



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:

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



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), *Bulūğ 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-Şayd*
 Dr. Mennat-Allah Naguib (AU) *Al-maṣābiḥ al-muṣṭahira fī ‘ilm al-baḍrah*

**LUNCH
 12:45 – 13:45**



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Session 4: 13:45-15:00

Digital Humanities and Digitization

Anja Piller (Greifswald): *The Ayn Shams Digital Lab*
Dr. Ahmed Nakshara (ASU): *The Digitization of Ayn Shams Papyri*
Dr. Hendrikje Carius (Gotha): *Gotha Digital*
Prof. Dr. Albrecht Fuess (UMR): *The EGYLandscape – WebGIS*

Coffee- Break 15:00 -15:30

Session 5: 15:30 – 16:30

Excavations and Heritage Science

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim and Ahmed El Arabey (ASU):
Recent Excavation at the Cairo Citadel
Prof. Dr. Abderazek Elnaggar (ASU) - *What is Heritage Science today?*
New Perspectives on Heritage cooperations between Europe and Egypt

Session 6: 14:00- 16:30

History of Pharmacy and Medicine

Prof. Dr. Tanja Pommerening (UMR)
Prof. Dr. Ourania Kouka (UCY)
Dr. Maximilian Haars (UMR)
Prof. Dr. Heba Saad (AU)
Prof. Dr. Demetrios Michaelides (UCY) (online)
Maria Rousou (UC) (online)
Dr. Susanne Saker (UMR)
Dionysios Stathakopoulos (UCY) (online)

Location: Institut der Geschichte der Pharmazie, Roter Graben 10

17:00 Christmas Market



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 evidenc*

**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*



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 Herbs*

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**