora Lafi, Islamic Studies, University of Bayreuth

A Research Journey: the Materiality of Sources and Paths to Historical Interpretation

Dr. Felipe B. Francisco, Arabic Studies, University of Bayreuth

When Scripts Speak: Tracing the History of Arabic Language through Early Modern Judeo-Moroccan Texts

31.10 Dr. Fernanda Pereira Mendes, Department of Oriental Studies, University of São Paulo

Brief Inventory of Manuscript Sources in Arabic Script Produced by Black Muslims in 19th-century Brazil

07.11 Dr. Eslam El Bahlawan, Islamic Studies, University of Bayreuth

Intersections of Heritage and Living Traditions: The Materiality of Egyptian Sufi Mawlid

14.11 Prof. Dr. Nicola Melis, Università degli Studi di Cagliari

The Materiality of Ottoman Sovereignty: Tracing Imperial Self-Representation through Titulature, Calligraphic Tughras, Coins, Ahdnames, and Defters

21.11 Dr. Jemima Alves, Department of Oriental Studies, University of São Paulo

Between Exile and Existence: Palestinian Literature as a Body-Archive

Gabriela Ismerim, Comparative Literature, University of São Paulo

From the Manto Tupinambá to the Bendegó: Art and Disputes over the Archive

28.11 Abduljabbar Abdulqader Assaghir Abuzyd, Ghadames Heritage Project

Ghadames Manuscripts: History, Content and Preservation Challenges

05.12 Prof. Dr. Islam Dayeh, Ghent University

The New Andalus. Negotiating Conviviality in Arabic Journalism in Brazil, 1890s-1950s

12.12 Dr. Elsa Cardoso, School of Arabic Studies, CSIC

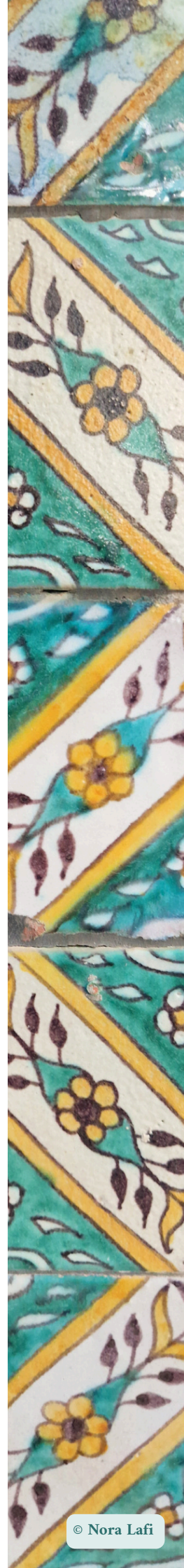
Umayyad Court Culture: al-Andalus and the Mediterranean between Late Antiquity and Islam **Room: S145/S 146 SZA**

19.12 Prof. Dr. Ahmed H. al-Rahim, University of Virginia (Charlottesville)

Practical Codicology: The Multiple Lives of a Late Mongol Author and His Corpus

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January–February

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09.01 Prof. Dr. Clarissa Vierke, Literatures in African Languages, University of Bayreuth
Listening to the Page: Sound, Script, and Performance in Swahili Poetry

Dr. habil. Georg Leube, Islamic Studies, University of Bayreuth
Materializing (a) Performance: Ibn Ajā at the Aqquyunlu Court of Tabriz, September 19 1471

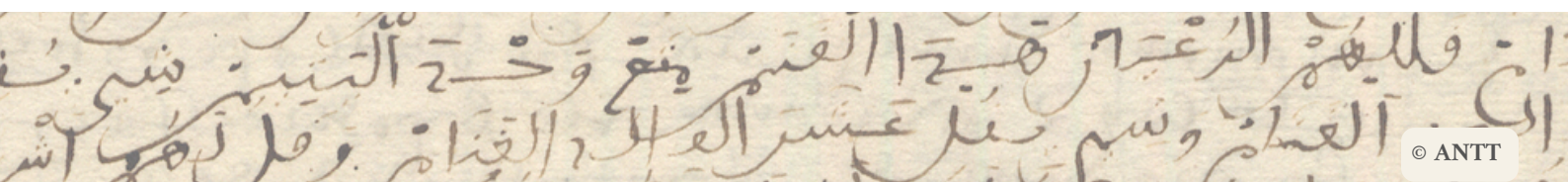
16.01 Dr. Ken Chitwood, University of Bayreuth, University of Southern California's Center for Religion and Civic Culture
Beyond Mosque & Madrasah: Exploring the Material Lives of Minoritized Muslims in the Americas

23.01 Dr. Estefanía Valenzuela, School of Arabic Studies, CSIC
Beyond the Script: Calligraphy and Linguistic Variation in Western Arabic Manuscripts

Dr. Michael Turner, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Memory and Metaphor in Medieval Morocco: Reconstructing the World of the Marinids in the Maʿaba of al-Kafif az-Zarhūnī

30.01 Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sabri-ad-Dali, Helwan University
Sub-Saharan Africa in Egyptian Sources: Materiality, Circulations, Connections

06.02 Dr. Ari Schriber, University of Erfurt
From Perception to Paper: The Reification of Truth Claims in Colonial-Era Moroccan Courts



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