

# 51<sup>st</sup> Seminar for Arabian Studies 2017

**DRAFT PROGRAMME 16th June 2017: CHANGES MAY BE NEEDED**

Friday 4th to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Centre, British Museum

FRIDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> August	
9:00	Registration (Clore Centre Foyer)
9.20	Welcome
<b>Session 1: Pre-Islamic Arabia</b>	
<b>Chair: Derek Kennet</b>	
9:30	Guillaume Charloux, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Living in Madain Salih-Hegra during Antiquity. Results from the Excavations of Area 1 in the Ancient City</i>
9:55	Karol Juchniewicz: <i>From Traders to Dwellers? Settlement pattern in pre-Islamic Aynuna</i>
10:20	Luna Watkins: <i>Understanding urban space. The oasis of Tayma during the Nabataean, Roman and Late Antique Periods</i>
10:45	Jérôme Rohmer & A. Al-Jallad: <i>The Thaj Archaeological Project: results of the first field season (2016)</i>
<b>11.10–11:40 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>	
11:40	Romolo Loreto: <i>2009-2016 excavation seasons in the historical core of Dūmat al-Jandal, ancient Adummatu</i>
12:05	George Hatke: <i>Kingship in Pre-Aksumite Ethiopia from the Perspective of Ethio-Sabaic Inscriptions</i>
12:30	Ronald Ruzicka: <i>KALAM reloaded</i>
12:55	Ali Jarkhi: <i>Mercurial Amalgamation: Innovation in Gold Extraction in Late Antique Arabia</i>
<b>13:20-14:20 Lunch</b>	
<b>Session 2: Early Islamic Arabia</b>	
<b>Chair: Harry Munt</b>	
14.20	Freestone, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Analytical Investigation of Early Islamic Glass from Sir Bani Yas (United Arab Emirates)</i>
14:45	Orhan Elmaz: <i>The Material and Spiritual World of Early-Islamic Hijaz as Reflected in the Hadith</i>
15:10	Werner Daum: <i>The Great Mosque of Şan'ā' and its predecessors: 2000 years of religious tradition</i>
<b>15:35–16:00 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>	
<b>Session 3: Arabian languages</b>	
<b>Chair: Michael Macdonald</b>	
16:00	Janet Watson and Alex Bellem: <i>Ssshhh! A new analysis of the Şherēt š ~ š contrast</i>
16:25	Munira Al-Azraqi: <i>Delateralization and language contact in Arabic and Mehri</i>
16:50	Alex Bellem & Rex Smith: <i>A Linguistic Analysis of Two Literary Mixed Arabic Texts from Late 19th-/Early 20th-Century Yemen</i>
<b>17:15 END</b>	

	<b>SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>
	<b>Session 4: Arabian Prehistory</b>
	<b>Chair: Lloyd Weeks</b>
9:20	Robyn H Inglis, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Early and Middle Stone Age Activity in its Landscape Context: Recent Work at Wadi Dabsa, Asir Province, SW Saudi Arabia</i>
9:45	Philip Macumber: <i>Environmental Impacts on the Occupation of Qatar and the Gulf during the Holocene Period</i>
10:10	Olivier Brunet: <i>Neolithic Stone beads from Oman Peninsula</i>
10:35	Maria Pia Maiorano, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Sharbithat and the Early-Middle Holocene chronology (Dhofar, Sultanate of Oman)</i>
	<b>11:00-11.25 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>
	<b>POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS</b>
	<b>Session 4 continued: Arabian Prehistory</b>
	<b>Chair: Lloyd Weeks</b>
11:25	Piotr Bieliński: <i>Bahra 1 – eight years of excavations of an Ubaid culture related settlement on As-Sabbiyah desert (Kuwait)</i>
11:50	Łukasz Rutkowski: <i>A tumulus cemetery on the north coast of Kuwait Bay: Results of survey and excavation in the Al-Subiyah regio</i>
12:15	Steffen Terp Laursen: <i>New excavations at The Royal Mounds of A'ali, Bahrain, c. 2000-1700 BC</i>
12:40	Abdulla Khalfan Al Kaabi & Ali Abdul Rahman Al Meqbali: <i>Discovery of Bronze Age Trade with Dilmun on Sir Bani Yas Island</i>
	<b>13:05–14:05 Lunch</b>
	<b>Session 4 continued: Arabian Prehistory</b>
	<b>Chair: Robert Carter</b>
14.05	Lloyd Weeks, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Saruq al-Hadid: new insights from three years of field and laboratory research</i>
14:30	Sumio Fujii: <i>Bridging Enclosures and Tower Tombs: Excavations at the Wadi Sharma sites, NW Arabia</i>
14:55	M. Luciani & A.S. Al-Saud: <i>New Archaeological Joint Project on the Site of Qurayyah, North-West Arabia: Results of the First Two Excavation Seasons</i>
15:20	M. Binder, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Life and living conditions in Northern Arabia during the Bronze Age – First results from the bioarchaeological work at Qurayyah, Saudi Arabia</i>
	<b>15:20–15:50 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>
	<b>Session 4 continued: Arabian Prehistory</b>
	<b>Chair: Daniel Eddisford</b>
15:50	Nasser Said Al-Jahwari, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Preliminary Results of the Archaeological Excavation at the Umm al-Nar Settlement at Dahwa DH1 and DH7: Third Season 2017</i>
16:15	F. Genchi, <i>et al.</i> : <i>The sacred area of Daba (Musandam, Oman, II-I millennium BC). The LCG-2 complex: structures, materials, osteological elements</i>
16:40	Silvia Lischi, <i>et al.</i> : <i>From the Bronze Age to the Islamic period: the site of Al Hamr al-Sharqiya a preliminary approach</i>
	<b>17:05 END</b>
	<b>18:00, BP Lecture Theatre</b>
	<b>Annual MBI Al Jaber Lecture:</b>
	<b>Professor Trevor Marchand: <i>Yemen's Architectural Heritage In Peril</i></b>

