

## **Hisp. Qu. 29**

### Binding:

Made of brown leather with gold embossed ornaments. It is probably the original binding, contemporary to the manuscript (16<sup>th</sup> century).

### History:

The manuscript was dated on the basis of handwriting and filigrees (16<sup>th</sup> century) and its location was established as uncertain (Spain?). The manuscript was probably created successively, with one or two anonymous copyists working on it. Some pen tests include the name Antonio de Berceo, probably one of the later owners of the manuscript. The manuscript was accessioned into the Berlin collection between 1818 and 1828. The first date is based on the fact that it appears in the *Alte Manuskripte Kataloge*, the old Berlin library catalogue, created gradually from 1818 (with notes from the 1820s and 1830s). On the other hand, the manuscript lacks an accession number, which means that it was incorporated into the Berlin library collection before 1828, when the new accession register was introduced in this institution. The lack of any other traces disallows the recreation of the manuscript's earlier history.

### Content:

The manuscript is a collection of moralist-philosophical maxims by various authors, compiled from many sources; it is a representative of an entire tradition of such works, popular in that period. The maxims are partially grouped according to their author. The manuscript is bilingual, with a strong domination of Spanish and sporadic fragments in Latin. The manuscript was probably prepared for personal needs and use.