

The Slavic Palaeography Summer School is organised by the [Cyrillo-Methodian Research Centre](#) at the [Bulgarian Academy of Sciences](#). In collaboration with the [Institute of Mathematics and Informatics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences](#), the [Centre for Slavo-Byzantine Studies “Professor Ivan Dujčev”](#) and the [SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library](#), we offer the participants the 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 **25-31 July** in **Sofia, Bulgaria**. Our daily activities will be hosted by several academic institutions in Sofia and will see a series of morning lectures on Slavic Palaeography followed by afternoon workshops and practical study sessions focusing on South Slavic handwritings. It will be possible, afterwards, to explore the city and participate in guided tour of the city’s main points of interest.

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### Course leaders





Ass. Prof. PhD Marco Scarpa  
Prof. PhD Elissaveta Moussakova  
Prof. PhD Vasja Velinova  
Prof. PhD Veselka Zhelyazkova  
Ass. Prof. PhD Iva Trifonova  
Prof. PhD Desislava Paneva-Marinova  
Ass. Prof. Maksim Goynov  
PhD student Constanta Burlacu  
PhD student Milena Davidović  
PhD student Marta Riparante

## Arrival and Welcome Sunday, July 24

Participants' arrival and welcome to Sofia,  
followed by housing allocation



**Day 1** Monday, July 25

**Venue** SS. Cyril and Methodius Research Center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

9:30 – 13:00	 <b>Participants' Introduction and Meeting with the Team</b> Ass. Prof. PhD Marco Scarpa, project leader, and the research team.
	 <b>Introduction to Slavic Palaeography</b> Prof. PhD Elissaveta Moussakova
14:30 – 16:30	 <b>Calligraphy Workshop: Starting with the Nib and Ink</b> PhD students Constanta Burlacu, Milena Davidović, Marta Riparante
Optional	 <b>Walking tour around Sofia</b>





**Day 2** Tuesday, July 26

**Venue** Centre for Slavo-Byzantine Studies “Prof. Ivan Dujčev” of Sofia University

9:30 – 13:00	 <b>Cyrillic writing over time: <i>ustav</i>, <i>poluustav</i>, <i>skoropis</i> in Bulgaria, Serbia and Rus'/Russia</b> Prof. PhD Vasja Velinova
14:30 – 16:30	<b>Antique Book Restoration</b> Prof. Rumjana Dečeva
Optional	 <b>Visit to the Bojana Church – UNESCO monument</b>




**Day 3** Wednesday, July 27

**Venue** SS. Cyril and Methodius Research Center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

9:30 – 11:00	 <b>The 14th Century in the South Slavic Lands</b> Ass. Prof. PhD Iva Trifonova
11:30 – 13:00	 <b>The South Slavic Manuscript Heritage of the 14<sup>th</sup> century</b> Prof. PhD Veselka Zhelyazkova
14:30 – 16:30	 <b>Handwriting Workshop – Part One</b> PhD students Constanta Burlacu, Milena Davidović, Marta Riparante
Optional	 <b>Visit to the National Archaeological Museum</b>




**Day 4** Thursday, July 28

**Venue** SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library

9:30 – 11:00	 <b>Scribes and <i>Scriptoria</i> in Bulgaria in the 14<sup>th</sup> century</b> Prof. PhD Elissaveta Moussakova, PhD student Marta Riparante
11:30 – 13:00	 <b>Scribes and <i>Scriptoria</i> in Serbia in the 14<sup>th</sup> century</b> Prof. PhD Elissaveta Moussakova, PhD student Milena Davidović
<b>Venue</b> SS. Cyril and Methodius Research Center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	
14:30 – 16:30	 <b>Handwriting Workshop – Part Two</b> PhD students Constanta Burlacu, Milena Davidović, Marta Riparante
Optional	 <b>Visit to the excavations of the Basilica of St. Sophia</b>




**Day 5** Friday, July 29

**Venue** Institute of Mathematics and Informatics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

9:30 – 13:00	 <b>Paleography and digital technologies</b> Prof. PhD Desislava Paneva-Marinova, Ass. Prof. PhD Maksim Goynov
14:30 – 16:30	 <b>The manuscript database: use and data entry</b> PhD students Constanta Burlacu, Milena Davidović, Marta Riparante
Optional	 <b>Visit to the Alexander Nevsky Crypt Icon museum</b>

**Day 6** Saturday, July 30

**Venue** SS. Cyril and Methodius Research Center of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

9:00 – 10:00	 <b>Handwriting description and scribes identification: problems and perspectives</b> Prof. PhD Marco Scarpa
10:00 – 13:00	 <b>Closing discussion, feedback and further resources</b>
14:30 – 16:30	 <b>Handwriting Workshop – Part Three</b> PhD students Constanta Burlacu, Milena Davidović, Marta Riparante

**Goodbye** Sunday, July 31

Participants' departure