## SYMPOSIUM

## **SEARCHING FOR WORDS**

**STUDYING ANCIENT SOURCES? PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH** 

20-21 June 2024 UZT- Universitätszentrum Theologie Heinrichstrasse 78, Graz, HS 47.02 The cultivation of the ancient languages from which our tradition draws is increasingly disappearing from university and other curricula. Latin and Greek have already been marginalised and are struggling to survive - not to mention the other languages of the Christian Orient.

This symposium seeks to set a counterpoint. The immediate occasion for this meeting is a text edition from Syriac sources by Erich Renhart which recently published in the Patrologia Orientalis series. We explore questions regarding meaning and purpose of dealing with our written cultural heritage in the face of very real threats both in terms of its material preservation as well as its study and cultivation. In addition, perspectives on how this essential work can be carried out in the future are also explored.

## **Preliminary Programme**

THURSDAY		
9:00	Pablo Argárate, Graz University	Opening
9:15	Erich Renhart, Graz University	"The Oldest Manuscript Fragments of University Library Graz"
10:00	Jost GIPPERT, Hamburg University	"Cultural Heritage Hidden and Obscured – Palimpsests from the Caucasus"
10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00	Gohar Muradyan, Matenadaran Yerevan	"The New Critical Edition of the Old Armenian Version of the Alexander Romance"
	Aram TOPCHYAN, Matenadaran Yerevan	"Greek and Roman Literature in Old and Modern Armenian Translations"
12:00	Baby VARGHESE, SEERI, Kerala	"Research on the Text of the Syriac Anaphora of St James: Inter-Disciplinary Approach"
12:45-14:00	LUNCH (in-house)	
14.00	Dietmar W. WINKLER, Salzburg University	"Back to the Roots. The Necessity of Studying Sources for Present-Day Ecumenical Dialogues"
14:45	Michele CUTINO, University of Strasbourg	"The Tradition on the Twelve Patriarchs in the Greek, Syriac and Latin Patristic Treatises"
15:30	COFFEE BREAK	

16:00	Philippe Luisier SJ, PIO, Rome	<i>"Die</i> Patrologia Orientalis, seit mehr als 120 Jahren im Dienst der Quellenarbeit christlich- orientalischer Texte"
16:45	Erich RENHART, Graz University	Presentation of PO 59,1 (fasc. 256): The Syriac Anaphora of Saint Basil
17:15	Discussion   Review of the day	
18:10	BUFFET RECEPTION	Courtesy of the Mayor of Graz
FRIDAY		
9:00	Vice Rector Reidl, Graz University	Welcome on behalf of the University
9:15	Andy Rembeci, Tirana University	"Silent Spaces: Preserving Byzantine Greek Language and Texts in Albania"
10:00	Kristijan Kuhar and Silvio Košćak, Staroslavenski Institute, Zagreb	"Glagolitic Written Heritage in Digital Format. Pros and Cons"
10:45	Josip Dukić, Split University	"The Center for Epigraphic, Paleographic and Historical-Theological research 'Don Frane Bulić' in Split and the Publication of Historical Sources"
11:30	Franz Karl Prassl, Pontificio Istituto di Musica Sacra, Rome	"On the Benefits of Studying Notated Liturgical Manuscripts"
12:15	Closing remarks	
	BUFFET	

If you are planning to participate, we would ask you to send us a quick email so we can better plan our order for our catering. Thank you!

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