Scribal Habits in Middle Eastern Manuscripts Workshop

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
White Levy Room
May 10–11, 2018

Conveners
Sabine Schmidtke and George A. Kiraz
(Institute for Advanced Study)

Friday, May 10, 2019

8:30 Coffee, bagels, etc. (light breakfast)

Session 1 [Greek I]  Chair: AnneMarie Luijendijk (Princeton University, Religion)

9:00 Opening

9:15 Elizabeth Buchanan, Connecting the Dots: Using Diaeresis as a Source of Information about Scribal Practices in Greek Papyri in Sixth-Century Egypt

9:45 Alan Taylor Farnes, Direct Copies as Test Cases in the Quest for Scribal Habits

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

Session 2 [Hebrew]  Chair: Dina Boero (College of New Jersey, History)

11:00 Julia G. Krivoruchko, The niqqud in medieval Judeo-Greek manuscripts: research expectations vs. scribal practice


12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Session 3 [Aramaic/Syriac]  Chair: Michael Cook (Princeton University, NES)

2:00 Ed Cook, Scribal Errors and Corrections in Aramaic

2:30 Jonathan Loopstra, Scribes and Their Habits in Eighth-Century Syria

3:00 Dan Batovici, Organising 1 Clement in Syriac and Coptic: Text dividers in University Library Cambridge Add. MSS 1700, Berlin Staatsbibliothek Ms. or. fol. 3065, and Strasbourg Université copte 362-385
3:30   Discussion
4:00   Coffee break

Session 4 [Greek II]  Chair: Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)
4:30    T. C. Schmidt, Scribes and the Book of Revelation in Eastern New Testaments
5:00    Michael Dormandy, “We are the sum of our habits”: Aggregate Scribal Habits of Whole Bible Manuscripts
5:30    Discussion
6:15    Dinner

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Session 5 [Arabic]  Chair: Kathleen McVey (Princeton Theological Seminary)
9:00    Ursula Bsees, Scribal Practice in Arabic Literary Papyri
10:00   Coffee break
10:15   Zuzana Gažáková, Manuscripts of Arabic Popular Epics and Sīrat Sayf ibn Dhī Yazan
10:45   Discussion
11:15   Mini-break

Session 6 [IAS Projects]  Chair: Sabine Schmidtke (IAS)
11:30   Various Members Describe their projects
        Tommaso Tesei; George Kiraz
12:30   Lunch

Session 7 [Turkish/Persian (and Arabic)]  Chair: George Kiraz (IAS)
2:00    Mihan Shiva, Manuscript production and scribal work-rate in 15th-century Iran
2:30    H. Evren Sünnetçioğlu, Inscribing Authority on the Books of Jurisprudence: Fatwās, Scribes, and Chief Jurisprudents in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire, 15th-18th Centuries
3:00    Mini-break
3:15    Discussion
3:45    Workshop Discussion & Future Conference Ideas
4:15    Enjoy Princeton!