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Graduate Student Meeting

19th Colloquium of the Ernst Herzfeld-Gesellschaft | Ernst Herzfeld Society

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Romont (Switzerland)

4 July 2024

Are you a graduate student in Islamic Art, Architecture, or Archaeology? Are you interested in meeting other students working on related topics? Would you like to discuss your research with your peers? How about presenting a paper based on your research at the graduate student meeting of the Ernst Herzfeld Society?

The graduate student meeting offers an opportunity for graduate students in the fields of Islamic Art History, Archaeology, and Architecture to present their ongoing research while providing a platform for discussion and networking. It is organized by Suzanne Compagnon of Utrecht University. It will take place at the Vitrocentre Romont in Romont (Switzerland) on Thursday 4 July 2024 in conjunction with the 19th Colloquium of the Ernst Herzfeld Society.

Graduate student meeting format

The graduate meeting will consist of papers given by graduate students based on their current research. Any topic relating to Islamic Art and Architecture or Islamic Archaeology is welcome. Each presentation is limited to 15 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of discussion. This is an opportunity to present research findings as well as open questions and the methodological and practical challenges of individual projects. Thus, speakers are encouraged to include open questions to be addressed as a group in the follow-up discussion. The aim is to provide an open and constructive setting for exchange in which we can gain perspective on our own research and be inspired by other participants' ideas.

Participation

The only pre-requisite is to be a graduate student and a member of the Ernst Herzfeld Society. Advanced BA students may also be considered if there are available time slots. The aim of the graduate student meeting is to provide a supportive setting in which participants can practice various forms of scholarly communication, experiment with something new, possibly make mistakes, and

discuss the challenges of their project, if they wish to do so. By attending the graduate meeting, all participants agree to give and receive feedback with an open mind, and to actively contribute to the meeting's constructive atmosphere.

While the graduate student meeting is designed to give graduate students a platform for exchange and collaboration, it also wishes to encourage discussions on an equal footing between all members of the scholarly community. More experienced scholars are welcome to attend and to participate in the discussions of graduate students' exciting new research.

Information about becoming a member and membership fee payment can be found here: <https://ernst-herzfeld-gesellschaft.com/en/mitgliedschaft/>. Membership fees can be paid to the society's treasurer at the time of the colloquium. Registration for and participation in the colloquium is free for members of the Society. More information about the colloquium is also available on the society's website.

Application

Please submit your proposal for a paper by 15 February 2024 to Suzanne Compagnon: s.a.compagnon@uu.nl. This proposal should include a title and an abstract of 250-300 words. You should also include your full name, the name of your university, and whether you are an advanced BA student, an MA student, or a PhD student. Papers can be given in English or German. Acceptance will be notified by early March 2024.

We kindly request that speakers and participants make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. We recommend having a look at possible funding opportunities offered by your university or other funding bodies. Early booking generally allows you to get better rates. Graduate students are invited to the cocktail after the keynote lecture on the evening of July 4th. The organisers of the colloquium will also provide lunch for all participants on July 5th and 6th. Should you have questions regarding travel, accommodation, or Romont, please get in touch with the organiser of the graduate student meeting.

Some travel tips for Romont:

- If you book early enough, you can get saver fares on Swiss Rail's website (<https://www.sbb.ch/de/kaufen/pages/fahrplan/fahrplan.xhtml>). This is also the case with other rail companies such as ÖBB or DB. The Interrail Pass or the Swiss Travel Pass also allow you to travel by train at a reduced cost (for more information: <https://www.interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes>; <https://www.swiss-pass.ch>). Be sure to check age requirements and make sure that the pass covers your desired route.
- Several airlines including low-cost airlines fly to Geneva Airport and there is a direct train connecting the airport to Romont (40 CHF). Alternatively, you could also fly to the EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg. However, you must change trains several times to get to Romont and the train ticket is more expensive (65 CHF).

Some suggestions for affordable accommodation in Romont and Fribourg:

- Lion d'Or, Hôtel St-Georges and La Poularde in Romont offer affordable single rooms (<https://fribourg.ch/de/romontregion/hotels/?r=6278>)
- There are also cheap guestrooms in Romont and its vicinity (<https://fribourg.ch/de/romontregion/gaestezimmer/?r=9939>). Make sure to check the exact location and the transport connections to Romont before booking.
- Camping and dormitory at the Bivouac dans les arbres (<https://bivouacdanslesarbres.ch/>)
- ibis budget and Auberge du Guintzet are affordable options in Fribourg. Before choosing Fribourg as a base, you should keep in mind that a single trip between Romont and Fribourg costs 12,80 CHF.