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Zentrum für Jüdische Kulturgeschichte

## **Workshop: The Cairo Genizah Manuscripts and their Importance for Understanding Bible, Hebrew and Jewish History**

**Dienstag, 4.12.2012, 10-18 Uhr**

**Ort: Zentrum für Jüdische Kulturgeschichte** (Residenzplatz 1, Stiege 3).

**Prof. Dr. Stefan Reif** ▪ Cambridge

1 ECTS

**Ziel:** Überblick über die Bedeutung der Textfunde in der Kairoer Genisa

Professor Reif will explain how the Genizah texts were discovered and evaluate the interests and motivations of those who discovered them. He will deal with the matter of why such, and other, manuscripts are essential for understanding so many areas of religious history and culture. A comparison will be made with other famous collections such as the Dead Seas Scrolls in order to establish the extent to which the Genizah texts have special significance. One of the sessions will be devoted to the contribution made by the Genizah discoveries to the recovery of many works of early Jewish literature and to our understanding of how the Bible was transmitted and understood from as early as the Second Temple period. Other sessions will touch upon the development of the earliest rabbinic literature and the relationship between Judaism and Christianity in the first Christian millennium. Professor Reif will also share with the participants some surprises about the lives, loves and livelihoods that are documented in these exciting fragments of manuscripts written the medieval Mediterranean world. The PowerPoint presentation will be in English with German subtitles.

### **Lektüre:**

Stefan C. Reif, *A Jewish Archive from Old Cairo*, Curzon Press: Richmond, Surrey, 2000.

Artikel "Genisa" in *Enzyklopädie jüdischer Geschichte und Kultur*, ed. D. Diner, Metzler: Stuttgart, Weimar, 2012, 2.417-21

Der Workshop wird in englischer Sprache gehalten, wobei Rückfragen auf Deutsch möglich sind. Die Lektüre wird in Form eines Readers ab Semesterbeginn im Zentrum für Jüdische Kulturgeschichte zur Verfügung gestellt. Es ist bis zum Ende des Semesters ein Essay zum Veranstaltungsthema zu verfassen. Die Betreuung der Essays übernimmt Prof. Dr. Susanne Plietzsch.

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