

2008 TIMA Codicology Workshop
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The codicology of manuscripts in Arabic script

Morning sessions

Monday

- A general introduction to codicology
- The writing surfaces: parchment and paper

Tuesday

- The quires
- Instruments and preparations

Wednesday

- The page layout
- Looking at the scripts: a few remarks

Thursday

- Bindings
- The history of the manuscripts

Friday

- Decoration and illumination
- Codicology and the history of the book in the Islamic world: an example from Abbasid times

Afternoon sessions

The afternoon sessions will be mostly devoted to direct observation of Arabic manuscripts from the 7th to the 18th centuries, from the holdings of the Cambridge University Library as an illustration of the topics developed during the morning session.