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Ta'ziz Science Cooperations 2023–2025

Closing Conference

**“Dealing with Material Culture in the Eastern Mediterranean.
Between Excavation and Digitization”**
Philipps-University-Marburg
December 17 – 20, 2025

**For online participation use link:
[Ta'ziz - Final conference 17.-20.12.2025 Marburg](#)**

		Wednesday, 17th December 2025 Opening Session Location: CNMS – Deutschhausstraße 12, 35032 Marburg
Time		Activities
From	To	
17:00	17:30	Opening Remarks: Prof. Dr. Tanja Pommerening/Prof. Dr. Winfried Held/Prof. Dr. Albrecht Fuess, Marburg University (UMR)
17:30	19:30	<p>Keynotes on the cooperation and the general topic of <i>Dealing with material Culture in the Eastern Mediterranean</i></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Helene Sader, American University Beirut (AUB) "Phoenician Encounters: Cultural Monologue or Cultural Dialogue?"</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Mamdouh El-Damaty, Ayn Shams University (ASU), Cairo "Digitizing Cultural Heritage: The DAAD-Ta'ziz Scientific Partnership between Germany and Egypt (2023–2025)"</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Heba Saad, Alexandria University (AU) "Dealing with Material Culture: Some Reflections and Future Plans". "Dealing with Material Culture: Some Reflections and Future Plans".</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Ourania Kouka, Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus (UCY) "Cyprus and its cultural interaction with Levantine and Egyptian neighbours: current research at the University of Cyprus"</p> <p>20 minutes each, followed by 10 Minutes Q and A</p>
19:30	20:30	Reception in the CNMS



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Thursday 18th December 2025

Location: Deutscher Sprachatlas – Pilgrimstein 16, 35032 Marburg

Session 1: 09:00-9:45

Islamic Manuscripts from the Gotha Collection

Dr. Feras Krimsti (Gotha): *The Gotha Collection – Introduction*

Prof. Dr. Hassan Ebeid (ASU) *Inkless Text: Paper-Cut Techniques in a Rare Late Mamluk Manuscript from Gotha*

Session 2: 9:45-11:00

Horses and Furūsiya Islamic Manuscripts from Gotha Part II:

Prof. Dr. Ahmed al-Shoky (ASU), *Bulūg al-Marād min al-Khayl al-Jawād in the Gotha Library: A Study of Horse Care in Islamic Manuscript Culture*

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim (ASU), *Between the Paper and the Sword: The Mamluk War and Chivalry Manuscripts Preserved in Gotha Library*

Prof. Dr. Albrecht Fuess (UMR) – *Kitāb al-Kamāl wa huwa al-furūsiya (das Heerwesen der Muhammedaner)*

Coffee- Break 11:00 -11:30

Session 3: 11:30-12:45

Wings of Knowledge: The Cultural and Scientific Dimensions of Birds and Falconry in Arabic Manuscripts at Gotha Library Islamic Manuscripts from Gotha Part II

Prof. Dr. Heba Saad (AU): *Introduction about the bird and falconry collection*

Dr. Manar Hafiz: *Kitab al-ṣayd*

Dr. Mennat-Allah Naguib (AU) *Al-maṣābiḥ al-muẓbirah fī ʻilm al-bazdarah*

LUNCH

12:45 – 13:45



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Friday, 19th December 2025

Location: Deutscher Sprachatlas – Pilgrimstein 16, 35032 Marburg

Session 7: 9:15 - 10:00

Cultural Heritage in Modern Alexandria

Alaa Saber (AU), *Means of Entertainment in Egypt through the Paintings of Orientalists and Foreign Artists in the 19th Century*

Dr. Sara Ragab and Dr. Shaimaa Taha (AU), *Alexandria Stadium between History and Tourism: Preserving Royal Heritage, Building a Marketing Strategy, and Proposing a Sports Museum*

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 8: 10:30 – 11:15

Exchange of Material culture in the Eastern Mediterranean (Between Egypt/ the Levant and Cyprus')

Prof. Giorgos Papasavvas (Deputy Director of the Archaeological Research Unit), *Nefertiti: From Amarna to Cyprus*. (Online)

Dr. Artemis Georgiou (Assistant Professor/Research-ComPAS ERC Starting Grant), *Egyptian transport amphorae from Cypriot contexts of the Late Bronze Age: an overview of the evidence*

**Session 9: 11:15 – 12:15
Archaeology – Bronze Statues**

Latife Summerer (Girne), *Badly restored and misunderstood: The Bronze Statue of the Horned Dionysus from Trapezus*

Winfried Held (UMR), *Some ideas regarding the bronze statue in Marmaris*

**LUNCH
12:15 – 13:30**

Session 10: 13:30-14:45

Archaeology in Lebanon

Prof. Dr. Helene Sader (AUB), *"The Tell el-Burak Contribution to Phoenician Archaeology and Epigraphy"*
Prof. Dr. Jack Nurpetlian (AUB), *The terracotta oil lamps of Beirut*



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Coffee Break 14:45 -15:15

Session 11: 15:15 – 17:15

Presentations of History of Pharmacy and Medicine, Archaeobotany Group

Prof. Dr. Tanja Pommerening (UMR)- Prof. Dr. Ourania Kouka (UC)

Presentation of book project: Natural Environment: Pharmacy and Medicine in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean

Veronica Zampedri (UMR), *Worm Diseases in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Medicine*

Prof. Dr. Reham Ahmed Khairy El Shiwy (AU): *Cumin and Coriander: Unveiling Two Ancient Egyptian Herbals*

17:30 – Visit of Archeological Collection

**18:30 Reception at Archeological Institute
Closing Remarks by Everybody**

20th December 2025

**13-17: Marburg City Tour by Albrecht Fuess
Start at CNMS (wear good shoes)**

**Farewell Dinnerbuffet:
Marburg Mosque, Bei St. Jost 17**