

## CALL FOR PAPERS

# CONRAD SCHICK AND HIS WORLD

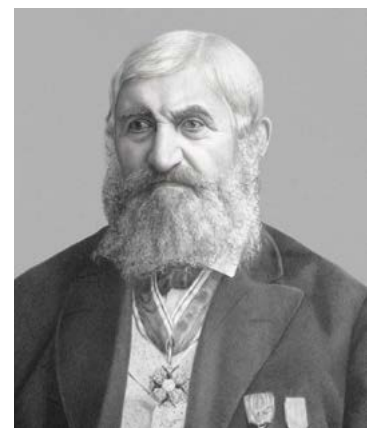
6-7 FEBRUARY, 2023 | JERUSALEM

Conrad Schick is often regarded as the first “scholar of Jerusalem”. He began his activity in Jerusalem in 1846 under the auspices of the missionary society of St. Chrischona. Shortly, he became a teacher of crafts in the House of Industry of the Anglo-Prussian bishopric. Schick extended his activities into the scientific exploration of the Holy Land. His service as a surveyor to the British Ordnance Survey of Jerusalem (1864-1865) paved the way for his long collaboration with the European scientific societies of the PEF and DPV. Schick published hundreds of articles in scientific journals (such as *PEQSt* and *ZDPV*), engaged in archaeological excavations, drafted maps and built 3D models of key sites in Jerusalem. Upon request of the Ottoman authorities to produce an accurate model of the Temple Mount in 1872-3, Schick became one of the very few European scholars who received unrestricted access to the underground areas of the compound. Schick also engaged in architecture and planned many notable buildings and neighbourhoods in Jerusalem during the second half of the 19th century.

Many of Schick’s reports and articles remain unpublished in archives. Hence, his contribution has been underestimated and the historical environment of his activities has been not fully understood. Furthermore, new excavations targeted sites that Schick explored in the past and that provide us more a comprehensive understanding of the findings.

Marking 200 years since the birth of Conrad Schick in 2022, our aim in the conference is to evaluate his activities in Jerusalem and his contribution to the exploration of the Holy Land. Side to side with Schick’s work, we will focus on the historical background of the European involvement in Jerusalem that paved the way for a self-educated German protestant individual to take a leading role in archaeological, geographical, and biblical research, as well as in the development of the city in the second half of the 19th century.

The two-day conference will take place in the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and in Paulus-Haus (DVHL), Jerusalem, **February 6-7, 2023**. In addition to paper presentations, the academic program will include a field trip to sites in Jerusalem connected with Conrad Schick.



We invite paper proposals (300 words) on the theme of the conference. Paper proposals may address, inter alia, the following suggested topics:

- Conrad Schick – a man, a scholar, and an architect.
- Schick's archaeological contribution, including new research/excavations on sites that he previously explored as well as studies of his archival materials.
- New studies on the 3D models produced by Conrad Schick, including studies relating to the sites as these are represented in the models and works on models as cultural heritage.
- Retrospective of Schick's achievements in architecture, bible study, geography, and the explorations of the Holy Land.
- Schick's enterprises with non-Christian groups/organisations, such as Jewish neighbourhood committees and the Ottoman authorities.
- Schick's architecture in its contemporary comparison: technology, funding, materials; European 19th century building activity in Jerusalem and Conrad Schick.
- Present conservation of Conrad Schick's buildings.
- Schick and his neighbours: new historical research on key personalities/events in Jerusalem in the 19th century.
- New studies on European scientific and missionary societies in the late 19th century in Jerusalem.

*The language of the conference is English. Papers will be accepted based on academic excellence. The conference is open to scholars and graduate students of all nationalities. Subsidised accommodation may be provided in Jerusalem for travellers from abroad.*

*Paper proposal should be submitted by the **deadline of 7 August 2022**. Please submit your proposal with the following form:*

<https://bit.ly/submit2shick2023>

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We are looking forward to receiving your proposal,

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