



## International Workshop

### Making of a Sage: Corpora of Wise Sayings in a Religio-Historical Perspective

28-29 June 2024

Göttingen University,  
Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies I

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## Programme

Friday, 28 June 2024

Historische Sternwarte, Geismar Landstr. 11, 37083 Göttingen

8.30 – 9.00

Jens Scheiner (Göttingen), Ute Pietruschka (Halle/Göttingen): Welcome Address,  
Workshop Objectives

### Panel 1 The Sage as “Crystallizing Figure”

Chair/Respondent: Oliver Overwien (Berlin)

9.00 – 10.00 Keynote Lecture:

Ulrich Marzolph (Würzburg): “Kristallisationsgestalten” in Middle Eastern  
Narrative Tradition

10.00 – 10.45

Jan van Ginkel (Berlin): Alexander the Great as a “Kristallisationsgestalt”. The  
various forms and motives of Alexander to promote a morally correct life

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 11.45

Maxim Yosefi (Uppsala/Göttingen): From the Symbol of Doomed Power to the  
Personification of Wisdom: Luqmān in Classical Arabic Poetry

11.45 – 12.30

Ute Pietruschka (Halle/Göttingen): The Many Faces of the Sage: Luqman and his  
Manifestations in Arabic Literature

12.30 – 13.15

Dmitrij Bumazhnov (Göttingen): Macariana Islamica II: Reflections on Christian  
Roots of the Triple Hadith about Infants Speaking in Their Cradles

**13.15 – 14.30** Lunch

## **Panel 2 Text Re-use in Large Text Corpora**

**Chair/Respondent: Michael Marx (Berlin)**

**14.30 – 15.30 Keynote Lecture:**

Marco Büchler (Dessau): Tools for Text Re-use

**15.30 – 16.00** Coffee break

**16.00 – 16.45**

Samuel Rubenson (Lund): Tracing the Transmission of Desert Wisdom

**16.45 – 17.30**

Maxim Romanov (Hamburg): Text Reuse in the Arabic Written Tradition: A Case of Biographical Collections

**18.00** City walk (optional)

**20.00** Dinner at Restaurant Bullerjahn (Markt 9, 37073 Göttingen)

## **Saturday, 29 June 2024**

**Kulturwissenschaftliches Zentrum, Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14, Room 0.608**

## **Panel 3 Ahiqar from the Ancient Near East to Late Antiquity**

**Chair/Respondent: Jens Scheiner (Göttingen)**

**9.00 – 10.00 Keynote Lecture:**

Seth Bledsoe (Nijmegen): The Concept of Wisdom in the Book of Ahiqar: Rethinking the Fabled Wisdom of an Influential Sage

**10.00 – 10.45**

Simon Birol (Göttingen): Ahiqar as the Epitome of Wisdom in the Syriac Tradition

**10.45 – 11.15** Coffee break

**11.15 – 12.00**

Reinhard Kratz (Göttingen): Making Ahiqar an Israelite in the Book of Tobit

**12.00 – 12.45**

Ioannis M. Konstantakos (Athens): Ahiqar and the Genres of Wisdom: Fables and Sayings in Ancient Near Eastern Narrative and Wisdom Literature

**12.45 – 13.30**

Wrap-up discussion

**13.30**

Lunch & Farewell

**Organisation:** Jens Scheiner (Göttingen)/ Ute Pietruschka (Halle/Göttingen)

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