

52nd Seminar for Arabian Studies 2018

DRAFT PROGRAMME MAY 2018: CHANGES MAY BE NEEDED

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th August, BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Centre, British Museum

FRIDAY 3rd August	
9:00	Registration (Clore Centre Foyer)
9.20	Welcome
Session 2: Arabian languages	
Chair: Michael Macdonalds	
9:30	<i>Fokelien Kootstra</i> : Variation and formularity: understanding writing culture through the epigraphic record
9:55	<i>Maxim Yosefi</i> : The forefathers of hājīs and ḥalīla: the origins of an ambivalent attitude towards the jinn of poetic inspiration in tribal Arab culture
10:20 - 10:50 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
Session 3: Landscape in Arabia	
Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg	
10:50	<i>Robert Bewley and Sufyan al Karaimah</i> : Aerial Archaeology in Oman 2018 and beyond
11:15	<i>Garry Momber et al</i> : QatarMAP: new discoveries and state of the art recording
11:40	<i>Mesfer Alqahtani</i> : Geospatial Investigation of Circular Stone Structures in Northern Saudi Arabia
12:05	<i>Sabatino Laurenza et al</i> : Graves, Disposal and Social Memory: towards a new definition of funerary landscape in Oman
12.30	<i>Sophie Costa et al</i> : History of Ras al Khaimah oases (U.A.E.): new chronostratigraphic frame for the oasis of Dhayah
12:55 - 14:00 Lunch	
Session 4: The Iron Age in Arabia Session 1	
Chair: Anne Benoist	
14:00	<i>Paul A. Yule</i> : Me əḡihām, you maṭāl, nothing new in south-eastern Arabian engenderment and language identity?
14:25	<i>E. Tagliamonte et al</i> : The Late Iron Age of central Oman (c. 300BC-300AD). New insights from Salut
14:50	<i>Roman Garba</i> : Triliths, the Stone Monuments of Southern Arabia: Results of Initial Study and Path Towards the Interpretation
15.15	<i>Iwona Zych et al</i> : The site of Saruq al-Hadid (Dubai, UAE): reconstructing an anthropogenic landscape
15:40–16:15 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
Session 4 continued: The Iron Age in Arabia Session 2	
Chair: Paul Yule	
16.15	<i>Tatiana Valente et al</i> : Anthropomorphic figurines from Area 2A of Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai, UAE
16:40	<i>Kimberly D. Williams et al</i> : The Iron Age Mortuary Complex at Shokur, Dhank, Sultanate of Oman
17.05	<i>Anne Benoist et al</i> : Evidence of specialization of Iron Age pottery production : Compositional analyses of domestic, ritual and prestigious pottery from Bithnah and Masafi.
17:30 END	

