

Thanks to the patronage of The Polonsky Foundation, the Bibliothèque nationale de France and the British Library are engaged in a partnership aiming at cataloguing, digitizing, and showcasing a corpus of 800 illuminated manuscripts, produced in France or England between the 8th and 12th centuries.

During this one-day international workshop, we intend to share the strategies chosen by the two partner libraries regarding care and conservation of manuscripts in connection with digitization. In the light of the challenges encountered in the course of the project, we would like to consider to what extent it invites each library to reflect upon current conservation policies in order to improve them.



The Polonsky Foundation England and France Project: Digitisation and Conservation Strategies

A one-day international workshop

15th June 2018

BnF - François Mitterrand, Petit auditorium

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11.00-11.10: Welcome coffee

11.10-11.15: **Isabelle Bonnard** (BnF, Département de la Conservation) / **Francesco Siri** (BnF, Département des Manuscrits), *Introduction*

11.15-13.15: **Care and Conservation Works at the BnF**

Sébastien Gilot (independent conservator), *Conservation Works on Cluny's Late Bindings*

Marie Messager (independent conservator), *A Sample Book Conservation Binding*

Alizée Lacourtiade (conservator, Bibliothèque Mazarine), *Conservation Binding of Small Format Manuscripts*

Coralie Barbe (independent conservator), *Manuscripts Digitization: Relevance of Diagnosis to Predict Possible Degradations*

Discussion

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.00-15.15: **Care and Conservation Works at the British Library**

Dr Cordelia Rogerson (Head of Collection Management South), *An overview of the foundation collections at the British Library – Considerations for Conservation*

Jessica Pollard (Digitisation Conservator, Pre1200 Polonsky project), *Conservation Treatment and Digitisation Support for the Polonsky Project*

Gayle Whitby (Conservation Digitisation Manager), *The Role and Context of Conservation Support for Digitisation at the British Library*

Dr Cordelia Rogerson (Head of Collection Management South), *Reflections on Care and Conservation at the British Library*

Discussion

15.15-15.30: Coffee break

15.30-17.00: Round Table about Policies for Care and Conservation of Manuscripts at the BL and the BnF. What have we learned from The Polonsky Foundation project?