

**Report on**  
***Dritter Projektworkshop der NWG 3 am CRC EDRIS***  
**zusammen mit dem Corpus Coranicum**  
**Potsdam (Berlin, 6-7 July 2012)**

The third project-workshop of research group 3 of the CRC EDRIS at University of Göttingen (headed by Prof. Dr. Jens Scheiner) was held together with the project Corpus Coranicum of the Berlin-Brandenburg Akademie der Wissenschaften (headed by Michael Marx) during the first weekend of July of 2012 in Berlin.

After opening remarks by Jens Scheiner and Michael Marx, members of both groups gave a condensed presentation of their research. Each presentation was followed by a discussion session of equal or longer length, engaging experts from the two groups as well as the keynote speaker of the workshop, Prof. Dr. Petra Sijpesteijn, Professor of Arabic Language and Culture at Leiden University, the Netherlands, into a lively exchange of ideas. Although the qur'ānic text formed the basis of most presentations and discussions, various other fields such as papyrology, comparative semitic philology, textual analysis, and social and intellectual history were also addressed.

The presentations and discussions, which typically carried over to the breaks, covered a wide range of topics that members of both groups are actively following in their current research. The topics presented were the following (in order of speaking):

**Prof. Dr. Jens Scheiner** (CRC EDRIS):

“Der Koran in al-Azdī’s Futūḥ al-Shām”

**Yoones Dehghani-Farsani** (CRC EDRIS):

“Der arabisch-islamische Historiker al-Wāqidī (g. 207/823): Externe und interne Quellenkritik seiner futūḥ-Chroniken”

**David Kiltz** (CC Potsdam):

“Quellen zu 'Texten aus der Umwelt des Korans' und zum 'neuen Jeffery’”

**Hadi Jorati** (Yale University/USA and CRC EDRIS):

“Naṣīr al-Dīn Tūsī and the social Background of Science in the thirteenth Century”

**Undine Ott** (CRC EDRIS):

“Dead Scholars and Living ones. ‘Ulamā’ Identities in the Eastern Islamic Lands”

**Michael Marx** (CC Potsdam):

“Die Erforschung der Textgeschichte des Korans”

**Andreas I. Mohr** (CC Potsdam):

“Fragen zur Textgeschichte des Korans im Spiegel papyrologischer Zeugnisse”

**Prof. Dr. Petra Sijpesteijn**, external discussant (University of Leiden):

“Taking care of the Weak and Poor in Islam and its Relation to comparative Jewish and Christian Traditions”

**Nora Schmid and Dr. des. Hannelies Koloska** (CC Potsdam):

“Die chronologisch literaturwissenschaftliche Kommentierung des Korantextes. Herangehensweisen und Beispiele (Sure 37 und 26)”

**Hamada Hassanein** (al-Mansura University, Egypt and University of Göttingen):

“The Lexical Semantics of Antonymy in the Qur’ān”

**Dr. Damien Janos** (CRC EDRIS):

“Fakhr al-Din al-Razi’s Commentary on *Surat al-ikhhlāṣ*: An Examination of the Ṣūfī Elements and their Didactic Implications”

At the end of the workshop, Prof. Dr. Sijpesteijn presented an abstract of the wide variety of topics discussed during the meeting and contextualized them to the general framework of research in the field. This was followed by a final group discussion engaging all the participants for a final exchange of ideas before the next joint meeting in 2013.