

THE SEMINAR FOR ARABIAN STUDIES



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THURSDAY 19 JULY 2007

09:00-9:30 - **Registration**

09:30 - **Welcome** - Neil MACGREGOR (Director, British Museum, UK)

EASTERN ARABIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Chair: Lloyd WEEKS (University of Nottingham, UK)

09:40 - **New research on the Bronze Age cemeteries at Bat, Oman** - Manfred BOEHME (Ministry of Heritage and Culture, Oman) & Gerd WEISGERBER (Deutsches Bergbaumuseum, Bochum, Germany)

10:05 - **Wadi Settlement at Northern Oman: Towards a Model for Settlement Quantification** - Nasser AL-JAHWARI (University of Durham, UK)

10:30 - **Human Behaviour and Ceramic Correlates in SE Arabian Iron Age** - Crystal FRITZ (Bryn Mawr College, USA)

10:55-11:30 COFFEE

11:30 - **Excavations at Muweilah (Sharjah, UAE)** - Peter MAGEE (Bryn Mawr College, USA)

11:55 - **Two seasons of research at al-Hamriya. Results of a joint Bryn Mawr College - University of Tübingen research project** - Peter MAGEE (Bryn Mawr College, USA), Marc HÄNDEL (Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany), Don BARBER (Bryn Mawr College, USA), Margarethe UERPMANN, (Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany), Hans-Peter UERPMANN, (Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany) Crystal FRITZ (Bryn Mawr College, USA) & Sabah A. JASIM (Director of Antiquities, Sharjah, UAE).

12:20 - **The Bahrain Burial Mound Project** - Steffen LAURSEN (Moesgård Museum, Denmark)

12:45-14:00 LUNCH

YEMENI ARCHAEOLOGY

Nadia DURRANI (Current World Archaeology, UK)

14:00 - **Mapping Incipient Irrigation in Wadi Sana, Hadramawt** - Michael HARROWER (University of Toronto, Canada)

14:25 - **Ancient Irrigation in Wādī Jirdân, Yemen** - Ueli BRUNNER (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

14:50 - **Latest results, new dating and recent evidence for the fortifications of Shabwa (Hadramawt)** - Christian DARLES (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Toulouse, France)

15:15-15:45 TEA

15:45 - **From Prehistoric Landscapes to Urban Sprawl: the Masna'at Maryah region of highland Yemen** - Krista LEWIS (University of Arkansas at Little Rock,

USA) & Lamyia KHALIDI (Centre Français d'Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales de Sanaa, Yemen)

16:10 - **The complexity of the Peristyle Hall: Remarks on the history of construction based on recent archaeological and epigraphic evidence of the AFSM expedition to the Awam Temple in Marib, Yemen** - Zaydoon ZAID (AFSM, USA) & Mohammed MARAQTEN (AFSM, USA)

16:35 - **Women's inscriptions recently discovered by the AFSM at the Awam Temple/Mahram Bilqis in Marib, Yemen** - Mohammed MARAQTEN (Orient-Institute, Lebanon)

17:00 - **Shalom (Sālim) al-Shabazī (17th Century) as a Yemeni Poet** - Yosef TOBI (University of Haifa, Israel)

18:30 - **Green Arabia: Climate and Archaeology from Prehistory to the Incense Trade** - Tony WILKINSON (University of Durham, UK). This lecture forms part of the British Museum's Lecture Series. Free to registered attendees of the Seminar.

FRIDAY 20 JULY 2007

DEFINING THE PALAEOLITHIC OF ARABIA

Special session organized by

Jeffrey I. ROSE (Oxford Brookes University, UK) & Michael PETRAGLIA (Cambridge University, UK)

09:30 - **Demographic confluence and radiation in southern Arabia** - Adrian PARKER (Oxford Brookes University, UK) & Jeffrey I. ROSE (Oxford Brookes University, UK)

09:50 - **Genetics and the southern route of dispersal** - Tomas KIVISILD (Cambridge University, UK)

10:10 - **Arabia and out of Africa connections** - Michael PETRAGLIA (Cambridge University, UK)

10:25 - **An early Lower Palaeolithic site from central Saudi Arabia** - Abdullah ALSHAREKH (King Saud University, Saudi Arabia)

10:40 - **Questions and discussion** - Michael PETRAGLIA (Cambridge University, UK)

10:55-11:25 COFFEE

11:25 - **Upper Pleistocene stone-tools from Sharjah, UAE. Initial Investigations: Interim Report** - Julie E. SCOTT-JACKSON (University of Oxford, UK), Sarah MILLIKEN (University of Oxford, UK), William B. SCOTT-JACKSON (University of Oxford, UK) & Sabah A. JASIM (Director of Antiquities, Sharjah, UAE)

11:40 - **Barakah: a Middle Palaeolithic site in Abu Dhabi** - Ghanim WAHIDA, Walid YASIN (ADACH, UAE) & Mark BEECH (ADACH, UAE)

11:55 - **The Stone Age sequence of Jebel Faya in the Emirate of Sharjah (UAE)** - Hans-Peter UERPMANN (*Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany*), Margarethe UERPMANN (*Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany*), Johannes KUTTERER (*Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany*), Marc HÄNDEL (*Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany*), Sabah A. JASIM (*Director of Antiquities, Sharjah, UAE*) & Anthony MARKS (*Southern Methodist University, USA*)

