

Safavid Letters in Silk Pouches: An Interdisciplinary Approach

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Letters in Silk Pouches

Diplomatic Correspondence
from the Safavid Court in the
Swedish National Archives



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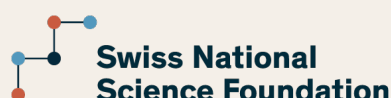
What did a Safavid shah's correspondence actually look like? The Swedish National Archives preserve seventeenth-century Persian letters together with the silk pouches that carried them—evidence of a diplomacy in which text and textile bore meaning together.

The History of Textile Arts Unit at the Institute of Art History (IKG) and the research project *Trall: Tracing Labour in Islamicate Legal Traditions* (MOMuG) invite you to a guest lecture by Anna Jolly and Stanisław Jaśkowski. Drawing on their joint publication, *Letters in Silk Pouches*, the two speakers will not only present a remarkable group of objects but also show what interdisciplinary collaboration between art history and Islamic studies can look like in practice.

All are warmly welcome.

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