

**‘Introduction to Islamic Codicology’
20-24 April 2015**

The AUB Anis Makdisi Program in Literature, the Center for Arab & Middle Eastern Studies, and the Jafet Library are pleased to announce an intensive course/workshop: ‘Introduction to Islamic Codicology’, which will take place at AUB on 20-24 April 2015. This initiative is co-organized in association with The Islamic Manuscript Association Ltd. (Cambridge, UK), in cooperation with the Thesaurus Islamicus Foundation.

The intensive course/workshop: ‘Introduction to Islamic Codicology’, will deal with Islamic manuscript codices as physical objects, and will also focus on the archaeology of the Islamic book. The full five days intensive course/workshop includes morning illustrated lectures and hands-on afternoon sessions with examples from AUB’s own archives. A reference book gift will be also offered to each participant: *Islamic Codicology. An Introduction to the Study of Manuscripts in Arabic Script* by François Déroche.

The course/workshop will be taught by Dr. Jan Just Witkam, distinguished Professor Emeritus of codicology and palaeography of the Islamic world at the University of Leiden, and editor-in-chief of The Islamic Manuscript Association’s *Journal of Islamic Manuscripts*. Dr. Witkam is also presenting an open lecture entitled ‘The Value of Old Paper’ on Wednesday, 22 April 2015, at 6:30pm in the Nabil Boustany Auditorium, Van Dyck Hall.