

-:|:- **SEMINAR for ARABIAN STUDIES** -:|:-
Annual Conference



22–24 July 2010
*All Lectures will be held in the Clore
Centre, The British Museum*



**MBI AL JABER
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Provisional
~~~~~ **PROGRAMME** ~~~~~

**THURSDAY 22 JULY 2010 (*BP Lecture Theatre*)**

09:00-9:45 – **Initial Registration** (*registration will continue for the duration of the Seminar*)

09:45 – **Welcome** – TBA

*Late pre-Islamic Period*

**Chair: St John Simpson (TBC)**

09:55 – PHILLIPS, Carl (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*) – **The 1st century AD fort at ed-Dur (al-Dawar), UAE**

10:20 – CHARBONNIER, Julien (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*) – **The distribution of retaining dams over the western mountains of South Arabia**

*Ancient Southern Arabia & the Red Sea*

10:45 – FEDELE, Francesco (*Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy*) – **The wall and talus at Barāqish (al-Jawf, Yemen): a Minaean stratigraphy**

(~\*11:10-11:40 COFFEE\*~)

**Chair: Alex Porter (TBC)**

11:40 – DE MAIGRET, Alessandro (*Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale, Italy*) – **The two Minaean temples of Yathill, Barāqish (Yemen)**

12:05 – PHILLIPSON, David (*University of Cambridge, UK*) – **Relations between southern Arabia and the northern Horn of Africa during the last millennium BC**

12:30 – JAPP, Sarah; GERLACH, Iris; HITGEN, Holger & SCHNELLE, Mike (*DAI, Germany*) – **Yeha and Hawelti: cultural contacts between Saba and D'mt: new research of the German Archaeological Institute in Ethiopia**

(~\*12:55-14:00 LUNCH\*~)

*Sasanian-Islamic*

**Chair: Derek Kennet (TBC)**

14:00 – ULRICH, Brian (*Shippensburg University, USA*) – **Umān and Bahrayn in Late Antiquity: the Sasanians' Arabian periphery**

14:25 – PETERSEN, Andrew (*University of Wales, Lampeter, UK*) – **Research on an Islamic period settlement at Ra's al-Shairig in northern Qatar**

14:50 – WALMSLEY, Alan; RICHTER, Tobias & WORDSWORTH, Paul (*Københavns Universitet, Denmark*) – **Pearl fishers, townsfolk, Bedouin and shaykhs: economic and social relations in Islamic al-Zubārah**

15:15 – VOSMER, Tom (*Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman*); BELFIORETTI, Luca; STAPLES, Eric & GHIDONI, Alessandro (*Jewel of Muscat Project, Oman*) – **The Jewel of Muscat Project: reconstructing an early ninth-century CE shipwreck**

(~\*15:40-16:10 TEA\*~)

**Chair: (TBC)**

16:10 – KANA'AN, Ruba (*York University, Canada*) – **Visibly Ibādī: theological discourses in the mosque architecture of Oman**

- 16:35 – DE BLOIS, François (*SOAS, UK*) – **Some rare historical manuscripts relating to Islamic Yemen**  
17:00 – ROBERTSON, Paul (*University of Westminster, UK*) – **Saṭ: a rite of ‘Passage’?**

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Group Photograph of Participants in the Great Hall

Please could everyone gather on the Eastern Stairs of the Great Hall for a group photograph at 17:30 or after the last lecture

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**The MBI Al Jaber Public Lecture**

**Pearls and the shaping of the Persian Gulf**

Dr Robert Carter (*Oxford Brookes University, UK*)

**18:30 – BP Lecture Theatre**

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FRIDAY 23 JULY 2010

Parallel Session (BP Lecture Theatre)

The Environment

Chair: Mark Beech

- 09:30 – MACUMBER, Phillip (*Phillip Macumber Consulting Services, Australia*) – **A geomorphologic and hydrological underpinning for archaeological research in northern Qatar**
09:55 – BREEZE, Paul & CUTTLER, Richard (*University of Birmingham, UK*) – **Remote archaeological prospection in Qatar; results of the 2008–2010 seasons**
10:20 – CUTTLER, Richard; GEAREY, Ben (*Birmingham University, UK*); AL-NAIMI, Faisal (*Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar*) & KRAWIEC, Kristina (*Birmingham University, UK*) – **Assessing the value of palaeoenvironmental data for understanding the prehistoric landscape of north-eastern Qatar**
10:45 – GALLETTI, Christopher (*Arizona State University, USA*) – **Water or geomorphology? Spatial analysis of prehistoric sites in Dhofar, Oman**
