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# **Corpora and micro-corpora in the study of Middle Arabic and mixed varieties of Arabic: From the Qur'an to the Digital Humanities**

# 7th AIMA conference



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du moyen arabe et des variétés mixtes de l'arabe*

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## حكاية الناير واليقطان

فوجداً متحالسةٌ ٠ قال وكان سبب مجدهن ذلك الوقت ياملك الزمان ام كان  
ما كان ارسل خلفها قصاعكان وكانت سمعت لحدى فقات لها ياماً راه عني لهي  
ولذلك قبل ما تتحققه ٠ ثم حذرتها بالادرالزوج رماً اولد الى اجهه ثم تجربت وهي  
لتقيع لانعقل شردة خللت في الشاح الذي بناه فيها ولدها وهمت ببيانون ان توب  
عليه فايقته انه فلي استيقظ قال يا اباه لعدجيتي وقت طيب وذا ديني  
بيانون شامرين اللينة فنظر اليها وقال يا ادري تجيئي علىكي تكى لناسيله هنا  
الحارف والمنام فقات لباربيه يا ولدي اين هنـه من حكـيد النـام واـليـقطـان فـانـه  
اغـرمـهـ وـلـغـبـهـ مـنـ الـحـارـفـ وـالـمـنـامـ فـعـالـلـهـ ماـكـانـ فـقـعـلـقـ قـلـبـهـ بـسـاعـ الحـدـيـ  
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## Monday 8th September afternoon

Palazzo Corigliano, Sala Conferenze, Piazza San Domenico Maggiore 12

16.00-17.00 Official greetings of welcome

### SPECIAL LECTURE 1

Chair: **Riccardo Contini** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

17.00-18.00 **Mauro Tosco** (University of Turin)

*Languages (Arabic, too!) do exist—but it is difficult to find them*

*Aperitif at Scaturchio (Piazza San Domenico)*

## Tuesday 9th September morning

Palazzo Giusso, Aula Matteo Ripa, Largo San Giovanni Maggiore 30

**Panel 1:** (Proponents: **Johannes den Heijer**; **Jérôme Lentin**; **Marie-Aimée Germanos**)

*Playing the same game? Behaviour of genuine MMA features across time and space*

Chair: **Gunvor Mejell** (University of Oslo)

9.00-9.30 **Johannes den Heijer** (UC Louvain)

*Redefining pseudo-corrections in MMA*

9.30-10.00 **Jérôme Lentin** (INALCO, Paris)

*La variation de registre en moyen arabe  
et en arabe mélangé : similitudes et différences*

10.00-10.30 **Marie-Aimée Germanos** (INALCO, Paris)

*Consonnes contre voyelles : fréquence comparée d'utilisation  
des sons de l'arabe standard contemporain dans les formes  
hybrides d'un corpus oral libanais*

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

- 2      Corpora and micro-corpora in the study of Middle Arabic and mixed varieties of Arabic  
*From the Qur'an to the Digital Humanities*

## Session 2

Chair: **Roberto Tottoli** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

Sponsorship: ERC: EuQu project

11.00-11.30 **Muhammad al-Sharkawi** (Wayne State University, Detroit)

*Qur'ān as Corpus for the History of Arabic*

11.30-12.00 **Oliver Salem** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

*The Pausal System in the Qur'ānic Plurilingualism*

12.00-12.30 **Mária Lacináková** (Comenius University, Bratislava),

*Calligraphic Versus More Casual-Hand Manuscripts of al-Kisā'ī's Kitāb 'Ağā'ib al-Malakūt: The Relationship Between Appearance and Linguistic Quality*

12.30-14.00 *Light lunch*

## Tuesday 9th September afternoon

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## Session 3

Chair: **Alessandro Mengozzi** (University of Turin)

14.00-14.30 **Roberta Stracquadanio** (University of Bergamo)

*Analyse linguistique des Prophéties et exhortations de Shenute.*

*Quelques variantes verbales et nominales dans un texte en moyen arabe*

14.30-15.00 **Aziza Boucherit** (Université Cité & MoDyCo, CNRS, Paris-Nanterre)

*Usage et fonction des notes de bas de page dans Haouaria (roman)*

15.00-15.30 **Mina Afkir** (Hassan II University of Casablanca)

