

## Seminar for Arabian Studies 2016

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Centre, British Museum

FRIDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> July	
9:00	<b>Registration (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>
9.20	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>Special Session: Textiles and Personal Adornment in the Arabian Peninsula. Chair: Aisa Martinez</b>	
9:30	Aisa Martinez <b>Introduction</b>
9:40	Aude Mongiatti, Fahmida Suleman & Nigel Meeks <b>Making his mark: Omani silver from the silversmith's point of view</b>
10:05	Gillian Vogelsang-Eastwood <b>Embroidery in the Arabian Peninsula</b>
10:30	Lezley George <b>Back to Black? Abaya culture, identity, and fashion in the United Arab Emirates</b>
10:55 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
11:25	Martin Ledstrup <b>Wearings of national dress in the emirate of Ras al-Khaimah</b>
11:50	Fahad Al Hasni <b>The Silent language of Omani dress</b>
12:15	Keireine Canavan <b>Al-Sadu tribal weaving in Kuwait: lost meanings and future prospects</b>
12:40	Neil Richardson <b>Bedouin Weaving in Oman: A Story of Survival</b>
13:05-14:00 Lunch	
<b>Session 1: Islamic Archaeology. Chair: Andrew Peterson</b>	
14:00	Agnieszka Lic <b>Christian stucco production on Failaka Island: Between Mesopotamia and the southern Gulf</b>
14:25	Vladimir Dabrowski & Margareta Tengberg <b>Summer crops and spice trade on the Indian Ocean (10th-16th centuries AD): first archaeobotanical data from Sharma (Yemen) and Qalhāt (Oman)</b>
14:50	Chiara Zazzaro & Romolo Loreto <b>Surveying an eighteenth-century merchantman off the Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia</b>
15:15 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
15:45	Carolyn Swan, Derek Kennet & Thilo Rehren <b>Glass in the Arabian Peninsula: the chemical evidence of early Islamic finds from Kush, Ras al-Khaimah, UAE</b>
16:10	Mohamed Ahmed Abd El Rahman <b>Political and religious differences and their impact on Islamic monuments in Yemen: an archaeological and historical study</b>
16:35 END	

<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
	<b>Session 2: Prehistoric Arabia Part 1. Chair: Robert Carter</b>
9:20	Kevin Lidour <b>Fishing strategies and ecological features in Eastern Arabian Neolithic (6th-4th millennia BC) : cutting edge and new approaches</b>
9:45	Abigail F. Buffington & Michael Harrower <b>A Niche construction approach to vegetation community development in the South Arabian Neolithic: preliminary results</b>
10:10	Eugenio Bortolini <b>Hafit-Umm an-Nar (reprise): transition or transmission?</b>
10:35	Conrad Schmidt & Stephanie Döpfer <b>The development of complexity at 3rd millennium B.C. al-Khashbah, Sultanate of Oman: results of the first two seasons</b>
<b>11:00 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)</b>	
<b>POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS</b>	
	<b>Session 3: Prehistoric Arabia Part 2. Chair: Derek Kennet</b>
11:30	Nasser Al-Jahwari; Khaled Douglas & Mohammed Al-Belushi <b>Umm an- Nar settlement in northern Oman: a case study from Dahwa</b>
11:55	Sophie Méry, Michele Degli Esposti, Dennys Frenéz & Jonathan Mark Kenoyer <b>Indus potters in central Oman during the 3rd Millennium B.C. First results of technological and archaeometrical analyses</b>
12:20	Thomas Van de Velde & Peter Magee <b>The bitumen imports at Tell Abraq – tracing the 2nd millennium B.C. bitumen industry in southeast Arabia</b>
12:45	Fernando Contreras Rodrigo, Bernardo Villa, Pedro Albarracín, Rashad Mohammed Bukhash, Sheikha Obaid Al Abbar, Mansour Boraik Radwan Karim, Hassan Mohammed Zein <b>Excavations at Saoruq Al-Hadid's Area 2a, an Iron Age II smelting production site</b>
<b>13:10 Lunch</b>	
	<b>Session 4: Prehistoric Arabia Part 3. Chair: Sophie Méry</b>
14:10	Bleda Düring, Eric Olijdam & Sam Botan <b>New Late Bronze Age – Iron Age funerary data from the Wadi Fizh, northern Oman</b>
14:35	Charlotte Cable, Lloyd Weeks, James Roberts, Claire Newton, Rashad Bukhash, Shaikha Obaid Al Abbar, Mansour Boraik <b>Two seasons of the Saruq al-Hadid Archaeological Research Project (Dubai, UAE) – preliminary results of the excavations</b>
15:00	Steven Karacic, Mansour Boraik & Hussein Qandil <b>Snake decorations on the Iron Age pottery from Saruq al-Hadid: a possible cult site?</b>
<b>15:25 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)</b>	
	<b>Session 5: Prehistoric Arabia Part 4. Chair: Charlotte Cable</b>
15:50	Paul A. Yule <b>'New' excavations in the Sultanate of Oman</b>
16:15	Rebecca Banks, Michael Fradley, Jérémie Schiettecatte & Andrea Zerbini <b>From satellite to sand: integrating remote sensing and field survey in the eastern Ḥaḍramawt and al-Bayḍā' regions of Yemen</b>
16:40	Guillaume Gernez <b>The discovery of a new Iron Age ritual complex in Central Oman: recent excavations near Adam</b>
17:05	<b>Memories of Beatrice de Cardi: a brief tribute to the pioneering Arabian archaeologist and one of the founders of the Seminar for Arabian Studies</b>
<b>17:30 END</b>	
<b>18:00, BP Lecture Theatre</b>	
<b>Annual MBI Al Jaber Lecture:</b>	
UK Preview of the film 'Voice of the Ocean: Omani Seafaring in the Indian Ocean' by Eric Staples, Abdulrahman al-Salimi and David Willis. Including a chance to discuss the film with Eric Staples.	

<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	
<b>Session 6: History and Ethnography. Chair: Tim Power</b>	
9:20	Hanadi Abo Kadijh <b>Meccan society at the end of the Middle Ages</b>
9:45	Naima Benkari <b>A document of Ibâdi jurisprudence related to the architecture of mosques</b>
10:10	Saif Albedwawi <b>Pearl merchants of the Gulf and their lives in Bombay</b>
10:35	Vitaly Naumkin & Leonid Kogan <b>Corpus of Soqotri oral literature: work in progress</b>
<b>11:00 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>	
11:30	Julian Jansen van Rensburg & Kristen Hopper <b>Incense and imagery: mapping agricultural and water management systems on the island of Socotra, Yemen</b>
<b>Session 7: Late Pre-Islamic Arabia. Chair: Michael Macdonald</b>	
11:55	Bruno Overlaet <b>Chronology and development of monumental tombs of the Late Pre-Islamic period at Mleiha (U.A.E.)</b>
12:20	George Hatke <b>Foreign women in the Kingdom of Maʿīn: A sidelight on ancient South Arabian history ca. 300-200 B.C.</b>
12:45	Muntasir Al Hamad & Alaa Abdelmonem <b>The Arabic text in "Ain Avdat": its category and function</b>
<b>13:10 Lunch</b>	
14:10	Ahmad Al Jallad <b>A new Safaitic poetic text from northern Jordan</b>
14:35	Jérôme Norris <b>The expression h-rhwy in Thamudic B inscriptions from North-Western Arabia</b>
<b>15:00END</b>	