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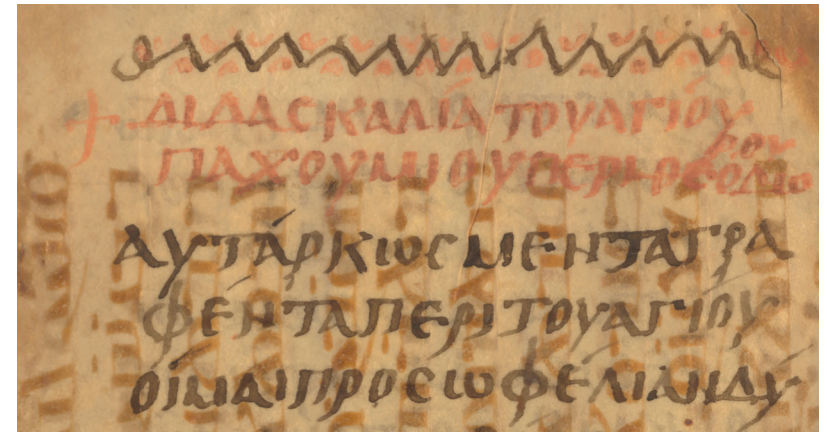


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# NEW LIGHT ON OLD MANUSCRIPTS

## RECENT ADVANCES IN PALIMPSEST STUDIES

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# PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018

09:00–10:30 Moderator: Otto Kresten

**Michael B. Phelps**

*The Sinai Palimpsests Project: its History, Philosophy, and Contributions*

**Claudia Rapp**

*The Palimpsest Corpus at St. Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai  
Preliminary Observations*

**Giulia Rossetto**

*Greek under Arabic: Behind the Lines of Sinaiticus arabicus NF 66*

10:30–11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00–12:30 Moderator: Otto Kresten

**Pasquale Orsini**

*Greek Scripts, Books and Texts: New Materials from Sinai*

**Agamemnon Tselikas**

*Textual Observations on Some Sinai Majuscule Palimpsests*

**Steve Delamarter – Getatchew Haile**

*The Ethiopic Undertext of Sinai Greek NF 90: Discovery and Analysis*

12:30–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00–14:45 Moderator: Manfred Schreiner

**Damianos Kasotakis**

*Implementing Spectral Imaging in the Sinai Desert*

**Kenneth Boydston**

*Beyond Discovery: Bringing More Good Things to Light*

14:45–15:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

15:00–16:00 Moderator: Manfred Schreiner

**Keith T. Knox**

*Recovery of Erased Text Using Unsupervised Methods*

**Roger L. Easton Jr.**  
*Customized Processing of Multispectral Imagery of Palimpsests Based on Spectral Statistics*

**Dave Kelbe**  
*Is it Magic? The Science Behind Image Processing: Perspectives and Possibilities*

16:00–16:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30–17:15 Moderator: Bernadette Frühmann

**Michael B. Toth**  
*Dispersed Palimpsest Offers Digital Insight into St. Catherine's Library*

**Doug Emery**  
*Reflections on the Digital Palimpsest: Data Modeling and Data Management*

## THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2018

09:00–10:00 Moderator: Ernst Gamillscheg

**Sebastian P. Brock**  
*What Can Be Learnt, and What Not, from the Experience of the Syriac and Christian Palestinian Aramaic Palimpsests*

**Grigory Kessel**  
*Codex Arabicus (Sinai Arabic 514) Revisited*

10:00–10:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:15–11:30 Moderator: Basema Hamarneh

**Christa Müller-Kessler**  
*A Florilegium of Christian Palestinian Aramaic Palimpsests from St. Catherine's Monastery*

**Alain J. Desreumaux**  
*L'apport des palimpsestes du Sinaï à la codicologie araméenne christo-palestinienne et aux versions anciennes des textes bibliques*

11:30–12:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

12:00–13:00 Moderator: Kurt Smolak

**Michelle P. Brown**  
*Arabic NF 8 and the Latin Manuscripts of St. Catherine's, Sinai*

**Heinz Miklas**  
*'Excavating' the Slavonic Palimpsests in the New Sinaitic Finds*

13:00–14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00 Moderator: Hans-Jürgen Feulner

**Zaza Aleksidze – Dali Chitunashvili**  
*Palimpsest N/Sin Geo 7 Kept at the St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (Identification of the Texts)*

**Bernard Outtier**  
*New Insights in Christo-Palestinian Aramaic and Georgian Literatures*

**Jost Gippert**  
*New Light on the Caucasian Albanian Palimpsests of St. Catherine's Monastery*

16:00–16:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30–18:00 Moderator: Katharina Kaska

**Irmgard Schuler**  
*Imaging for Manuscript Inspection*

**Simon Brenner**  
*Photometric Stereo for Palimpsest Analysis*

**Leif Glaser**  
*X-Ray Fluorescence Investigations on Erased Text Written in Iron Gall Ink*

**Ivan Shevchuk**

*Full Field Multispectral Imaging as a Tool for Text Recovery in Palimpsests*

**18:30** DINNER FOR INVITED GUESTS

## FRIDAY, 27 APRIL 2018

**09:00–11:00** Moderator: *Andreas E. Müller*

**Felix Albrecht – Chiara Francesca Faraggiana di Sarzana**

*A Carbonized Septuagint Palimpsest of the Libri Sapientiales in Biblical Majuscule, Codex Taurinensis, Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria, C.V. 25 (Rahlfs-Ms. 3010): Its Text and Context*

**Jana Grusková – Giuseppe De Gregorio**

*Neueste Einblicke in einige palimpsestierte Handschriftenunikate aus den griechischen Beständen der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek*

**Bernard H. Stolte**

*Editing the Basilica and the Role of Palimpsests. The Case of Vindob. Suppl. gr. 200*

**11:00–11:30** REFRESHMENT BREAK

**11:30–13:00** Moderator: *Christian Gastgeber*

**Dieter Harlfinger**

*Palimpsest-Forschung am Beispiel der Athener Handschrift EBE 192 mit juristischen Texten und Aristoteles-Kommentaren*

**André Binggeli**

*The Making of a Greek Palimpsest from the Patriarchal Library in Istanbul*

**Carla Falluomini**

*The Gothic Palimpsests: New Readings and Discoveries*

**13:00–14:30** LUNCH BREAK

**14:30–16:00** Moderator: *Bernhard Palme*

**Peter E. Pormann**

*The Syriac Galen Palimpsest: Between Philology and Digital Humanities*

**Ronny Vollandt**

*Palimpsests from Cairo and Damascus: A Comparative Perspective from the Cairo Genizah and the Qubbat al-Khazna*

**Alba Fedeli**

*A Few Remarks on Qur'anic Palimpsests*

**16:00–16:15** REFRESHMENT BREAK

**16:15–17:45** Moderator: *Gerda Wolfram*

**Andreas Janke**

*Challenges in Working with Music Palimpsests*

**András Németh**

*Interactive Learning of Palimpsest Research: Virtual Guided Tour from the Invisible to the Abstract Reconstruction*

**Gregory Heyworth**

*From Technology to Text: Reading and Editing the Lacunose Manuscript*

**17:45–18:00** REFRESHMENT BREAK

**18:00–18:30** Discussion and Concluding Remarks

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