

Summer school in the Turfanforschung
August 22 – September 2, 2016
“Sogdians and Turks on the Silk Road”

The Turfanforschung (Turfan Studies) at the Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities offers in 2016 a summer school providing an introduction to the field of Turfan Studies, which deals with the many languages and scripts used along the Silk Road as well as the histories and cultures of those who used them. The summer school will center around the two main languages of Turfan research. Sogdian, a middle Iranian language, was widely used as a *lingua franca* in Central Asia since the 1st c. A.C. Old Turkic was the language of Turkic nomads which had a strong influence on the Silk Road since the middle of the 6th c. After the migration of the Uyghurs it was also used as the main language in the Turfan area under Uyghur rule until 14th c.

The courses in this summer school will be given by the staff of the Turfanforschung and the Katalogisierung der Orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland (Arbeitsstelle Berlin): A. Benkato, D. Durkin-Meisterernst, Y. Kasai, S.-Ch. Raschmann, C. Reck, A. Yakup. There will also be guest lectures by I. Colditz, M. Peyrot and L. Sander.

Date: August 22 - September 2, 2016
Period: two weeks, four seminars (each 90 min.) in a day
Place: in the Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jägerstraße 22-23,
10117 Berlin

The participation is free.

Topics:

1. Scripts

Sogdian script
Uyghur script
Turkic Runic
Nestorian script
Manichaean script
Brāhmī script

2. Language: Old Turkic

language course with reading
lecture for linguistics

3. Language: Sogdian

language course with reading
lecture for linguistics

4. Language: Tocharian

lecture

5. Turfan studies

history of the Turfan expeditions
Central Asian book culture
history
religions
research history

Because a minimum number of participants are required for the summer school to take place, we ask for a binding registration by 20th May 2016 at rabuske@bbaw.de or in writing at: Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften AV Turfanforschung, Jägerstraße 22-23, D-10117, Berlin.

Venue: Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 10117 Berlin, Einstein-Saal (5th floor) and Konferenzraum 1 (1st floor only for August 25)

1st week (August 22 – August 26, 2016)

	Monday August 22	Tuesday August 23	Wednesday August 24	Thursday August 25	Friday August 26
09:00 - 10:30	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>
10.30 - 11:00	Break				
11:00 - 12:30	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian language</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break				
14:00 - 15:30	S.-Ch. Raschmann <i>History of the Turfan expeditions</i>	Y. Kasai <i>History of the Silk Road</i>	S.-Ch. Raschmann/ Ch. Reck <i>Research History, Editions, Catalogues</i>	Turfanforschung BBAW / AdW Göttingen/ SBB-PK: Restaurierungs- werkstatt <i>Central Asian book culture; Problems and techniques of restoration (of Turfan fragments)</i>	Exhibition of the project “Wooden architectural elements from Qočo” Museum für Asiatische Kunst, Berlin-Dahlem
15:30 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30	D. Durkin-Meisterernst <i>Nestorian/Manichaean script</i>	A. Yakup <i>Turkic Runes</i>	continued	continued	continued

2nd week (August 29 – September 2, 2016)

	Monday August 29	Tuesday August 30	Wednesday August 31	Thursday September 1	Friday September 2
09:00 - 10:30	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Old Turkic</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break				
11:00 - 12:30	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>	A. Benkato <i>Sogdian</i>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break				
14:00 - 15:30	D. Durkin-Meisterernst <i>Middle Iranian Linguistics</i>	A. Yakup <i>Old Turkic Linguistics</i>	L. Sander <i>Brāhmī script</i>	M. Peyrot <i>Tocharian languages</i>	Y. Kasai <i>Religions of the Old Turks</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30	Ch. Reck <i>Sogdian script</i>	A Yakup <i>Uyghur script</i>	I. Colditz <i>Manichaeism</i>	M. Peyrot <i>Tocharian and Old Turkic (Maitrisimit)</i>	To be announced