

**Language, History and Collective Memory  
Syriac Studies Conference  
Freie Universität Berlin  
20–24 July 2025**

The conference consists of three sections:

- I:** 3rd Arba'ilu International Conference on Syriac and Sureth Studies (3rd AICSSS)
- II:** 19th Century Turabdin in Syriac Sources — A Contribution to the History of Late Ottoman Empire (invited speakers only)
- III:** Sayfo 1915 — Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Genocide of Assyrians/Arameans

**Location:**

Institute of Semitic Studies  
Department of History and Cultural Studies  
Freie Universität Berlin  
Fabeckstraße 23–25, 14195 Berlin

**Abstracts and deadline:**

Please send the title of your presentation and an abstract (150–200 words) by **15 February 2025** to Ms. A.-S. Barbara Üzel via email: [asb.uezel@fu-berlin.de](mailto:asb.uezel@fu-berlin.de).

**Conference fee:**

There is no conference fee.

The costs for meals and coffee breaks during the conference will be covered by the Institute of Semitic Studies FU Berlin.

**Organisers:**

Institute of Semitic Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

## **Call for Papers**

### **Section I:**

#### **3rd Arba'ilu International Conference on Syriac and Sureth Studies (3rd AICSSS)**

The Institute of Semitic Studies at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, in cooperation with Salahaddin University in Erbil, Iraq/Kurdistan, is organising the 3rd Arba'ilu International Conference on Syriac and Sureth Studies in Berlin on 20–24 July 2025.

Themes of the conference:

- comparative linguistic studies on Aramaic languages (incl. Syriac and Sureth),
- studies in Syriac and Sureth literature,
- studies on Syriac, Sureth and Garshuni (Arabic/Kurdish) manuscripts,
- studies in Syriac lexicon.

The conference languages are English, Syriac and Arabic, but the summary should be translated into English for distribution to the attendees.

This conference is a step to strengthen scientific and academic relations between the two universities FU Berlin and Erbil, and the participants will be at a high academic level, who meet with the aim of discussing scientific topics in the field of Syriac studies.

### **Section II:**

#### **19th Century Turabdin in Syriac Sources — A Contribution to the History of Late Ottoman Empire**

(invited speakers only)

### **Section III:**

#### **Sayfo 1915 — Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Genocide of Assyrians/Arameans**

The genocide of the Ottoman Christians during the First World War has been widely discussed by scholars across different academic disciplines for a long time. However, very few know of the genocide of the Assyrians/Arameans which took place in the same region and at the same time. In the light of recent developments in this very same region, this conference aims specifically to shed light on the fate of the Assyrians/Arameans from an interdisciplinary perspective. This means bringing together scholars of different disciplinary backgrounds to present new sources and less explored questions. It is our intention to provide a space for highly sophisticated academic discussions. To gain a more profound understanding of Sayfo, this call for papers seeks original contributions on the subject.

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The presentations should be prepared for 20 (+10 discussion) minutes. A publication of selected papers is planned.