	<b>SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>
	<b>SPECIAL SESSION: "Languages, scripts and their uses in ancient North Arabia"</b>
9:20	Welcome by Michael Macdonald & Jeremy Johns
	<b>Chair: Michael Macdonald</b>
9:25	Ahmad Al-Jallad: <i>The Proto-South Semitic Script: A reconstruction of its glyphs and phonemic repertoire</i>
9:50	Chiara della Puppa: <i>On the 'Safaitic square script': a re-assessment of the evidence</i>
10:15	Ali al-Manaser: <i>Between place and inscription: A new understanding of the Safaitic inscriptions</i>
10:40	Hani' Hayajneh: <i>The identity of the Ancient North Arabian Madabite language based on new epigraphical evidence from Wādī at-Ṭhamad — Central Jordan: An Appraisal</i>
	<b>11:05–11.30 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>
	<b>Chair: Ahmad Al-Jallad</b>
11:30	Sulayman al-Theeb: <i>The development and the evolution of the Ḥā'il Thamudic inscriptions</i>
11:55	Jérôme Norris & Guillaume Charlux: <i>The Ancient North Arabian inscriptions from the Dūmat al-Jandal area (Saudi Arabia) and their archaeological context</i>
12:20	Alessia Prioletta: <i>New research on the Thamudic graffiti from the region of Ḥimā (Najrān, Saudi Arabia)</i>
12:45	Christian Robin: <i>Who wrote the South Arabian and Thamudic inscriptions of Ḥimā (Southern Saudi Arabia)?</i>
	<b>13:10–14:10 Lunch</b>
	<b>Chair: Laïla Nehmé</b>
14:10	Peter Stein: <i>The role of Aramaic on the Arabian Peninsula in the second half of the first millennium BC</i>
14:35	Fokelien Kootstra: <i>Scribal Practices in contact: the case of Dadan</i>
15:00	John Healey: <i>Literacy in Literate Societies: the Scribe in Nabataean and other Aramaic Contexts</i>
	<b>15:25–15:55 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>
	<b>Chair: John Healey</b>
15:55	Laïla Nehmé: <i>The script of the Nabataeo-Arabic inscriptions from northwest and south Arabia: a re-examination based on new evidence</i>
16:20	Phillip Stokes: <i>Safaitic 'ly and the morphology of the plural demonstrative pronoun in Arabic</i>
16:45	<b>General discussion</b>
	<b>17: 25: END</b>
	<b>18:00, BP Lecture Theatre</b> <b>Annual MBI Al Jaber Lecture:</b> <b>Professor Trevor Marchand: <i>Yemen's Architectural Heritage In Peril</i></b>

	<b>SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>
	<b>Session 5: The Iron Age in Arabia</b>
	<b>Chair: Julien Charbonnier</b>
9:20	Alessandra Avanzini, <i>et al.</i> : <i>New data on the emergence of the Iron Age in South Eastern Arabia: the case of Salut</i>
9:45	Steven Karacic, <i>et al.</i> : <i>The Architecture and Phasing of Muweilah</i>
10:10	Mathilde Jean, <i>et al.</i> : <i>New evidences of Iron Age ritual practices in Central Oman: 2017 excavations in Mudhmar East, near Adam</i>
	<b>Session 6: Landscape in Arabia</b>
	<b>Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg</b>
10:35	Louise Purdue, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Ancient agriculture and runoff harvesting in the mountain oasis of Rustaq, Oman</i>
	<b>11:00–11:30 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)</b>
11:30	Jose C. Carvajal Lopez, <i>et al.</i> : <i>From “tentscape” to landscape: a multi-scale analysis of long-term occupation patterns in north-western Qatar</i>
11:55	Julien Charbonnier, <i>et al.</i> : <i>Hidden waters? Diachronic study of artesian springs and wells in Masafi (UAE)</i>
12:20	Peter Sheehan, <i>et al.</i> : <i>The Al Ain Oases Mapping Project: Hili Oasis 2017</i>
12:45	Richard N. Fletcher, <i>et al.</i> : <i>New Aerial Photography in the Arabian Gulf</i>
	<b>13:10–14:10 Lunch</b>
	<b>Session 7: Ethnography and Travellers</b>
	<b>Chair: Tim Power</b>
14:10	Vitaly Naumkin & Leonid Kogan: <i>Women in Soqotri and Omani Folklore</i>
14:35	Marie-Claire Bakker: <i>Liminality – narratives of identity on Abu Dhabi’s desert island</i>
15:00	Fergus Reoch: <i>Routes Across Arabia: Pilgrimage Routes from the UAE Region in Historical Context</i>
	<b>15:25 END</b>