

**Silvin Košak Memorial Symposium:  
Ancient Studies in the Digital Era**

**Monday and Tuesday, 11.–12.12.2023**

**Department of General and Comparative 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 General and Comparative 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 Hittology 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 Shukl** (Central Sanskrit University Delhi) *Revival of Ancient Sanskrit Teaching Methods using Computational Platforms* (Remote talk)

**A tour of Silvin's personal library** (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, a screening of the theatrical performance of CTH 321, *The Myth of Illuyanka***

The symposium will be accompanied by an exhibition on Slovenian Hittite scholarship and the place of Silvin Košak in it and beyond.