

Preface

This eighth volume of the *Beiträge zur Islamischen Kunst und Archäologie* assembles contributions that grew from the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Colloquia of the Ernst Herzfeld-Gesellschaft: in Vienna, Austria in 2017, and in Strasbourg, France in 2018. They are published in the first and the second half of the present volume.

The Vienna colloquium, organized by Markus Ritter, Department of Art History, University of Vienna, discussed the theme of “Re-Assessing Nineteenth-Century Art in Islamic Countries.” The Strasbourg colloquium was organized by Nourane Ben Azzouna, Institute of Art History, Faculty of Historical Sciences, University of Strasbourg, and addressed “The History of Material Cultures and Visual Arts in Islamic Lands: Current State of Research and New Perspectives.” The full programs of the two colloquia, and of others organized on behalf of the Ernst Herzfeld Society, are available on the Society’s website.¹ An alphabetical list of the speakers and papers presented in the two colloquia is found at the end of this volume.

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In the year of the Vienna colloquium, sadly, two of the early and eldest members of the Ernst Herzfeld Society passed away. Eva (Chawa) Baer (Berlin 1920–Jerusalem 2017) has been remembered in the obituary of a Society member in another publication,² while Dorothea Duda (Breslaw 1937–Vienna 2017) is commemorated at the beginning of this volume.

The Editors

1 See <<https://ernst-herzfeldgesellschaft.com>>. For the Vienna colloquium, see: <<https://ernst-herzfeldgesellschaft.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/EHG-Wien-Programm-06-20-17-B.pdf>>; and for the Strasbourg colloquium: <<https://ernst-herzfeld-gesellschaft.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/EHG14-final-prog.pdf>>.

2 Avinoam Shalem, “In Memoriam: Eva Baer,” *Muqarnas* 35/2018, vii–ix.