

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Association for the Study of Middle and Mixed Arabic

Association internationale pour l'étude du moyen arabe et des variétés mixtes de l'arabe

الجمعية الدولية لدراسات العربية الوسيطة ومستويات العربية

Dear colleagues,

We feel truly honored to invite you to participate in the sixth international conference of the International Association for the study of the Middle and Mixed Arabic (AIMA) which will take place from Tuesday 9 June until Friday 12 June 2020 at the Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia (Department of Classical and Semitic Philology Gondova 2, 81499 Bratislava)

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After the five previous successful accomplishments of Symposia in Louvain-la-Neuve (2004), Amsterdam (2007), Florence (2010), Atlanta (2013), and Strasbourg (2017), our faculty is pleased to accept the offer to organize the sixth conference dedicated to the same principal objective – improving our knowledge about the written varieties of Middle Arabic and varieties, particularly oral, of contemporary Mixed Arabic.

The theme proposed specifically for the sixth conference is “**Middle and Mixed Arabic: A Typology of Genres and Intended Recipients**”. In this respect, it is expected that the following issues will be addressed: *What sorts of literary or specialized genres and documents are produced in Middle Arabic/Mixed Arabic or tend to contain Middle Arabic/Mixed Arabic elements? Why? How did they evolve over time? How do such texts influence the readership and the evolution of Arabic language(s)? Do these texts have mainly a particular (local, professional) readership/audience or are they prone to a larger Arab audience? What are the peculiarities of Middle/Mixed Arabic in these genres?*

Of course, this theme is only indicative, and proposals of papers will be accepted provided they deal with the general theme of Middle and Mixed Arabic. Therefore, we kindly invite participants to clearly formulate their abstracts so that we can judge whether their proposals fall within the scope of AIMA (see the attached introduction by Johannes den Heijer to the proceedings of AIMA II).

The accepted languages are English, French, and Arabic. Each speaker will be allocated twenty minutes with another ten minutes for discussion. The selected proceedings of the conference will be published in the Supplementum of the indexed

peer-review academic journal Asian and African Studies (published since 1965 by the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava)
<http://orient.sav.sk/asian-and-african-studies/>
https://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=en&doc=journal-list&journal_no=30

Interested participants are invited to submit a title and a brief abstract (max. 250 words) by 31 January 2020 to zuzana.gazakova@uniba.sk
Abstracts will be passed on to the Scientific Committee, which is expected to give a definite answer before 31 March 2020.

In addition to this official letter, you will find other documents attached to the call:

1. An Introduction by Johnannes den Heijer to the proceedings of AIMA II
2. A poster with the abbreviated general information about the upcoming event
3. A French version of the official letter
4. A presentation of the *International Association for the Study of Middle and Mixed Arabic* (AIMA); objectives of AIMA; issues that should be given priority (Eng. & French version); a list of the previous symposia of AIMA, with the list of the publications of the proceedings as well as a list of the members of the Organizing and Scientific Committee;
5. An answer form

Please feel free to send this document to colleagues specializing in other linguistic areas who might be interested in these themes and who would possibly wish to give a paper related to their and our interests.

We very much look forward to having you participate in the conference.

Best regards,

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