*Mixed Arabic in Moroccan written literary texts*

15.30-16.00 *Coffee break*

From the Qur'an to the Digital Humanities

## Session 4

Chair: **Johannes den Heijer** (UC Louvain)

Sponsorship: PRIN *La terminologia della prima tradizione grammaticale siriaca, armena e araba*

16.00-16.30 **Gianfrancesco Lusini** (University of Naples L'Orientale)  
and **Valentina Bella Lanza** (University of Naples L'Orientale)  
*Arabic in Ethiopic Script: The Case of a 16th-century Utilitates Salmorum* (Vat. et. 29)

16.30-17.00 **Paolo Milizia** (University of Naples L'Orientale)  
*The working method of Coptic-Arabic grammarians and the Arabic translation of the Bible*

17.00-17.30 **Phillip W. Stokes** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)  
*On the Language of one of the Earliest Arabic Translation of the Gospels in Arabic*  
(Vatican Arabic MS 13)

Social dinner at the Restaurant Antonio & Antonio,  
Via Partenope 26



# Wednesday 10 September morning

**Palazzo Giusso, Aula Matteo Ripa, Largo San Giovanni Maggiore 30**

## SPECIAL LECTURE 2

Chair: **Giorgio Banti** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

9.00-10.00 **Emanuele Banfi** (Accademia della Crusca / Academia Europaea / Accademia Ambrosiana, Milano)

## *Le rôle et l'action de trois 'langues-toit' dans l'histoire linguistique de l'Europe et de l'Extrême Orient*

10.00-10.30 *Coffee break*

## **Panel 5:** (Proponents: **Stefano Di Pietrantonio** and **Manuel Capomaccio**)

## *Aspects of Middle Arabic in texts from the Ottoman period*

Chair: **Liesbeth Zack** (University of Amsterdam)

10.30-11.00 **Stefano Di Pietrantonio** (Institut français d'islamologie and Institut de recherche et d'histoire des textes, Paris)

## *Ģirmānūs Farhāt's alleged revisions to patriarch*

## *Athanāsiyūs III Dabbas' works, an attempt to erase Middle Arabic traits?*

11.00-11.30 **Manuel Capomaccio** (Università di Roma Tre)

# *Middle Arabic in Franciscan Accounting Documents from the 18th Century*

11.30-12.00 Ali Benli (Marmara University, Istanbul)

## *Middle Arabic Texts in the Ottoman Archives: A Linguistic and Historical Analysis*

12.00-12.30

Walid Ghabbour (كلية الآداب، جامعة بور سعيد)

## المحظورات اللغوية وتشكل النصوص الجنسية في الأدب المملوكي

12.30-14.00 *Light lunch*

## Wednesday 10 September afternoon

Palazzo Giusso, Aula Matteo Ripa, Largo San Giovanni Maggiore 30

### Session 6

Chair: **Davide Saponaro** (Fondazione Rut)

Sponsorship: Fondazione Rut

14.00-14.30 **Rachel Hasson** (Achva Academic College)

*The Corpus of Judeo-Arabic Popular literature in the Genizah:  
Boundaries, Limits and Language*

14.30-15.00 **Ofra Tirosh-Becker** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*The Judeo-Arabic Corpus of Constantine, Algeria: Identification, Processing, and Analysis*

15.00-15.30 **Ahmed Ech-Charfi** (Université Mohammed V, Rabat)

*Diglossic code-mixing as parody: A study of the TV series Al-khawāsir*

15.30-16.00 **Esma Larbi** (INALCO, Paris)

*Les différents registres d'arabe chez un notable  
et lettré algérien du XVIIIe-XIXe siècle*

16.00-16.30 *Coffee break*

### Session 7

Chair: **Lucia Avallone** (University of Bergamo)

16.30-17.00 **Zuzana Gažáková** (Comenius University, Bratislava)

*The Peculiarities of Vocalization of MS. Pm. 340 (Qiṣṣat al-Ḥajjāj)  
from the Berlin State Library*

17.00-17.30 **Francesca Bellino** (University of Naples L'Orientale),

**Alessandro Mengozzi** (University of Turin)

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*Sindbād as a seafaring hero in Middle and Mixed literature*  
**Thursday 11 September morning**

