



Ethiopian manuscript studies: electronic tools and databases

6 — 10 October 2025

Programme

Day 1: 6 October

- 09:30-10:00 Opening and welcome addresses
- 10:00-11:00 Introduction to Ethiopian and Eritrean manuscript studies (Denis Nosnitsin)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-12:15 Introduction to Gəʿəz literature (Denis Nosnitsin)
- 12:15-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:00 Introduction to Gəʿəz philology (Jonas Karlsson)
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15-16:15 State of Research on Gəʿəz Bible: local and global (Daniel Aseffa)

Day 2: 7 October

- 10:00-11:00 Introduction to Codicology of Gəʿəz manuscripts (Denis Nosnitsin)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-12:15 Introduction to Palaeography of Gəʿəz scripts (Denis Nosnitsin)
- 12:15-14:00 Break
- 14:00-15:00 Gəʿəz manuscripts outside Ethiopia: modern collections in European libraries and archives (Giulia Casella)
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15-16:15 Research trajectories in Ethiopian Arabic manuscript studies: from archival collections to the era of digital access (Endris Mohammed, Muna Abubeker, Nuraddin Aman)

Day 3: 8 October

- 10:00-11:00 Databases of Gəʿəz manuscripts (Michael Hensley)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-12:15 Beta maṣāḥəft as research environment (Denis Nosnitsin)
- 12:15-14:00 Break
- 14:00-15:00 Theory and history of cataloguing (Jonas Karlsson)
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15-16:15 Students' short reports

Day 4: 9 October

- 09:00-12:30 Round table:
"The State of Philological Studies in Ethiopia: Institutional Profiles, Challenges, and Prospects", Mekonnen Hall, Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University

Day 5: 10 October

- 10:00-11:00 Cataloguing practices: an overview (Michael Hensley)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-12:15 Beta maṣāḥəft and electronic cataloguing (Jonas Karlsson)
- 12:15-14:00 Break
- 14:00-15:00 Practical exercise
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15-16:15 Practical exercise - Round up.