

Qalamos – Connecting Manuscript Traditions

Qalamos is the portal for manuscripts and block prints from Asian and African script traditions. It currently contains 141,420 manuscript data sets, 10,293 person-related data sets and 2,511 work data sets describing physical objects written in 170 languages and 87 scripts (January 2024). Qalamos aims at providing metadata and digitised copies of all collections kept in German memory institutions. In addition, the portal already includes the first collections of international cooperation partners. The project's objective is to centrally gather data on Oriental manuscripts that are currently scattered over German collections and to develop a uniform data model. This will be achieved through retrospective conversion of older print catalogues and data transfer from existing applications. During the first phase (2020-23), the focus was on Arabic, Persian and

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Ottoman Turkish language manuscripts. During the second phase (2023-26), South Asian languages will now be the central topic. One of the major objectives is to create a uniform data structure in accordance with library standards. This includes review, improvement and creation of authority records within the application as well as in the integrated authority file (GND) of Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (DNB).



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