**Palazzo Giusso, Aula Matteo Ripa, Largo San Giovanni Maggiore 30**

**Panel 8:** (Proponents: **Aga Khan – KITAB project**)

*Mixed Arabic in the 21st Century: opportunities and challenges of digital technologies*

Chair: **Francisco Javier Apellaniz** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

9.00-9.30 **Peter Verkinderen** (AKU-ISMC, London)

*Manuscript digitisation and historical text re-use:  
the KITAB project and its opportunities for Mixed Arabic*

9.30-10.00 **Alex Bellem** (AKU-ISMC, London)

*Diachronic text re-use and language mixing  
in the 20th-century Lebanese “folk literature” of Salām al-Rāsī*

10.00-10.30 **Lorenz Nigst** (AKU-ISMC/CDH, London)

*Exploration of a micro-corpus of Druze texts:  
Mixed Arabic textual and linguistic elements*

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

Chair: **Emiliano Giovannetti** (CNR, Istituto di Linguistica computazionale)

11.00-11.30 **Masoumeh Seydi** (AKU-CDH, London)

*Title TBC [computational aspects of Judeo-Arabic texts]*

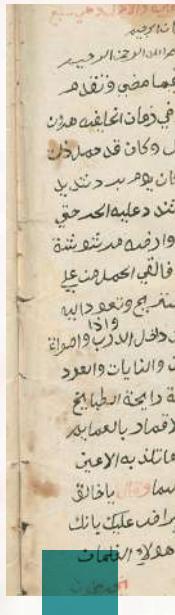
11.30-12.00 **Riccardo A. Vigliermo** (Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose, Bologna)

*Optical Character Recognition of Middle Arabic Orthographical traits:  
For a Discussion on the Current Status of OCR Systems for the Arabic script*

12.00-12.30 **Rimane Karam** (Sorbonne Université, Paris)

*The digital corpus of Sirat Baybars: composition, processing and exploration*

12.30-14.00 *Light lunch*



## Thursday 11 September afternoon

Palazzo Giusso, Aula Matteo Ripa, Largo San Giovanni Maggiore 30

### Session 9

Chair: **Martin Orwin** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

Sponsorship Progetto PRIN *Islamic Literatures  
in Sub-Saharan Africa: Themes, Genres and Publics*

14.00-15.00 **Liesbeth Zack** (University of Amsterdam)

and **Wendy Doyon** (Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin)

*Quftis at Work: Mixed Arabic and its Discourse in a Unique Corpus  
of Excavation Diaries from Egypt and Sudan, 1913-1947*

15.00-15.30 **Catherine Taine-Cheikh** (CNRS, Paris III)

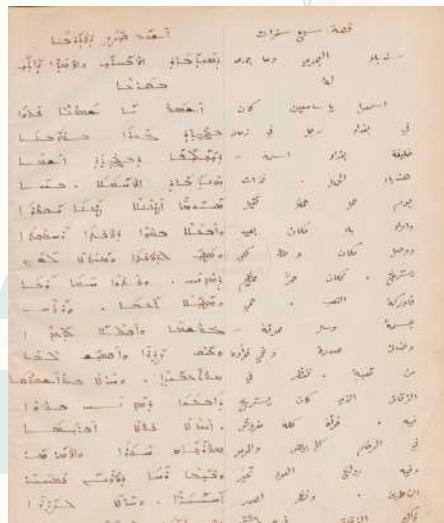
*De l'influence de l'arabe classique sur la transcription  
du dialecte en caractères arabes : l'exemple du ḥassāniyya*

15.30-16.00 **Lucia Avallone** (University of Bergamo),

**Ibraam Abdelsayed** (University of Siena)

*Linguistic Features of Mixed Arabic in 19th  
and Early 20th Century Educational Texts  
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Visita guidata al Museo archeologico di Napoli



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### SPECIAL LECTURE 3

Chair: **Antonia Soriente** (University of Naples L'Orientale)

9.00-10.00 **David Gil** (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena)  
*Malay/Indonesian: A Sociolinguistic Typology and a Comparison to Arabic*

10.00-10.30 *Coffee break*

**Panel 10:** (Proponents: **Mirella Cassarino** and **Cristina La Rosa**)

*The Pronominal System in Maghrebi Middle Arabic: Past and Present*

Chair: **Jérôme Lentin** (INALCO, Paris)

