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Call for Applications: Summer School on Digital Humanities for Islamic Studies
Introduction, Exchange, and Hands-on Training

When
September 1–4, 2025

Where
Hybrid (On-site at the University of Bern & Online)

Target Audience
Doctoral Students & Postdocs

Language Requirements
English & Arabic

About the Summer School

The University of Bern is pleased to host a four-day summer school on Digital Humanities for Islamic Studies, designed for early-career researchers working with Arabic-script materials. This course provides a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience with digital tools and methodologies, engage in scholarly exchange, and explore the latest developments in the field.

The program will feature expert-led sessions by renowned scholars in the field:

- Alicia González Martínez (University of Hamburg)
- Maxim G. Romanov (University of Hamburg)
- Peter Verkinderen (Aga Khan University, London)

Participants will explore key topics such as text digitization, computational analysis, data modeling, and digital corpora, with a focus on Islamic and Arabic-script historical sources.

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Application Process
Due to the practical nature of the sessions, on-site participation is limited to 20 participants. Interested candidates must apply by **Friday, June 13, 2025**, by submitting the following documents:

- Motivation Letter (explaining research interests and how the course aligns with them)
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 3 pages, highlighting major achievements)
- Additional Supporting Documents (if applicable, indicating previous experience in the field)

Format: All documents must be submitted as a single PDF file named "LastName_Name_Bern_IslamicateDH2025"

Submission: Send your application to Sefer Korkmaz at sefer.korkmaz@unibe.ch

Financial Support
A limited number of (partial) scholarships are available for participants who are unable to secure funding from their institutions. If so, please add a statement in your motivation letter specifying that you are also applying for financial support for the travel costs and not only for admission to the summer school.

Scientific Board
- Prof. Tobias Hodel
- Prof. Serena Tolino

Additional Information
The final program and reading list will be shared with accepted participants. More details will be available soon on the official webpage: University of Bern Summer Schools

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