

SLAVIC PALAEOGRAPHY SUMMER SCHOOL

Cyrillo-Methodian Heritage: 14th Century Scribes and Scriptoria in the Balkans

22-27 July 2024

The Slavic Palaeography Summer School is organised by the Cyrillo-Methodian Research Centre at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and is funded by the National Scientific Programme "Development and Recognition of Bulgarian Studies Abroad". In collaboration with the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the Centre for Slavo-Byzantine Studies "Prof. Ivan Dujčev" and the SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library, we offer the participants a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience working in the field of Slavic Palaeography according to its latest analysis methods and study approaches.

The Summer School will take place **from 22 to 27 July in Sofia, Bulgaria**. Our daily activities will be hosted by several academic institutions and will see a series of morning lectures related to Slavic historical and cultural context and Slavic palaeography, followed by afternoon workshops focusing on South Slavic handwritings. This introductory section on Slavic palaeography will be followed by an advanced section involving the active participation of students through palaeographic research work on several 14th-century South Slavic manuscripts.

Call for Summer School

The Summer School, which includes both the introductory and advanced sections, is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as young researchers interested in Slavic Studies. A good knowledge of English and Russian languages is essential, for all activities will be conducted in these languages. Some background knowledge of Old Church Slavonic is also expected.

Please note that there will be limited spaces for the Summer School and that only **15 students** will be accepted. For those who will be selected, scholarships are provided and they will cover the cost of tuition, accommodation (only if the student is not living already in Sofia), daily lunch and refreshments, and additional tools for the afternoon workshops. Participants are asked to cover their travel cost to and from Sofia as well as their personal daily expenses.

Call for advanced studies section of the Summer School

The advanced section will be during the last three days (25-27 July) of the Summer School and it is also open to professors and all the researchers interested in the discipline, as well as to all the participants of the first edition of the Summer School. It will be possible to participate in attendance in Sofia or online via a Zoom link.

In this section, the method of digital palaeographic analysis currently in use will be presented and practical workshops will be organised for its application. Concrete cases of Bulgarian and Serbian manuscripts will be considered, with the analysis being organised in research groups supervised by the summer school coordinators.

There are no tuition fees, but participants who apply only to this advanced section are asked to cover their travel cost to and from Sofia as well as their accommodation and personal daily expenses.

Application information

In order to apply to one of the two Calls listed, it will be necessary to fill in the form: <https://forms.gle/a17pTt2J3gwf1RQh9>, which includes uploading a letter of motivation and an academic Curriculum Vitae. Please include information such as your research interests and how your academic profile fits within the scope of the Summer School. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Key Dates

Application deadline: 20 June 2024

Application outcome: 30 June 2024

Course leaders

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