

Hebrew Manuscripts in the Digital Age: Palaeography, Edition, Cataloguing

Applications open for 2025-2026 HMDA course

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The École Pratique des Hautes Études within Paris Sciences Lettres University, is inviting applications from French and international research students for an online course cluster “Hebrew Manuscripts in the Digital Age: Palaeography, Edition, Cataloguing”. The course cluster can be validated as an EPHE diploma or be an audited addition to the degree the students undertake elsewhere. Its aim is to provide the participants with traditional and digital skills and some understanding of computational possibilities in Hebrew Manuscript Studies.

“Hebrew Manuscripts in the Digital Age: Palaeography, Edition, Cataloguing” will introduce the students to the current research methods and provide them with necessary basic skills to undertake a research project on medieval Hebrew manuscripts.

The course is held entirely online, in English. Lectures are followed by discussions.

In addition to the online seminars, students are encouraged to acquire practical skills by contributing to one or more of the digital projects:

- [HebrewPal](#)
- [Books within Books](#)
- [BiNaH](#) (Catalogue des manuscrits hébreux de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France)
- [eScriptorium](#)
- [eRabbinica](#)

The teaching consists of three one hour seminars a week between November 17th 2025, and June 3rd 2026 (excluding EPHE holidays)

- **Monday 6 pm – 7 pm (Paris time)**

Introduction to Medieval Hebrew Palaeography: typology and dating of manuscripts with the help of traditional methods and digital tools

- **Wednesday 5 pm – 6 pm (Paris time)**

From automatic transcription to digital scholarly edition

- **Monday 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm (Paris time)**

Cataloguing of medieval Hebrew manuscripts: codicology, fragmentology, scientific approach to book materials, online cataloguing

The course is open to:

- Students of Master and Doctorate of the EPHE
- French and International students in Hebrew and/or Jewish Studies accepted by the project and the EPHE to prepare a graduate diploma of the EPHE
- French and International students accepted by the project and the EPHE to audit the course

Applications:

- Students enrolled at the EPHE, please register by writing to Tali Schlanger at: hdma@ephe.psl.eu
- Candidates for the graduate diploma and auditors: the application process includes two stages:
 - Acceptance by the professors of the project
 - Registration by the EPHE

For the acceptance by the professors, please send to hdma@ephe.psl.eu the following:

Letter explaining your motivation for joining the course

CV and a list of publications (if any)

Letter of recommendation by one of your teachers

Please specify whether you wish to prepare a diploma of the EPHE or to audit the course

Deadline: 25 October 2025

Once accepted by the professors, please register online at the EPHE: <https://www.ephe.psl.eu/formations-conferences/nos-conferences>

Annual fee: 150€

Instructors: Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, Professor Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra, Professor Peter Stokes, Dr Emma Abate, Professor Javier Del Barco, Dr Zina Cohen, Dr Joseph O'Hara, Dr Luigi Bambaci, Professor Hayim Lapin

For further questions, please contact the project coordinator,

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