12:10 - **A Middle Palaeolithic in South Arabia? Levallois and Wa'shah methods from Yemen** - Remy CRASSARD (*CEFAS, Yemen*)

12:25 - **Crossing the rift: technology of the late Middle and Upper Pleistocene in East Africa** - Anthony MARKS (*Southern Methodist University, USA*)

12:45 - **Questions and discussion** - Jeffrey I. ROSE (*Oxford Brookes University, UK*)

12.55-14:00 LUNCH

THE ARABIAN NEOLITHIC

Chair: Robert CARTER (UK)

14:00 - **The Arabian Neolithic Chronology a point of view from Ja'alan Oman** - Vincent CHARPENTIER (*CNRS, France*)

14:25 - **Wādī at-Tayyilah 3, a Neolithic settlement on the eastern Yemen Plateau and its archaeofaunal information** - Francesco FEDELE (*University of Naples, Italy*)

14:50 - **A Neolithic settlement at Akab (Umm al-Quwayn, United Arab Emirates)** - Sophie MERY (*CNRS, France*) & Vincent CHARPENTIER (*CNRS, France*)

15:15-15:45 TEA

From 15:45 until 17:30 there will be a Palaeolithic discussion session in a Room next to the BP lecture theatre.

NORTH WESTERN ARABIA

Chair: Michael MACDONALD (*Oxford University, UK*)

15:45 - **Architecture and stratigraphy in NW-Arabian oasis settlements (2nd millennium BC – 1st millennium AD)** - Ricardo EICHMANN (*Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Germany*)

16:10 - **Painted pottery groups in NW Arabia of the late 2nd/early 1st millennia BC** - Arnulf HAUSLEITER (*Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Germany*)

16:35 - **Antiquities of Jarash: Asir region, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** - Abdul Kareem AL-GHAMDI (*King Saud University, Saudi Arabia*)

17:00 - **Sadd al-Khanaq an Early Umayyad Dam Near Medina: Saudi Arabia** - Saad AL-RASHID (*Saudi Arabia*)

18:15 - **Reception: Clore Centre, The British Museum**

09:30 - **Khutba & khil'a: networks of mercantile recognition and clientship between Calicut, Aden and Herat** - Elizabeth LAMBOURN (*De Montfort University, Leicester, UK*)

09:55 - **Indian ships at Moscha and the ancient Indo-Arabian trading circuit** - Eivind Heldaas SELAND (*University of Bergen, Norway*)

EARLY ISLAMIC HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY & SETTLEMENT

Chairs: Derek KENNET (*University of Durham, UK*) & Venetia PORTER (*The British Museum, UK*)

10:20 - **The Azd Migrations Reconsidered: Accounts of Malik b. Fahm and 'Amr Muzayqiya in their Historiographic Context** - Brian ULRICH (*University of Wisconsin, USA*)

10:45-11:15 COFFEE

11:15 - **Muwatta' as a source for the economic and social history of Medina** - Khalifa Mohamed OMER (*University of Khartoum, Sudan*)

11:40 - **A history of the Ziyâdids through their coinage (AD 203-442/818-1050)** - Audrey PELI (*University of Paris 1 - Panthéon Sorbonne, France*)

12:05 - **The Pottery of the Red Sea Tihami Coastal Ports in Saudi Arabia: Preliminary Notes** - Mohammed AL-THENAYIAN (*King Saud University, Saudi Arabia*)

12:30 - **Rediscovery of a Fort: the Qasr al-Hosn of Abu Dhabi** - Harald VELDHUIJZEN (*University College London, UK/Prince Research Consultants, UK*)

12:55-14:00 LUNCH

14:00 - **Zekrit site: settlement patterns during the XIXth century in Qatar. Tribes and territory** - Alexandrine GUÉRIN (*Maison de l'Orient et de la méditerranée, France*)

14:25 - **Towards a comprehensive Catalogue of Islamic Religious Architecture of Yemen** - Giovanna Ventrone VASSALLO (*Italian Archaeological Mission to Yemen*)

14:50 - **Wādī Daw'an Project** - Salma Samar DAMLUJI (UK) & Tracy THOMPSON (UK)

15:15-15:45 TEA

15:45 - **Gerrhaeans in Marib - A new fragment to a dated text** - Norbert NEBES (*Universität Jena, Germany*).

RECENT HISTORY AND LINGUISTICS

Chair: Janet WATSON (*University of Salford, UK*)

16:10 - **British policy in Arabia until the end of the First World War: internal disputes** - Abd Rauh YACCOB (*Islamic University of Sultan Sharif Ali, Brunei*)

16:35 - **Relative clauses in Rijal Alma' dialect (South-west Saudi Arabia)** - Yahya ASIRI (*University of Salford, UK*)

17:00 - **The djinn and afārīt in the South Arabian society of the last century** - Mikhail RODIONOV (*Peter-the-Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography, Russia*)

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**SATURDAY 21 JULY 2007**

**ANCIENT SEAFARING**

Chair: Robert CARTER (UK)