

# **ARABIC MANUSCRIPT STUDIES AN INTRODUCTION**

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The aim of this workshop is to introduce students to various aspects of Arabic manuscript studies (palaeography and codicology). The topics to be discussed include: an overview of the manuscript age; writing surfaces and materials; the make-up of the codex, the text and its organization; dates and dating; Arabic scripts and their development; transmission of knowledge; and the history of manuscripts.

Apart from providing a theoretical foundation for work in this field, the workshop will give participants experience working with original codices in the [Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Firenze/Florence](#). It is hoped that the participants will also gain a greater appreciation of the role of the Arabic manuscript book in Islamic civilization and the importance of manuscript sources in Islamic studies.