



„Heart in the hands“

Collections of Islamic manuscripts in Europe

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Casa Árabe (C/ Alcalá nº 62), Madrid

Casa Árabe and the Slovak Embassy in Madrid, in the framework of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union, organize this roundtable, in collaboration with Nuria Martínez de Castilla, specialist in Codicology and History of the Manuscripts in the Islamicate World.

The roundtable will be dedicated to narrate and discuss the different travels and paths that Arab manuscripts circulating and arriving to Europe followed, before forming the current collections at European archives and libraries. It will deal with the stories of three collections, in particular, the Bašagić Collection of Islamic Manuscripts, at the University Library in Bratislava; the Arabic manuscripts in Leiden University Libraries; and the Arabic Manuscript Collection at El Escorial Library.

The debate will also raise some common patterns and problems faced in recording and following the history of Islamic manuscripts in Europe.

Program

19:00 *Opening*

Pedro Villena, director general of Casa Árabe.

Vladimír Grácz, ambassador, Slovakian Embassy in Madrid

Silvia Stasselová, general director, University Library in Bratislava

19:15 *Screening*

Bašagić Collection of Islamic Manuscripts, part of the UNESCO Memory of the World

19:30 *Collections of Arab manuscripts in Europe*

Arnoud Vrolijk, Leiden University Library

Nuria Martínez de Castilla, Complutense University of Madrid

Klára Meszárosová, University Library of Bratislava

Moderator: **Marek Brieska**, Slovakian Embassy in Madrid