

Report on the Lecture Evening

„Antike Geschichte und Kultur BETH-NAHRIN´s“

on 20.02.2010 in Gütersloh

The lecture evening with the theme „Antike Geschichte und Kultur BETH-NAHRIN´s“ was organized by the Landesverband NRW der djo - Deutsche Jugend in Europa in cooperation with the members' association AJM – Assyrischer Jugendverband Mitteleuropa e.V. The main points of this event were the ancient pre-Christian Assyrian history, culture and language from the perspective of history and linguistics. The presentation should present a historical processing of the new scientific sources.

For these purposes two lectures were given by the historian Herr Sanherib Demir, University of Bielefeld and one of the linguist Frau Mesa Jajan, M.A. University of Leiden/Netherlands in the field of Assyriology. The topics were scientifically presented and analyzed. At first, the general processes of archaeology and the processing of the first sources were presented. Further, Herr Demir spoke about the development from the city of Assur to the 1,300-year-old claim and rule of a world empire with its heights and depths and the political strategies of the most important kings.



Sanherib Demir, Geschichtswissenschaftler
Universität Bielefeld

From the linguistic perspective, Frau Mesa Jajan spoke about the development of writing, from the origin of pictograms to cuneiform and finally to the development of the last known cuneiform tablets, before these were replaced by papyrus scrolls and ink. She also made a comparison of the cultures of the Sumerians, Akkadians, and Assyrians with the modern Assyrian culture. This included the elements of religion, language, traditions, customs, food culture, music, and customs, which were particularly important.



Mesa Jajan, M.A. in Assyriologie
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The participants, young people from the Gütersloh region, evaluated the lectures as very informative. The scientific data and facts from history, as well as the linguistic and cultural comparisons, created new knowledge for the young people.