

Die Liga der arabischen Staaten: Eine Bilanz unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der arabischen Kultur; M. Kropp, „...in unbändigem Allegro“ – ‘Alī‘ Abdarrāziq und sein Traktat über den Islam und die Grundlagen der Herrschaft; A.Th. Houry, *Grundzüge einer islamischen politischen Ordnung nach Yūsuf al-Qaradāwī*; N. Nassar, *Eléments pour une critique de l’Islam politique*.

IV. *Semitistik und Vergleichende Sprachwissenschaft* (Semitic Studies and Comparative Linguistics, pp. 375–433), 6 articles: H. Bobzin, *Ernest Renan und die Vergleichende Semitistik*; U. Seeger, *Leonhard Bauer (1865–1964), ein Pionier der arabischen Dialektologie*; N. Abi-Rached, *Le za,al au Liban : motifs et spécificités*; Sh. Talay, *Zur Sprache bei den orientalischen Christen. Ein allgemeiner Überblick*; W. Arnold und A. Sima †, *Das Maysir-Spiel im Mahra-Land. Ein Text im Mehri-Dialekt von Hawf erzählt von ‘Askari Sa’d*; O. Jastrow, *Der Ratschlägeverkäufer*.

The Arabic part has no thematic arrangement – it consists of 7 articles on various topics:

عمر مقداد الجمني، بين رفاة الطهطاوي وطه حسين اتصال ام انفصال؛ صلاح حسين العيادي، الملامح الفنية للمخطوط العربي في العصر العباسي؛ فالح حسين، الفروض والتكاليف غير العينية عاى المفتوحة اثناء فترة الفتح الاولى؛ جورج قنازع، الاندلس في الادب العربي المعاصر؛ يوسف قوزي، مخطوط "تاريخ العرب القديم"، محمد ايت الفران، الرقيب الادبي مؤولا: قراءة في ظاهرة مارسيل رايشيرانسكي؛ جيران جهامي، الحقيقة وراء تكافؤ الادلة.

The Authors of the volume come from Italy, Austria, Turkey, France, Germany, Israel, Egypt, Swiss, United States, Lebanon, Poland and Estonia and, as it is clear from the contents, represent a variety of scientific interests and methodologies – literature, philosophy, Islam – both classical and contemporary, linguistics and history. Besides the “classical” themes of our field there are other very interesting articles mentioning Martin Heidegger and Marcel Reich-Ranitzky. For this reason I am convinced that the book should find a wide resonance in the community of the scholars in the field of Arabic and Islamic studies.

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Orientalistische Studien zu Sprache und Literatur. Festgabe zum 65. Geburtstag von Werner Diem, herausgegeben von Ulrich Marzolph, Harrasowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden 2011, 486 pp.

The reviewed book is a “Festschrift” devoted to the eminent German scholar Prof. Dr. Werner Diem. In the “Preface” (*Vorrede*) by Monika Gronke (p. IX–X) and in the “Introduction” (*Vorwort*) by Ulrich Marzolph we find some sentences concerning Prof. Diem and his scientific profile and achievements, but unfortunately we won’t find any

wider information about the Jubilat scholar in the whole book. For this reason I would like to present the scientific path of Professor Diem before discussing the contents of the book.

Werner Diem was born at 25 January 1934 in Pähl (Bavaria). In the years 1963–1968 he studied Semitic Philology, Islamic Studies and general linguistics at the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich. In 1968 he defended his Ph.D. thesis *Das Kitāb al-Ġīm des Abū ‘Amr aš-Šaybānī. Ein Beitrag zur arabischen Lexikographie* (München 1968), which in 1980 was translated into Arabic and published in Ar-Riyad. After that he worked for one year at the same University in the Seminary of Linguistics, and from 1970 to 1971 at the Orientinstitut of Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft in Beirut. In 1971 he took part in a scientific expedition to Yemen (the scientific effect of this journey was a book *Skizzen jemenitischer Dialekte*, 1973). After the expedition he came back to Munich University, to the Seminar of Semitic Studies, where in 1972 he received his post-doctoral degree (habilitation). In 1976 he worked as Visiting Professor at the University in Cairo. In the same year he became a Professor at the University in Cologne, Chair of Oriental Philology (until 2009). In 1978 he was Visiting Professor at the ‘Ayn Šams University in Cairo.