SATURDAY 4th August	
Session 5: Arabian Prehistory Session 1	
Chair: Kim Williams	
9:00	<i>Anthony Sinclair et al:</i> Rediscovering the Palaeolithic of Northwestern Saudi Arabia
9:25	<i>Kevin Lidour et al:</i> The numerous islands of Ichthyophagi” - Neolithic fisheries on Dalma island, Abu Dhabi emirate, United Arab Emirates.
9:50	<i>Sophie Méry:</i> Umm al Quwain UAQ2, a 6th-5th Neolithic residential site in the northern Emirates
10:15	<i>Anaïs Marrast et al:</i> Exploitation of Ja’alan’s Coastal Resources During the Neolithic: The Settlements of Suwayh 1 and Ruways 1 (Sultanate of Oman)
10:40 - 11:15 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)	
POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	
Session 5 continued: Arabian Prehistory Session 2	
Chair: Bleda Düring	
11:15	<i>Conrad Schmidt & Stephanie Döpper:</i> The Hafit Period at Al-Khashbah, Sultanate of Oman: Results of Four Years of Excavations and Material Studies
11:40	<i>Enzo Cocca et al:</i> Al-Khutm Project 2017/2018: A Bronze Age Monumental Tower (Bat, Oman)
12:05	<i>Khaled Douglas et al:</i> Ritual Building at the high place in Dahwa (DH7), Umm an-Nar Settlement, in North Oman
12.30	<i>Maurizio Cattani et al:</i> Cultures in contact. The Umm an-Nar coastal site of Ras Al-Hadd HD-1, Sultanate of Oman
12:55 - 14:00 Lunch	
Session 5 continued: Arabian Prehistory Session 3	
Chair: Khalid Douglas	
14:00	<i>Carl Philips & Daniel Eddisford:</i> Kalba – a midway point on the Early Bronze Age maritime trade route between Mesopotamia and the Indus
14:25	<i>Jonathan Mark Kenoyer et al:</i> Compositional and provenance studies of Indus-related pottery from Bronze Age Salut ST1, Sultanate of Oman. Preliminary results of Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis (INAA)
14:50	<i>Bleda S. Düring:</i> The Bronze Age Cultural Landscape of the Wadi al-Zahaimi
15:15-15:45 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)	
Session 5 continued: Arabian Prehistory Session 4	
Chair: Christian Velde	
15:45	<i>James Roberts et al:</i> The Relationship Between Humans and Camels in Bronze Age Arabia: New Insights into Camel Domestication from Saruq al-Hadid
16:10	<i>Steven Karacic:</i> A Dilmun seal impression and the early second millennium BC at Tell Abraq
16.35	<i>Kristina Pfeiffer:</i> Late Bronze Age Populations Reconsidered: Recent Research in the Emirate of Fujairah
17:00 END	
18:00, BP Lecture Theatre	
Annual MBI Al Jaber Lecture	
18:00	<i>Robert Carter:</i> Neither the Desert nor the Sown: the Towns of Arabian Gulf from the 18th to the 20th centuries AD

SUNDAY 5th August	
Session 1: Late pre-Islamic to Islamic Session	
Chair: Harry Munt	
9:00	<i>Dr. George Hatke:</i> Aksum in South Arabia ca. 518 CE: RIÉth 191 and Kālēb's First Ḥimyarite Campaign
9:25	<i>Julian Jansen van Rensburg & Alan Forrest:</i> Documenting the forgotten heritage of Soqatra.
9:50	<i>Jérémie Schiettecatte et al:</i> A thousand-year-old mosque at al-Yamāma (Central Arabia
10:15 - 10:45 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)	
Session 6: Later Islamic Arabia Session 1	
Chair: Robert Carter	
10:45	<i>Alexia Pavan:</i> Excavation and consolidation of Husn Al Baleed, a medieval fortified castle in southern Oman. Results from the 2016-2018 campaigns
11:10	<i>Agnese Fusaro:</i> New project on Islamic ceramics from al-Balid: Chronology, technology, tradition and provenance
11:35	<i>Alessandro Ghidoni:</i> Sewn-plank construction technology in the Western Indian Ocean: the evidence from the new timbers discovered in al-Balid, Oman.
12.00	<i>Christian Velde:</i> Julfar al-Mataf during the Portuguese Period
12:25 - 13:30 Lunch	
Session 6 continued: Later Islamic Arabia Session 2	
Chair: Derek Kennet	
13:30	<i>Robert Carter et al:</i> Archaeology, Migration and Globalisation at Fuwairit, Qatar
13:55	<i>Jose C. Carvajal Lopez et al:</i> Production and provenance of Gulf wares unearthed in the Old Doha Excavations (Qatar Museums / UCL Qatar)
14:20	<i>Agnieszka Magdalena Bystron:</i> Pottery from Al Zubarah, Qatar: Reference Collection and Ware Typology
14:45-15:15 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)	
Session 7: Ethnography and Travellers	
Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg	
15:45	<i>Anton Kungl:</i> Modern South Arabian Material from the Diaries of Eduard Glaser
15:10	<i>Vitaly Naumkin & Leonid Kogan:</i> Symbolism of Numbers and Two Cultural Matrices in the Soqotri Folklore
15:35 END	