Mihaly Pokorni (Uppsala)
Diplomatic correspondences from Ottoman Hungary: The case of a royal domain (Debrecen) from 17th century

This seminar will focus on 17th-century decrees (firman) which were issued by name of sultan Mehmed IV and which deal with issues concerning the Hungarian city of Debrecen at the time of its conquest by the Ottomans. It will present the general situation of Ottoman documents in Hungarian archives, the diplomatic characteristics of the examined decrees, what they can tell us about how the empire worked and how the city was integrated the structure of the empire.

Louise Backelin (Istanbul)
Arabic varieties in classes of “Arabic as mother tongue” (Arabiska som modersmål) in Swedish schools

The Arabic language is a so-called diglossic language and the local varieties are many. The local varieties are often the only variety children know when they start school. How do Arabic teachers in Sweden see their task in their work as “Arabic as Mother tongue” teachers? Which variety/ies of the language do they use in the classroom when they teach? How does this correspond with the Swedish curriculum?