

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

“Material Culture Methods in the Middle Islamic Periods”

International Conference

6-8 December 2017

Sponsor: Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg, University of Bonn

Deadline for application: 8th September 2017

This year’s international conference is devoted to the study of material culture in the Middle Islamic periods, namely the Ayyubid through early Ottoman eras, with a special emphasis on the Mamluk era. Material culture includes the things that people have made and the relationships between people and those things. It is most informative about the realities of daily life, social and economic networks, and the spatial setting of social activities. Rather than focusing on the formal qualities of objects or their “materiality” (dating, provenance, material composition), the conference’s aim is to facilitate the expansion of the kind of questions we can ask about the societies of the eastern Mediterranean in the 13th-16th centuries, through reference to the material record, including “archaeological texts”. The geographical focus of the conference is Egypt and Bilād al-Shām.

We invite both senior researchers and junior scholars using material culture methods in Mamluk and Ottoman Studies to share and reflect perspectives related to the conference’s topic and aim. Please submit your abstract (no longer than 500 words) and a short vita to Dr. Abdelkader Al Ghouz (aalghouz@uni-bonn.de) before September 8th 2017. Successful applicants are expected to submit a draft paper by November 24th, 2017.

Speakers agree to publish their papers in a conference volume after a review process and confirm that they have not been previously published. For accepted papers, accommodations will be provided and travel costs will be covered. The language of the conference is English. The conference proceedings will be published in a peer-reviewed volume. The publication is planned for October 2018.

For more information, please contact Dr. Abdelkader Al Ghouz.