

International Conference on the Voynich Manuscript 2022



Conference Programme

Day One – Wednesday 30th November

1300 Conference Opening – Colin Layfield – University of Malta

1305 A Few Words about the Voynich – Ray Clemens – Beinecke Library – Yale University

1330 Keynote Speech – Transliteration of the Voynich Text - René Zandbergen

Session One – Moderated by John Abela

1415-1445 Alexander Boxer

Fingerprinting Gibberish: A Quantitative Comparison of the Voynich and Sloane MS 3188.

1445-1515 Koen Gheuens and Cary Rapaport

Above and Beyond Voynich Canopies: Tents as a Recurring Motif in Beinecke MS 408.

1515-1545 Keagan Brewer

**'I beg your grace to suppress this chapter or else to have it written in secret letters':
The emotions of encipherment in late-medieval gynaecology.**

1545-1615 Daniel Gaskell and Claire Bower

**Gibberish after all? Voynichese is statistically similar to human-produced samples of
meaningless text.**

Day One (continued)

Session Two – Moderated by Michael Rosner

- 1615-1645 Kevin Farrugia, Colin Layfield and Lonneke van der Plas
Demystifying the scribes behind the Voynich Manuscript using Computational Linguistic Techniques.
- 1645-1715 Claire Bower and Daniel Gaskell
Enciphered after all? Word-level text metrics are compatible with some types of encipherment.
- 1715-1745 Jürgen Hermes
Polygraphia III: The cipher that pretends to be an artificial language.
- 1745-1815 Andrew Caruana, Colin Layfield and John Abela
An Analysis of the Relationship between Words within the Voynich Manuscript.

Day Two – Thursday 1st December

Session Three – Moderated by Lonneke van der Plas

- 1300-1330 Luke Lindemann
Crux of the MATTR: Voynichese Morphological Complexity.
- 1330-1400 Massimiliano Zattera
A new transliteration alphabet brings new evidence of word structure and multiple "languages" in the Voynich manuscript.
- 1400-1430 Katie Painter and Claire Bower
Examining the history of Voynich glyphs using phylogenetic methods.
- 1430-1500 Patrick Feaster
Rightward and Downward Grapheme Distributions in the Voynich Manuscript.

Session Four – Moderated by Claire Bown

- 1500-1530 Tavi Stafford
Seven Habits of Highly Eccentric Paragraphs.
- 1530-1600 Farley Katz
From Voynich to the Beinecke, the Trail of Ownership.
- 1600-1630 Klaus Schmeh and Elonka Dunin
The Voynich Manuscript Compared with Other Encrypted Books.
- 1630-1700 Stefan Guzy
Book transactions of Emperor Rudolf II 1576-1612. New findings on the earliest ownership of the Voynich manuscript.
- 1700-1750 Keynote Speech – Voynich Paleography - Lisa Fagin Davis – Medieval Academy of America
- 1750 Closing Remarks – Colin Layfield – Conference Chair

Notes

- Conference starts at 1300 CET November 30 (Central European Time – UTC + 1)
https://time.is/1300_30_November_2022_in_Valletta
- Conference ends at 1800 CET
- The video recordings of all the talks will be made available to all attendees after the conference.
- The Zoom link for the sessions will be sent to all attendees by email.