(*11:10-11:40 COFFEE*)

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**Chair: Robert Carter**

- 11:40 – MAGEE, Peter (*Bryn Mawr College, USA*) – **When was the dromedary camel first used for transport and trade in the ancient Near East?**

**Neolithic**

- 12:05 – DRECHSLER, Philipp (*Universität Tübingen, Germany*) & AL HASHASH, Abdulhamid (*Dammam Archaeological Museum, Saudi Arabia*) – **Beyond the surface. Results and perspectives of recent archaeological investigations at the Neolithic site of Dosariyah, Eastern Province, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**  
12:30 – MARCUCCI, Lapo Gianni (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*); GENCHI, Francesco & TOSI, Maurizio (*Università di Bologna, Italy*) – **Recent Investigations on the Prehistoric Site of RH-5, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman**  
( \*12:55-14:30 LUNCH\* )

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Surveys & diachronic

Chair: Lloyd Weeks

- 14:00 – GIRAUD, Jessica (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*) – **Eastern Oman during the proto-historic period: report on five campaigns of survey in the Jaʿalān**
14:25 – AL-JAHWARI, Nasser Said (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*) – **A model for the analysis of quantified long-term settlement trends in the northern Oman peninsula**
14:50 – SHEEHAN, Peter (*ADACH, UAE*) & POWER, Tim (*ADACH, UAE*) – **Qaṭṭārah village: a prehistoric industrial site and the formation of the oasis landscape of al-ʿAyn**

15:15 – GLANZMAN, William (*Mount Royal University, Canada*) – **Both young and old: genres of rock art in the Wādī Raghwān, and their significance**

(~*15:40-16:10 TEA*~)

Bronze Age

Chair: TBC

16:10 – RIGHETTI, Sabrina (*Université de Paris 1, France*) – **The transitional period of the 3rd to 2nd millennium BC in Oman: a new approach with an agent based model**

16:35 – LAURSEN, Steffen Terp (*Aarhus Universitet, Denmark*) – **Masters of the springs: new evidence of social organization in early Dilmun, c.2250–1750 BC**

17:00 – HØJLUND, Flemming (*Moesgård Museum, Denmark*) – **Between the temple and the palace in Tell F6, Failaka, Kuwait: two seasons of excavation by the Kuwait-Danish Mission, 2008–2009**

17:25 – ABU-LABAN, Aiysha (*Moesgård Museum, Denmark*) – **New studies in Dilmun stamp seals from Failaka, Kuwait**

~*17:50 - Poster Session *~

This is an opportunity to meet and discuss the research of those that are presenting posters. Individual contributors will stand next to their posters and informal discussion will continue into the reception.

~*18:30 - RECEPTION *~

18:30 – Clore Centre East

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Parallel Session (Stevenson Lecture Theatre)

Arabic Language and Literature

Chair: Janet Starkey (TBC)

09:30 – WATSON, Janet (*University of Salford, UK*); AL-AZRAQI, Munira (*King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia*) & NAÏM, Samia (*Lacito-CNRS, France*) – **Lateralised emphatics and lateralised fricatives in the Arabian Peninsula**

09:55 – ALZAHIRANI, Adel Khamis (*University of Leeds, UK*) – **The desire for innovation in classical Arabic poetry**

10:20 – ELMANZ, Orhan (*Universität Wien, Austria*) – **Khushub Musannada (Qurʾān 63:4) and ESA $m\{s^l, s^3\}nd$**

10:45 – RODIONOV, Mikhail (*Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia*) – **Tribal versions of local history in the Ḥadramawt today**

(~*11:10-11:40 COFFEE*~)

Architecture & Artifacts in the Islamic Period

Chair: Nadia Durrani (TBC)

11:40 – AL-SAYYED, Waleed (*Lonaard & Dar Mimar Group*) – **The spatial morphology of traditional houses of Sanaʿā in Yemen**

12:05 – LE MAGUER, Sterenn (*Université Paris 1, France*) – **Typology of incense-burners of the Islamic period**

12:30 – UM, Nancy (*Binghamton University, USA*) – **The Red Sea rawshan: picturing the projecting window in Yemen**

(~*12:55-14:30 LUNCH*~)

History & Ethnography

Chair: Janet Watson (TBC)

14:00 – BARKER, Katherine (*Bournemouth University, UK*) – **Aldhelm of Malmesbury: the seventh century, Syria and the Saraceni**

