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Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

Manuscripts in Arabic Script: Introduction to Codicology

14-15 August 2020

Course Structure:

Day 1: Friday 14th August Introduction to Islamic Manuscripts

11:00 am -12:00 pm **Session 1: Introduction to Codicology**

- The role of codicology in manuscript studies
- History of collections
- Manuscript catalogues
- Date and dating manuscripts
 - a. Title page
 - b. Colophons and dates
 - c. Sources that can help in dating
 - d. Technologies (C4)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Session 2: Papers and Scripts**

- Manuscript age and the world of the scribe
- The text block and its make-up (sheet, folios, bi-folio, quire)
- The text composition, its arrangements and presentation

Day 2 Saturday 15th August Authorship, Text and research

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Session 1: Para Textual Analysis and Text Transmission**

- Ownership statements
- Seal impressions
- Collation
- Marginalia

- Corrections
- Certificates

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Session 2: Manuscript for Research

- Reconstructing the manuscript tradition
- Holographs
- Manuscripts and text editions
- Some exemplary text editions
- Some practical aspects and examples