

Project name: Georgia - Codicology and Preventive Conservation of Manuscripts

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Coordinator: Cologne University of Applied Sciences (TH Köln)

Partner Institutions:

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) – Philology, University Library - Division of Restoration

Tbilisi State Academy of Arts (TSAA) – Conservation and Restoration and museology

Universität Hamburg (CSMC) – Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures

Kekelidze National Center of Manuscripts (NCM) – Conservation and Restoration

Georgian National Museum (GNM) – Conservation and Restoration

Project description

The six outlined institutions (CICS, CSMC, TSU, TSAA, NCM and GNM) would like to further deepen the German-Georgian cooperation for handling, understanding and preserving written cultural heritage. The already existing bilateral contacts are to be expanded through the "Ostpartnerschaften" programme in the direction of broader, interdisciplinary and more sustainable cooperation. With the six participating institutions, the fields of philology, codicology, preventive conservation of German and Georgian manuscripts, restoration and conservation, museology and scientific art technology are covered with a high level of expertise on both the Georgian and the German side. The diversity of the research material provides the actors and participants with a diversified view of the thematic fields described above.

In the enclosed schedule for the years 2022 to 2024, a total of four topics are to be developed in four seminars, which will enable the respective groups of participants in both Georgia and Germany to deepen their expertise in the relevant fields. The topics will be finalised at a conference to be held at the end of the funding period.

Projects 2022-2024	
Project 1:	Mobility from Germany to Georgia, summer term 2022
description:	Seminar with practical input with a group of 6 persons (4 Students and 2 Prof., PhD oder WMA) for 7 days. At the Tbilisi State University (TSU) introduction lessons in philology and codicology in cooperation with the National Center of Manuscripts (NCM). Topics are also book conservation and preventive conservation and handling of Manuscripts. At the Tbilisi State Academy of Arts (TSAA) the topics conservation and restoration are highlighted on behalf of didactical questions, and museology. Another partner is the Georgian National Museum.
Project 2:	Stay of two persons in Germany, winter term 2022/23

<p>description:</p>	<p>Stay with practical input, 2 persons (doctoral student, student) for 3 months (doctoral student) and 6 months (student).</p> <p>Insight in the areas of preventive conservation, risk management, first aid management.</p> <p>Course at the didactic Center at the TH Köln</p> <p>Excursion to the CSMC Hamburg for material science and codicology.</p>
<p>Project 3:</p>	<p>Mobility from Germany to Georgia, summer term 2023</p>
<p>description:</p>	<p>Seminar with practical input with a group of 10 persons (8 Students und 2 Prof., PhD or WMA) for 7 days.</p> <p>Presentation of case studies: conservation of the mokvi gospel and KALA lectionary. The conservation strategies and solution finding are the main topics of the workshops.</p> <p>Seminars are held at the Tbilisi State Academy of Arts (TSAA) und at the National Center of Manuscripts (NCM).</p>
<p>Project 4:</p>	<p>Stay of one person in Germany, winter term 2023/24</p>
<p>description:</p>	<p>One lecturer can stay at the CICS for one month and research on the following topics: codicology, preventive conservation. The Center for didactic studies is also open. Lectures can also be offered for CICS and CSMC students.</p> <p>TH Köln opens its network for the topics first is management and IPM</p>
<p>Project 5:</p>	<p>Mobility from Germany to Georgia, summer term 2024</p>
<p>description:</p>	<p>Conference for a group of 9 persons (students, Prof., PhD or WMA) for 4 days.</p> <p>The conference for a larger group presents the interdisciplinary character on behalf of the topics codicology, philology, preventive conservation, book conservation and first aid management. Lectures should come from CICS, CSMC and the the Georgian partners.</p>