Sponsorship: ISMEO and IPO

10.30-11.00 **Mirella Cassarino** (University of Catania)

*The pronominal system in the Arabic of Sicily through  
Archive documents from the Norman and Swabian periods*

11.00-11.30 **Felipe Benjamin Francisco** (University of Bayreuth)

*On Some Archaic Pronominal Forms of Maghrebi Arabic  
in a 16th-century letter by Yehuda Benzamerro*

11.30-12.00 **Jairo Guerrero** (IREMAM, Aix-Marseille University)

*Personal pronouns in sixteenth-century Maghrebi Middle Arabic:  
Exploring diglossic variation and dialectal forms in two epistolary  
corpora from Morocco and Algeria*

12.00-12.30 **Cristina La Rosa** (University of Catania)

*Pronominal forms between Ifriqiya and Siqilliyya, past and present*

12.30-14.00 *Light lunch*

## Friday 12th September afternoon

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14.00-14.30 **Giuliano Mion** (University of Cagliari)

*Pronouns in the Medieval manāqib literature of Eastern Maghreb*

14.30-15.00 **Rosa Pennisi** (University of Catania and IREMAM,

Aix-Marseille Université)

*Identifying mixed Arabic in digital media: morpho-syntactic variations  
in the Arabic pronominal system through a Moroccan multimodal corpus*

15.00-15.30 **Estefanía Valenzuela Mochón**

(CSIC, Escuela de Estudios Árabes de Granada)

*(Non-)Classical Pronominal Forms in Andalusi  
and Maghrebi Narrative Genres*

15.30-16.00 **Alessia D'Accardio Berlinguer** (IREMAM, Aix-Marseille Université)

*The First-Person Singular Pronoun *yāna* in First-Layer*

*Maghrebi Arabic: An Internal or Berber-Contact-Induced Change?*

## Concluding Remarks

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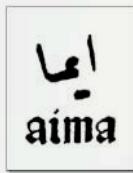
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وامر بالاغنام فزاحت وبالابل فخرت وقربوها للصلوة  
اللهم على فقرائهم ومساكينهم وآيتا لهم انه اتيكم بخيرته لم  
وما يعانون الى الحصن وياتون جميع السلاح لغير قوه له  
لرجال واحضر صناديق لهم امال وفرتها على الابطال  
دات وفتح اوان الذهب والديماج والثواب واعظام لهم  
هم بعد ذلك نرم ان يرجع الى موضع العرب عند العسرة  
دان باخذ صنم معه ويوقفه بين الصفين والناس يبتله  
هم جلس على كرسي من الذهب ونادي المدادي كل من تخلف له  
شال كان دمه وماله للملك وهذا الحكم معكم ينصركم وينظر  
قال قال فلما سمعوا الناس ذلك الكلام ما جأ بهم في بعض  
الملك امران يأتوا بالزير ليضرب عندهم بين الصفين

الآن احده قد جعلناه <sup>نـ</sup> توبيخ صحيح صحيح دعا  
ابادر جالي واقناعهم <sup>وـ</sup> ومنهم جريح جريح جريح  
فإن كنت تصر بناءً على أمرك <sup>؟</sup> فذاك ملجم ملجم ملجم  
وانافت تحذلنا يا فراس <sup>؟</sup> فذاك قبيح قبيح قبيح  
**قال** ثم بكى واشتكي وسكن بانتظار الجواب من الصنم  
فعند ذلك دخل السيطان في جوف الصنم وتزرعه تخوض  
وتتكلم وقال يامحارق من دعائى أحببته ومن العجايا أبغضته  
فمن يعتز عليكم اذا خذلتموه ومن يهدكم اذا اضللكم **قال**

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عمان الصنم النكدي يقول <sup>هـ</sup> هل ألم بهم الله <sup>وـ</sup> هل ألم بهم الله <sup>وـ</sup>  
هـ لا فاجعوا حعلم وانفروا <sup>وـ</sup> وسيروا حجيما <sup>وـ</sup> ولا نقرروا  
هـ وشدوا القتال وقوموا التزال <sup>هـ</sup>: فإني من حملتم انظروا <sup>هـ</sup>  
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