

NINEVEH ACADEMIC CHAIR

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Assyrian Language, History and Culture

23-25 May 2022

Director: Prof. Dr. Efrem YILDIZ

University of Salamanca



At this first international Congress the experts will address three main themes: Assyrian language, history and Culture. The aim of this Congress is to continue working in the scientific field that the Assyrian people need most: Education in its linguistic, historical and cultural aspects. The Nineveh Chair has these three areas as the main pillars of its research initiative. Invited experts in the three mentioned fields are chosen to discuss and present the topics covered in the Programme. Participants will have the opportunity to attend lectures and panel discussions that will shed much light on the three main topics of the conference. We aim to provide an innovative insight into historical, linguistic and cultural aspects of the Assyrian people as a whole. The venue for the congress is the University of Salamanca, which created the Nineveh Academic Chair to promote the study of the Assyrian linguistic, historical and cultural legacy. Below, we provide you with detailed information about the Congress.

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Programme

Monday 23 May

- 09:30-12:30** **Registration** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
- 09:30-10:30** **Inauguration of Nineveh Academic Chair Congress** | *Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology*
- Ricardo Rivero** Chancellor of the University
Efrem Yildiz, Vice-Chancellor of the University
Manuel González, Dean of the Faculty of Philology
- Inaugural conference: Efrem Yildiz* | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
The Innovation Process of the Modern Assyrian Aramaic Language.
- 10:30-11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00-12:00** **Conference: Moderator: Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge
The Modern Assyrian Aramaic Dialects and the urgent need to document them.
- 12:00-13:30** **Conference | Moderator: Shabo Talay** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Samir Khoshaba, Linnaeus University. *Examples of New Assyrian words coined in the field of Mechanical Engineering* , **Edmun Gabriel**, *The Coining new Assyrian words.*

13:30-15:00

Lunch

16:00-17:00

Conference | **Moderator: Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Michael Abdalla, University of Poznan, Assyrian writers and their works on the list of Metropolitan Mār 'Abdīšō' (13th century).

17:00-18:00

NAC Round Table on Assyrian Language | Moderator: Efrem Yildiz | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology

Shabo Talay, Michael Abdalla, Nicholas Al-Jeloo, Robin Bet Shmuel,
Samir Khoshaba

18:15-19:45

City Walk

20:00-21:30

Spanish Wine Welcome Dinner

Tuesday 24 May

09:30-12:30

Registration | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology

09:30-10:30

HISTORY Panel | Assyrian late history. Conference. **Moderator: Efrem Yildiz.** Aula Magna Faculty of Philology
Robin Bet Shmuel, University of Erbil, Syriac Heritage and Identity.

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:00

Conference | Moderator: **Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology

Aryo Makko, Stockholm University. Exodus, Revival, Oblivion: A Global History of the Assyrian Diaspora.

12:00-13:00

Conference | Moderator: **Alda Benyamen** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology

Nicholas Al-Jeloo, Kadir Has Istanbul University. Assyrian Heritage Preservation Strategies in Turkey.

13:30-15:00

Lunch

16:00-17:00

Conference: **Assyrian Modern History. Moderator: Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology

Shabo Talay, Freie Universität Berlin. The expulsion of the Khabur Assyrians by IS in 2015.

17:00-18:00

Conference: **Assyrian Modern History. Moderator: Shabo Talay** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology

Sargon Donabed, Roger Williams University. An Overview of Assyrian History Through a Lens of Assyrian Studies: Obstacles, Theories, and Narrative.

- 18:00-18:30 **Coffee break | Hospedería**
- 18:30-19:30 **Round Table and Communications upon Assyrian Modern History**
Moderator: Efrem Yildiz | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Shabo Talay, Aryo Makko, Sargon Donabed, Alda Benyamen, Anahita Khosroeva, Susan Yousef Koshaba.
- 20:00 **Dinner**

Wednesday 25 May

- 9:30-10:30 **CULTURE and LITERARY Panel Assyrians in Diaspora and in Assyria.** | **Conference: Moderator: Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Alda Benyamen, Berkely University. *Assyrians in Modern Iraq: Negotiating Political and Cultural Space.*
- 10:30-11:00 **Conference: Moderator: Alda Benyamen** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Anahit Khosroeva, University of Yerevan. *Crime Against Humanity and Civilization: The Ottoman Genocide of the Assyrians.*
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30-12:30 **Conference: Moderator: Samir Khoshaba** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Eve Georges Sada, University of Oklahoma. *The Assyrian Liturgical Music*
- 12:30-13:30 **Round Table and Communications |Moderator Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Shabo Talay, Alda Benyamen, Eve Georges Sada, Anahit Khosroeva, Samir Khoshaba, Susan Yousef Khoshaba
- 13:30-15:30 **Lunch**
- 16:00-17:00 **Conference: Moderator: Efrem Yildiz** | Aula Magna/Faculty of Philology
Abdulmesih Bar Abraham, Augsburg. *The first Assyrian Publication in Germany.*
- 17:00-18:30 **NAC General Assembly: Present and Future of NAC Projects and constitution of the Assyrian Academic Council.**
Closing of the International Congress
- 20:30 **NAC Gala Dinner**