

---

## ABOUT

---

In many cultures around the world certain objects were/are worn on the body for protective, apotropaic and various other beneficial purposes. With the help of international researchers we take a closer look at the typology, praxeology and mentality associated with these customs, focusing on the connection between text and materiality of inscribed amulets. We will present and share our methods and observations and try to look at these phenomena in a broad field of view. The cultures in scope thrived from antiquity to modern times and were/are located from the Middle East to Scandinavia.

All presentations will be held in English or German. Interested students and scholars are welcome to participate. For organizational purposes let us know in advance via [konrad.knauber@zaw.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:konrad.knauber@zaw.uni-heidelberg.de)

---

## CONTACT

---

**SFB 933, Sub-Project A03:** Materiality and Presence of Magical Signs between Antiquity and the Middle Ages  
**UP3:** Magical Writing and its Deposition in Medieval Graves

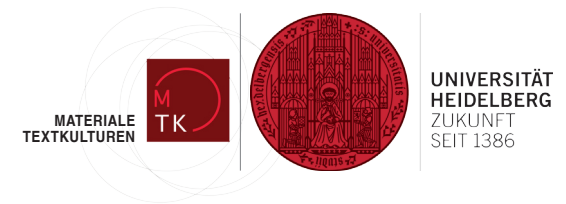
**E-Mail:**  
Konrad Knauber  
([konrad.knauber@zaw.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:konrad.knauber@zaw.uni-heidelberg.de))

---

## VENUE

---

Universitätsbibliothek Heidelberg  
Plöck 107-109  
69117 Heidelberg  
Rundzimmer im EG (Südost-Ecke)



## International Conference **TEXTUAL AMULETS IN A TRANSCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE**

Sun–Tue, 8-10 April 2018  
Universitätsbibliothek Heidelberg  
Rundzimmer





---

## SFB 933 „MATERIAL TEXT CULTURES“

---



[www.materiale-textkulturen.de](http://www.materiale-textkulturen.de)  
 [sfb933.hypotheses.org](http://sfb933.hypotheses.org)  
 @sfb933



---

## PROGRAMME

---

### Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

19:00 Welcome Dinner

### Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Chair: Laura Willer

9:15  
Konrad Knauber / Laura Willer  
Welcome and Introduction

9:30  
Paolo Vitellozzi (*Città di Castello*)  
Writing on Magical Gems. Reflections on Inscribed Stone Amulets

10:15 Coffee Break

10:30  
Christoffer Theis (*Heidelberg*)  
Mehrköpfige Götter auf Gemmen. Von verständlichen und unverständlichen Beischriften

11:15  
Daniela Urbanová (*Brno*)  
An unpublished lead amulet for house protection from the estate of Auguste Audollent

12:00 Lunch Break

Chair: Thomas Meier

13:30  
Konrad Knauber (*Heidelberg*)  
*Verbum caro factum est* – Medieval sacred and magical writings on lead

14:15  
Edina Bozoky (*Poitiers*)  
Magical letters: The unintelligible prophylactic formulae and their use

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30  
Rudolf Simek (*Bonn*)  
Dämonisches auf runischen und lateinischen Bleiamuletten aus Skandinavien

16:15  
Karin Zimmermann (*Heidelberg*)  
Medizinisch-magische Handschriften aus der Heidelberger *Bibliotheca Palatina* (presentation of original manuscripts from the university collection)

18:00  
*Reception at the Papyrological Institute*

### Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

Chair: Andrea Jördens

9:15  
Laura Willer (*Heidelberg*)  
"Inscribe and hide it". The Production and Usage of Greek Papyrus Amulets

10:00  
Yonatan Adler (*Ariel*)  
Tefillin as Phylacteries: A Reassessment

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00  
Nils Hallvard Korsvoll (*Trondheim*)  
By What Authority? Agency and Efficacy in Syriac Amulets across the Ages

11:45 Lunch Break

Chair: Konrad Knauber

13:15  
Martin Kluge (*Basel*)  
Neuzeitliche „Breverl“ oder von der Macht des unsichtbaren Wortes

14:00  
Esther Fernández Medina (*Warszaw*)  
Talismans from Early Modern Spain: Morisco (and Old-Christian) cases

14:45 Coffee Break

15:15  
Özlem Deniz Coşkun (*Mainz*)  
Siegel- und Talisman-Graveure in der osmanischen Gesellschaft im 17. Jahrhundert nach dem Reisebuch von Evliya Çelebi

16:00  
Sarah Kiyannrad (*Heidelberg*)  
Persianate Amulets in the Völkerkundemuseum vPST Heidelberg

16:45  
Laura Willer / Konrad Knauber  
Final remarks and discussion

17:30  
*Guided tour through the Papyrological Institute*

19:00 Closing Dinner