

2020 may still seem the distant future, but conference preparations have already begun! On behalf of the organizing committee, we have the great pleasure to invite you to the

13th *Symposium Syriacum* and
the 11th Congress of Arab
Christian studies,

which will take place in Paris,
from **6 to 11 July 2020**.



The event is being organized in collaboration with and under the patronage of the *Société d'études syriaques*. Beginning this autumn, the website of the *Société d'études syriaques* (<https://www.etudessyriaques.org/>) will contain updated information concerning the conference, where you will be able to find the list of the honorary committee and further and more detailed information regarding registration, Paris housing options, as well as provisional programs for both scholarly events and cultural activities, as their details become firm.

Conference venue

The *Institut national des Langues et Civilisations Orientales* (also known as “INALCO”, <http://www.inalco.fr/>) has generously offered to host the conference in its spacious and modern buildings, thus allowing for plenary sessions, parallel sessions, coffee breaks, and stands for publishers to be easily accessible in the same location, in a university neighborhood situated close not only to the *Bibliothèque nationale de France* (François Mitterrand site) and the *Grands Moulins de Paris* (Université Paris VII et INALCO), but also to the animation of the banks of the Seine!

Scholarly matters

Both congresses are open to all aspects of scholarly study.

We also hope to organize the conference as much as possible in terms of smaller units structured around **thematic workshops or round tables**, assembling 5, 7 or even 12 individual papers. These thematic parallel sessions could thus result in separate publications edited by their organizers. Transversal projects in both Syriac and Christian Arab studies are particularly welcome. We are thus issuing a call specifically for such workshop and round table proposals, for which the organizers may already begin to invite colleagues for contributions.

Individual papers should be **20 minutes** in length and each will be followed by **10 minutes for questions and discussion**, with each participant limited to one single contribution in each of the two congresses.

Doctoral students and younger scholars at the beginning of their career are especially encouraged to participate, as well as posters regarding ongoing projects or “work in progress”, particularly those in the digital humanities.



Proposals for individual papers, posters, or thematic workshops will be evaluated by the scientific committee, often on the basis of evaluations received from colleagues outside of France. In the case of workshops and round tables, the scientific committee may suggest individual contributions that would be appropriate.

The conference email address is syriacum.arabechr.paris2020@gmail.com.

Proposals for workshops and round tables should be sent to the conference email address prior to **31 January 2019**. A response regarding acceptance will be sent in June 2019.

The call for individual papers (unaffiliated with the thematic workshops) will go out with a second circular in early 2019. Paper titles and abstracts should be sent to the conference email address prior to **30 September 2019**. Messages of acceptance will be sent to those concerned in January 2020.

Housing

Everyone is responsible for organizing her or his own housing. However, helpful information and suggestions will be posted to the website of the *Société d'études syriaques* (<https://www.etudessyriaques.org/>) regarding local religious establishments which provide housing, the *cité universitaire* and youth hostels, thus allowing everyone to find affordable lodging. Links to websites of hotels, rooms-to-let, or apartments available for short term stays, will also be posted.

Cultural activities

Paris offers a rich and varied selection of cultural activities, for all tastes, which accompanying partners, spouses and children will easily identify — We do not mention the conference participants, since they will be concentrating on other things! The scholarly committee has foreseen a number of organized visits and other cultural events which will be announced at a later time.

We look forward with pleasure to welcoming you to Paris in 2020!

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