

52nd Seminar for Arabian Studies 2018

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 1: Arabian languages	
Chair: Michael Macdonald	
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 2: Landscape in Arabia	
Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg	
10:50	<i>Robert Bewley and Sufyan al Karaimh</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 3: 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 3 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 4: Arabian Prehistory Session 1	
Chair: Kim Williams	
9:20	<i>Anthony Sinclair et al:</i> Rediscovering the Palaeolithic of Northwestern Saudi Arabia
9:45	<i>Kevin Lidour et al:</i> The numerous islands of Ichthyophagi: Neolithic fisheries on Dalma island, Abu Dhabi emirate, United Arab Emirates.
10:10	<i>Sophie Méry:</i> Umm al Quwain UAQ2, a 6th-5th Neolithic residential site in the northern Emirates
10:35	<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)
11:00 - 11:30 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	
Session 4 continued: Arabian Prehistory Session 2	
Chair: Bleda Düring	
11:30	<i>Conrad Schmidt & Stephanie Döpper:</i> The Hafit Period at Al-Khashbah, Sultanate of Oman: Results of Four Years of Excavations and Material Studies
11:55	<i>Enzo Cocca et al:</i> Al-Khutm Project 2017/2018: A Bronze Age Monumental Tower (Bat, Oman)
12:20	<i>Khaled Douglas et al:</i> Ritual Building at the high place in Dahwa (DH7), Umm an-Nar Settlement, in North Oman
12.45	<i>Maurizio Cattani et al:</i> Cultures in contact. The Umm an-Nar coastal site of Ras Al-Hadd HD-1, Sultanate of Oman
13:10 - 14:10 Lunch	
Session 4 continued: Arabian Prehistory Session 3	
Chair: Khalid Douglas	
14:10	<i>Carl Philips & Daniel Eddisford:</i> Kalba – a midway point on the Early Bronze Age maritime trade route between Mesopotamia and the Indus
14:35	<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)
15:00	<i>Bleda S. Düring:</i> The Bronze Age Cultural Landscape of the Wadi al-Zahaimi
15:25-15:55 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
Session 4 continued: Arabian Prehistory Session 4	
Chair: Christian Velde	
15:55	<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
16:20	<i>Steven Karacic:</i> A Dilmun seal impression and the early second millennium BC at Tell Abraq
16.45	<i>Kristina Pfeiffer:</i> Late Bronze Age Populations Reconsidered: Recent Research in the Emirate of Fujairah
17:10 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 5: Late pre-Islamic to Islamic Arabia
	Chair: Harry Munt
9:20	<i>Dr. George Hatke: Aksum in South Arabia ca. 518 CE: RIÉth 191 and Kālēb's First Ḥimyarite Campaign</i>
9:45	<i>Julian Jansen van Rensburg & Alan Forrest: Documenting the forgotten heritage of Soqatra.</i>
10:10	<i>Jérémie Schiettecatte et al: A thousand-year-old mosque at al-Yamāma (Central Arabia)</i>
	10:35 - 11:05 Tea / coffee (Clare Centre Foyer)
	Session 6: Ethnography and Travellers
	Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg
11:05	<i>Anton Kungl: Modern South Arabian Material from the Diaries of Eduard Glaser</i>
11:30	<i>Vitaly Naumkin & Leonid Kogan: Symbolism of Numbers and Two Cultural Matrices in the Soqotri Folklore</i>
	Session 7: Later Islamic Arabia Session 1
	Chair: Robert Carter
12:00	<i>Agnese Fusaro: New project on Islamic ceramics from al-Balid: Chronology, technology, tradition and provenance</i>
12:25	<i>Alessandro Ghidoni: Sewn-plank construction technology in the Western Indian Ocean: the evidence from the new timbers discovered in al-Balīd, Oman.</i>
12:50	<i>Christian Velde: Julfar al-Mataf during the Portuguese Period</i>
	13:15 - 14:15 Lunch
	Session 7 continued: Later Islamic Arabia Session 2
	Chair: Derek Kennet
14:15	<i>Robert Carter et al: Archaeology, Migration and Globalisation at Fuwairit, Qatar</i>
14:40	<i>Jose C. Carvajal Lopez et al: Production and provenance of Gulf wares unearthed in the Old Doha Excavations (Qatar Museums / UCL Qatar)</i>
15:05	<i>Agnieszka Magdalena Bystron: Pottery from Al Zubarah, Qatar: Reference Collection and Ware Typology</i>
	15:30 END

POSTERS

Posters will be on display outside the BP Lecture Theatre throughout the conference. The authors will be answering questions about their posters between 11:00 and 11:130 on Saturday 4th August.

Hidaya Monir Abbas: Documentation of Old Jiddah's Ottoman arbiṭah: Selected Case Studies : Selected Case Studies

Saja Abdulgader Alghamdi: Documentation of Abdullah Salih al-Zarqawi's House

Hasan Ashkanani et al: A Characterization Study of Late Neolithic Ceramics from As-Sabbiya, Kuwait, Using Non-Destructive pXRF

Katleen Deckers et al: Vegetation and wood use at Bat and Al-Kashbah in Oman (4th and 3rd millennium BC)

Giacomo Fontana: Automatic detection and drawing of complex burial monuments in the Arabian Peninsula from satellite imagery

Elizabeth Rachel Hicks: The Gendered Household - Making space for women in the study of Islamic archaeology in Qatar

Fayrouz Ibrahim: To What Extent the Concept of Islamic City Exists. Analytical Study for Siraf and Samarra

Jonas Kluge: The visibility of the 3rd millennium BC towers of Al-Khashbah

Marie Laguardia et al: The Necropolis of Thāj (Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia): An Archaeological and Anthropological Approach

Krista Lewis: Living at Al Baleed: Space and Residence in a Medieval Port City in Southern Oman

Silvia Lischi: Settlement patterns and cultural processes in the Khor Rori area (Dhofar, Oman) during the Classical Period

Jose C. Carvajal López et al: The excavation of Yughbī in the Crowded Desert of NW Qatar, a possible seventh- to eighth-century CE site

Julius James Ogutu: Typological and chronological description of glass bangles/bracelets from Fuwairit town, Northern Qatar (18th to 19th Century)

Bruno Overlaet et al: Rhodian Amphora Trade in Arabia

Agnieszka Pieńkowsk: Bronze Age settlement in the region of Qumayrah, Oman. Results of Omani-Polish investigations after three seasons of fieldwork

Alexia Pavan: Excavation and consolidation of Ḥiṣn al-Balīd, a medieval fortified castle in southern Oman. Results from the 2016–2018 campaigns

Samia Sulayeam Ali AL-Shaqsi: Pottery of Umm an-Nar period from Dahwa Settlement (DH1), Al-Batinah North, Sultanate of Oman

Wadha Mohammed Al Shukaili: The Architectural building "Tarkabah" that is associated with the production of Bisr

Agnieszka Szymczak & Marcin Białowarczuk: Overview of the latest prehistoric research in Qumayrah Valley, Oman

Risa Tokunaga: Early Islamic and Ancient North Arabian Graffiti and Petroglyphs in Tabūk Province: Saudi-Japanese al-Jawf/Tabūk Archaeological Project (JTAP), March 2017 Field Season