The most important example of his organizational activity in the field of Oriental Studies is the 1988 is the XXIV. *Deutschen Orientalistentag* in Cologne, 1988. From 2005 Professor Diem is the co-editor of the „Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft“ in the field of Arabic and Islamic Studies. In the years 1996–1999 he was also an evaluator in the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft in the field of Islamic, Semitic and Turkish Studies.

Professor Werner Diem is as well an important figure in the German Oriental studies and in the German Scientific life at all. Today he is a Professor Emeritus.

As for his scientific interests, they are very broad. U. Marzolph describes them as follows: philology of Oriental languages, especially of Semitic, between them – Arabic. In the frame of Arabic philology his interests focus on dialectology and epistolography (I prefer to include this last point in the literary studies as well). The next fields are: study of documents and papyrology. Further: history of religion and culture (p. XI).

During his scholarly activity, which began in 1968, Professor Diem published, according to the *Schriftenverzeichnis Werner Diem* (pp. XIII–XXI), 22 books (one of them, as already mentioned, also in Arabic translation, so 23 books in total), he was the editor of next 6 books and series. Moreover, he published 71 articles (some of them also in Arabic or English translations), and finally, 74 reviews.

Having the occasion, I would like to complete the bibliography of Professor Diem. After the edition of the reviewed book he published also: 1. *Arabisch kayfa „wie“ als Konjunktion. Ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der arabischen Syntax*, Harrasovitz, Wiesbaden 2011; 2. *Arabische Briefe aus dem 10.–16. Jahrhundert*, De Gruyter, Berlin 2011; 3. *Vom Status pendens zum Satzsubjekt. Studien zu Topikalisierung in neueren semitischen Sprachen*, Harrasowitz, Wiesbaden 2012. Beside this, another 4 articles and 1 review are to be found (look: *Persönliche Homepage von Prof. Dr. Werner Diem*, <http://orient.>

phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/diem_homepage.html?&L=6, visited 20.03.2013). This gives a total of over 170 publications, which had and still have a big influence on the development of Arabic, Islamic and Semitic studies.

The Festschrift *Orientalistische Studien zu Sprache und Literatur* reflects a range of interests of the Jubilat. It consists of five parts: *Philologie der Orientalischen Sprachen* "Philology of Oriental Languages", pp. 3–109 – articles by Joshua Blau (Jerusalem), Lutz Edzard (Oslo), Wolfdietrich Fischer (Erlangen), Manfred Götz (Cologne), Kathrin Müller (Munich), Keers Versteegh (Nijmegen), Reinhard Weipert (Munich); *Arabische Dialektologie* "Arabic Dialectology", pp. 113–171 – articles by Werner Arnold (Heidelberg), Melanie Hanitsch (Cologne), Manfred Woidich (Amsterdam); *Epistolographie, Urkundenlehre und Papyrologia* "Epistolography, Document Studies, Papyrologie", pp. 175–261 – articles by Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge), Friedrich Niessen (Cambridge), Lucian Reinfandt (Vienna), Irene Schneider (Göttingen), Rudolf Veselý (Prague); *Dichtung und Literatur* "Poetry and Literature", pp. 265–388 – articles by Shams Anwari-Alhoseyni (Cologne), Thomas Bauer (Munster), Ulrich Marzolph (Göttingen), Mehdi Riazi (Cologne), Ewald Wagner (Giessen), Edwin Wieriga (Cologne), Andrzej Zaborski (Cracow), *Religions- und Kulturgeschichte* "The History of Religion and Culture", pp. 389–486 – articles by Michael G. Carter (Sydney), Heinz Grotzfeld (Munster), Andreas Kaplony (Zurich), Paul Kunitsch (Munich), Ignacy Nasalski (Cracow) and Wiebke Walther (Tübingen) The volume consists of 28 articles, most of them in German (as also the works of Prof. Diem). I find this very positive – I am convinced that the multilingualism of Oriental publications should be a hallmark of our discipline.

Such a body of eminent scholars in the field of Arabic, Islamic and Semitic studies is a warranty of high level of studies and articles, which form the present volume. It is a really interesting and important contribution to various fields of Oriental studies.

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