This workshop aims to highlight why and how Syriac matters today in many fields of research — Classics, Late Antique, Byzantine, Medieval, and Islamic studies as well as Sasanian, Arabian and Central Asian Studies, History of Christianity, Patristics and Church History, Theology, and Digital Humanities.

Friday, February 24, 2017
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PROGRAM

9:15 — Welcome and Introduction, Muriel Debie (École Pratique des Hautes Études) and Sabine Schmidtke (Institute for Advanced Study)

9:30 — Panel 1 Jewish-Christian Relations and the Syriac Sources for Jewish History, Emanuel Fiano (Fordham University) and Adam Becker (New York University)
10:30-11:00 — Break

11:00 — Panel 2 Syriac for the History of Asceticism, Dina Boero (Princeton University/The College of New Jersey) and Columba Stewart (Saint John’s University)
12:00-13:30 — Lunch Break

13:30 — Panel 3 Translations and Acculturation in a Multilingual Context: Greek, Syriac and Arabic, Alberto Ricolio (Princeton University), Scott Johnson (University of Oklahoma), and Jack Tannous (Princeton University)

14:30 — Panel 4 Memory and Oblivion: Syriac Historiography at the Crossroads between Greek and Arabic, Antoine Borrut (University of Maryland, College Park) and Muriel Debie (École Pratique des Hautes Études)
15:30-16:00 — Break

16:00 — Panel 5 Gender studies and social approaches, Kathleen McVey (Princeton Theological Seminary), Jack Tannous (Princeton University), and George Kiraz (Beth Mardutho)

17:00 — Conclusions

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Sponsor — Sabine Schmidtke (Institute for Advanced Study)