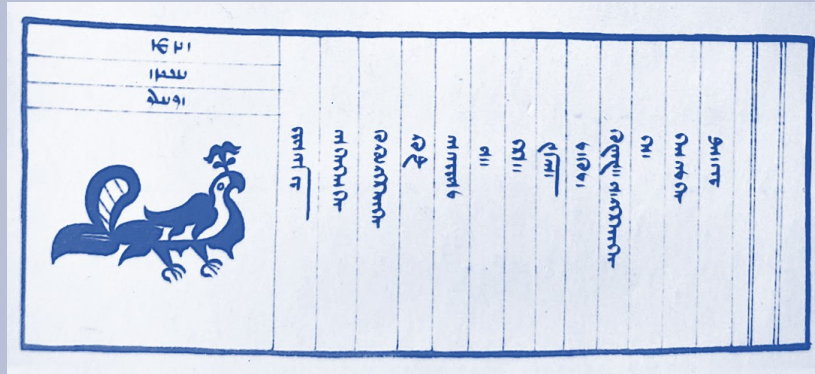


‘A Spark of the Glimmer of the Original Light’ A Workshop on the *Dēnkard* as Literature, Theology, and Scholasticism

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Programme

Thursday, 17 October 2024

9:15–9:30 *Welcome address and introduction*

Session 1: *Dēnkard* Book III

9:30–10:00 Kianoosh Rezaia &
Ted Good (Bochum)

**From Unlimited to Limited: The
Concept of Time in the *Dēnkard* and
the *Greater Bundahišn***

10:00–10:30 Mihaela Timuş
(Bucharest)

**Conceptualizing the Cosmogonic Myth
(*Dēnkard* III.123, 191, 194, 362)**

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00–11:30 Arash Zeini (Oxford) **Revisiting the *Dēnkard's* *abestāg* narratives: A theological dialogue with Zādspram**

11:30–Noon Ted Good (Bochum) **Method and *Dēnkard* III**

Noon–14:00 *Lunch break*

Session 2: *Dēnkard* Books IV and V

14:00–14:30 Thomas Benfey (Tübingen) **Māshā'allāh and *Dēnkard* IV on the Sasanian Reception of Greco-Roman and Indian Astral Science**

14:30–15:00 Samra Azarnouche (Paris) ***Ēwēn-nāmag* (*Dēnkard* IV) as a Mirror of the Iranian Intellectual Elite in the early Islamic Period**

15:00–15:30 **Discussion on *Dēnkard* Book V**

15:30–16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 3: *Dēnkard* Book VI

16:00–16:30 Götz König (Berlin) **Considerations on the Textual and Intellectual Coherence of *Dēnkard* VI**

16:30–17:00 Miguel Ángel Andrés-Toledo (Toronto) ***Dēnkard* VI as Literature: Some Metrical Texts**

17:00–17:30 *General discussion*

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Session 4: *Dēnkard* Book VII

9:00–9:30 Daniel Sheffield (Princeton) **Tales of the *Dēn*, Tales of the Prophet: *Dēnkard* VII and Zoroastrian Sacred Biography**

9:30–10:00 Domenico Agostini (Naples) **Mythical and Historical Apocalypse in *Dēnkard* VII. A Comparative Approach to Pahlavi Apocalyptic Literature**

10:00–10:30 Massimiliano Vassalli (Rome) **Weaving Faith and Fiction: Theology and Narrative Entwined in *Dēnkard* VII**

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 5: *Dēnkard* Book VIII

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| 11:00–11:30 | Benedikt Peschl
(Berlin) | Approaching <i>Dēnkard</i> VIII through its Terminology: Key Concepts, Absences and Questions of Purpose and Chronology |
| 11:30–Noon | Alberto Bernard
(Paris) | Priests and Judges in <i>Dēnkard</i> VIII: Sources and Strata |

Noon–14:00 *Lunch break*

Session 6: *Dēnkard* Book IX

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| 14:00–14:30 | Alberto Cantera
(Berlin) | Beyond <i>Dēnkard</i> IX: The Avestan Versions of some <i>fragards</i> of the <i>Gāhānīg Nasks</i> |
| 14:30–15:00 | Yuhan S-D Vevaina
(Oxford) | <i>Dēnkard</i> IX as ‘Literature,’ ‘Theology,’ and ‘Scholasticism’ |

Session 7: Historical context

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| 15:00–15:30 | Kayla Dang
(St. Louis) | Heirs to the Sasanians: The <i>Dēnkard</i>’s Priests in Islamic Society |
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15:30–16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00–17:00 *Discussion and wrap up*

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