

NINEVEH ACADEMIC CHAIR

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

ASSYRIAN LANGUAGE HISTORY AND CONTINUITY

06-08 OCTOBER 2025

Director: Prof. Dr. Efrem YILDIZ

University of Salamanca

Collaborators:

Prof. Dr. Vega García/Prof. Dr. Diego Corral/Prof. Dr. Isabel Pérez

Prof. Dr. Manuel Nevot.



At this Fourth International Congress, distinguished experts will address three central themes: the Modern Assyrian Language, Assyrian History, and Assyrian Continuity. The primary objective of this gathering is to advance scholarly work in the fields most vital to the Assyrian people: the study and teaching of their language, history, and enduring legacy. These domains constitute the principal pillars of research within the framework of the Nineveh Chair.

Renowned specialists in these disciplines have been invited to present their research and engage in discussions on the topics outlined in the programme. Participants will benefit from a series of lectures and panel sessions designed to shed new light on the linguistic, historical, and cultural dimensions of the Assyrian people, both past and present.

The Congress will be held at the University of Salamanca, an institution that provides an ideal setting for this academic exchange. Through this initiative, the Nineveh Academic Chair seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the Assyrian linguistic, historical, and cultural heritage, and to encourage its study within the global Assyrian community.

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MONDAY 06 October

- 09:30-13:00** **Registration** | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**
- 09:30-10:00** **Inauguration of Nineveh Academic Chair Congress** | Faculty of Philology : **AULA MAGNA**
Vice-President of the University of Salamanca. **Raúl Sánchez Prieto**
Dean of the Faculty of Philology. **Manuel González de la Aleja**
Department Director: **Vicente José Marcet Rodríguez**
President of Nineveh Academic Chair **Efrem Yildiz**.
- 10:00-10:45** **Opening Lecture** | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Efrem Yildiz. Why Modern Assyrian Linguistic, historical and literary Legacy Matters.
Nineveh Academic Chair's initiatives.
- 10:45-11:30** **Conference:** Moderator: Efrem Yildiz| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**
Sargon Hasso. Illinois Institute of Technology. Toward a Digital Renaissance:
Computational Methods for Preserving and Revitalizing the Assyrian Language
and Cultural Identity
- 11:30-12:00** **COFFEE BREAK:** Faculty of Philology: in the HOSPEDERÍA courtyard
- 12:00-12:45** **Conference** | Moderator: Sargon Hasso| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Samir Khoshaba. Linnaeus University. Bearing failures in Assyrian language.
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- 12:45-13:30** **Conference** | Moderator: Nicholas Al Jeloo| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Rawaa Qasha: University of Mosul. AI for Endangered Languages: Opportunities
and Challenges for the Preservation of the Assyrian Language
- 14:00-16:00** Welcome **Cocktail**
- 16:00-16:45** **Conference** | Moderator: Eve Sada| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Anahit Khosroeva. Harvard University: The Struggle of Survival: Middle Eastern
Wars and the Vanishing Assyrian Communities
- 16:45-17:30** **Conference** | Moderator: Samir Khoshaba| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Rony Patrous Eramia. PhD University Freie Berlin. The Assyrians in the poems of
Gewargis Warda of Erbil 13th century
- 17:30-17:45** **COFFEE BREAK:** Faculty of Philology: in the HOSPEDERÍA courtyard
- 17:45-18:30** **Conference** | Moderator: Robin Bet Shmuel| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Abdulmassih Saadi. Reviving the Past, Sustaining the Future: The Enduring
Legacy of Syriac Language and Literature
- 18:30-19:15** **Conference** | Moderator: Abdulmassih Saadi| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Eve Sada. Harvard University: Gilgamesh Opera: Reviving the Ancient Epic
through Innovative Music, Dance, and Visual Design
- 19:15-20:00** **Conference** | Moderator: Önvér Çetrez| Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**.
Etlal Salim Hanna. University of Mosul. The role of the university and the church
in preserving the Syriac language in Nineveh after 2003
- 20:30-22:00** **DINNER**. Restaurant: El Bardo



