

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> c. After the migration of the Uyghurs it was also used as the main language in the Turfan area under Uyghur rule until 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

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Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 10117 Berlin, Einstein-Saal (5<sup>th</sup> floor) and Konferenzraum 1 (1st floor only for August 25, 2.p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

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

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

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

	<b>Monday August 29</b>	<b>Tuesday August 30</b>	<b>Wednesday August 31</b>	<b>Thursday September 1</b>	<b>Friday September 2</b>
<b>09:00 - 10.30</b>	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>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Break				
<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	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>
<b>12:30 - 14:00</b>	Lunch break				
<b>14:00 - 15:30</b>	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>
<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	Break				
<b>16:00 - 17:30</b>	Ch. Reck <i>Sogdian script</i>	A Yakup <i>Uygur script</i>	I. Colditz <i>Manichaeism</i>	M. Peyrot <i>Tocharian and Old Turkic (Maitrisimit)</i>	To be announced