

Webinar: Reading and analyzing Persian and Indo-Persian documents

The institutes of Iranian studies in Göttingen (Prof. Eva Orthmann) and Bamberg (Prof. Christoph Werner) will provide a **Webinar** on reading and analyzing Persian and Indo-Persian documents. Persian documents are available in vast quantities in Iranian and Indian archives and provide unique information on economic, social, political and religious issues of both regions. They are still much less taken into consideration in research than narrative sources like especially historiographies and chronicles. We observe that working on archival material in Iran and India poses some challenges to young scholars. Especially the reading and deciphering of these texts present many problems difficult to solve on one's own.

We will therefore start with basic teaching on reading Nastaliq, but will proceed to other writing styles. The course will cover different types of records from Iran and India and provide information on typical terminology and abbreviations. We will also deal with seals and stamps. The documents will all be in Persian.

Our goal is to guide students through the initial steps in working with such texts. Large space will be provided for working together on documentary material. The participants will however also have to work on documents on their own.

Requirements:

We accept MA and PhD students as well as Post-doc researchers with a good knowledge of Persian. They should be familiar with pre-modern Persian, too.

The language of instruction will be English, fluency in English is therefore also required.

Teaching time:

April 20th to July 20th, every Monday between 4:15 pm-5:45 pm, German time.

Regular attendance is requested.

Technical issues:

The course is designed as a Webinar. Access to the virtual classroom is provided by the University of Göttingen. The participants need to have their own computer, good access to the internet and a headset and camera.

Costs:

There is no course fee

Application:

In order to be considered, the applications must include:

A curriculum vitae, mentioning language skills

Proof of sufficient knowledge of Persian

For technical reasons, the number of participants is limited to 12.

Credits:

The full program, including regular preparation of homework, active participation in class and submitting a learning portfolio of 10-12 pages at the end of the course corresponds to 3 C. We can of course not issue credits for foreign institutions, but can issue a formal letter confirming participation in the course and the corresponding credits of Göttingen University.

Calendar:

The applications must be submitted before April 1st 2020.