

Silvin Košak Memorial Symposium: Ancient Studies in the Digital Era

December 11–12, 2023

Department of Comparative and General Linguistics, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana



Conference Venue

Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Blue Chamber, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Zoom-Link

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Program

Mon, December 11, 2023

18:00–18:30 CET

Welcome & Opening

Chikako Shigemori Bučar, President of the Linguistic Circle of the Faculty of Arts,
University of Ljubljana

Marina Zorman, Department of Comparative and General Linguistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Ljubljana

Mojca Schlamberger Brezar, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

Daniel Schwemer, Chair of the Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Department of Ancient
Studies, Würzburg University, Chair of the German Oriental Society, Director of the
Hethitologie-Portal Mainz (Remote opening address)

18:30–19:30 CET

Opening keynote (Chair: Chikako Shigemori Bučar)

Gerfrid G.W. Müller (Würzburg University), *From Filecards to AI. Development and
Prospects of Hittitology from a Technical Perspective*

Tue, December 12, 2023

9:30–10:30 CET Session 1 (Chair: Gerfrid G.W. Müller)

Metka Furlan, Luka Brenko (University of Ljubljana), *Tribute to Silvin Košak*

Shai Gordin (Ariel University, Open University of Israel), *Ancient Language Processing: A Transformative Framework for the Computational Study of Ancient Texts* (Remote talk)

10:30–10:50 CET Coffee Break

10:50–12:20 CET Session 2 (Chair: Luka Repanšek)

Enrique Jiménez (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) *The Electronic Babylonian Library: Taming the Cuneiform Jungle* (Remote talk)

Preeti Shukla (Central Sanskrit University Delhi), **Amba Kulkarni** (University of Hyderabad), and **Devanand Shukla** (Central Sanskrit University Delhi) *Revival of Ancient Sanskrit Teaching Methods using Computational Platforms* (Remote talk)

A tour of Silvin's personal library (Ana Mehle, Luka Brenko)

12:20–14:00 CET Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 CET Closing keynote (Chair: Hannes Fellner)

Adam Anderson (UC Berkeley) *Leveraging Quantitative Bibliometrics in Assyriology: Exploring Distant Reading, Computational Linguistics, and the FactGrid Cuneiform Wikibase Project* (Remote talk)

15:00–15:15 CET Coffee Break

15:15–16:30 CET Session 2 (Chair: Simona Klemenčič)

Hannes Fellner (University of Vienna) *Digital Philology on the Ancient Silk Road*

Matej Hriberšek (University of Ljubljana) *Classical Languages at the Crossroads of Tradition and Artificial Intelligence*

Closing remarks and a screening of the theatrical performance of CTH 321, *The Myth of Illuyanka*

The symposium will be accompanied by an exhibition on Hittite scholarship conducted in Slovenia and the place of Silvin Košak in it and beyond at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, 5th floor, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