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TUESDAY 07 October

- 09:30-12:30** **Registration** | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA**
- 09:30-10:30** **Conference** | Moderator: Efrem Yildiz. **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Önver Çetrez Uppsala University. Place and Homeland: Everyday Community Resilience Among Assyrians in Tur Abdin
- 10:30-11:15** **Conference:** Moderator: Nicholas Al Jeloo| **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Robin Bet Shmuel. Academy of Bagdad: ܠܚܝܬܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ The First Translations of the Gospel into (Sureth)
- 11:15-11:30** **COFFEE BREAK:** Faculty of Philology: in the HOSPEDERÍA courtyard
- 11:30-12:15** **Conference** | Moderator: Anahit Khosroeva | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Susan Yousif Khoshabah. PhD at University of Salamanca. Christian Religious symbols in Rawe verses
- 12:15-13:00** **Conference** | Michel Shamoon-Pour | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA.**
Edmound Kabrial: Contemporary Assyrian Language and Figurative Metaphorical Term
- 13:00-13:45** **Conference** | Moderator: Samir Yohna | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Michel Shamoon-Pour. Binghamton University: The Assyrian Diaspora in the Era of Live-Streamed Genocides and the West's Moral Rot
- 14:00-15:45** **LUNCH**
- 15:45-16:30** **Conference** | Moderator: Rawaa Qasha | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Matay Barsomo, PhD University of Salamanca. Four Syriac medieval chroniclers - and the Arabs
- 16:30-17:15** **Conference:** Moderator: Abdulmassih Saadi | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA.**
Samir Johna. ܠܚܝܬܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܡܫܝܚܐ
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- 17:45-18:30** **Conference:** Moderator: Efrem Yildiz | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA.**
Isabel Pérez Alonso. University of Salamanca. El funeral romano de una asiria: el caso de Sitti Maani Gioerida (The Roman funeral of an Assyrian woman: the case of Sitti Maani Gioerida).
- 18:30-20:30** **Nahreen Odisho.** Assyrian Royal Clothing Tradition. Exhibition of Assyrian clothing with unique pieces at the Juan de Encina Theatre of the Faculty of Philology
- 20:30-22:00** **GALA DINNER. Restaurant: El Bardo**



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Wednesday 08 October

- 09:30-10:15** **Conference** | Moderator: Efrem Yildiz | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Nicholas Al Jeloo. The Upper Land of Nimrod, son of Nimrod”: Referencing Assyria in a Late Antique Syriac Hagiography
- 10:15-11:00** **Conference** | Moderator: Nicholas Al Jeloo | Faculty of Philology: **AULA MAGNA.**
Abdulmesih Bar Abraham L'Action Assyro-Chaldeenne (1920/21): Promoting Political Case and Perspectives during the Paris Peace Conference (online)
- 11:00-11:30** **COFFEE BREAK:** Faculty of Philology: in the HOSPEDERÍA courtyard
- 11:30-12:15** **Conference** | Moderator: Abdulmassih Saadi | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Amer Abdullah Aljumaily University of Mosul The Problems of Assyriologists in Distinguishing between the /z/ and /š/ Sounds in the Akkadian Language
- 12:15-13:00** **Conference** | Moderator: Anahit Khosroeva | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Lawrence Makho. University of Duhok. Political effects of Semele massacre 1933 on Assyrian community in Iraq (online)
- 13:00-13:45** **Conference** | Moderator: Efrem Yildiz | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.**
Sanherib Ninos. Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient. Assyrianism and the Assyrian continuity (Online)
- 14:00-16:00** **Special Cocktail at the Restaurant: El Bardo**
- 16:00-17:00** **Conference** | Moderator: Efrem Yildiz | **Faculty of Philology: AULA MAGNA.** *Round Table/Conclusion*
- 17:00 18:30** **CITY TOUR**

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