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Annual Conference

28th–30th July 2011

All Lectures will be held in the Clore
Centre, British Museum



MBI AL JABER
Foundation

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY JULY 28th (BP Lecture Theatre)

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

09:45 - **Welcome** - Neil MACGREGOR (*Director, British Museum, UK*)

BRONZE AGE TRANSFORMATIONS

Chair: Mark BEECH (*ADACH, UAE*)

09:55 - **City 'IIF' pottery from excavation 420 at Qal'at al-Bahrayn and Dilmun during the post-IIc period** - OLIJDAM, Eric

10:20 - **The oasis of Taymā' in the 2nd millennium BC** - HAUSLEITER, Arnulf (*DAI, Germany*)

10:45 - **Egyptian cultural impact on north-west Arabia in the 2nd and 1st millennium BC** - EICHMANN, Ricardo (*DAI, Germany*) & SPERVESLAGE, Gunnar (*Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Germany*)

☞ 11:10-11:40 TEA & COFFEE ☞

11:40 - **Renewed Excavations at Tell Abraç (Sharjah, UAE)** - MAGEE, Peter (*Bryn Mawr College, USA*); UERPMANN, Hans-Peter; UERPMANN, Margarethe; HANDEL, Marc & HAMMER, Emily (*Tübingen University, Germany*) & JASIM, Sabah A (*Government of Sharjah, UAE*)

LATE PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA

Chair: Robert HOYLAND (*Oxford University, UK*)

12:05 - **Building H at Mleiha: new evidences on the late pre-Islamic period D phase in the Oman peninsula (2nd century to mid-3rd century AD)** - MOUTON, Michel (*CNRS, France*); TENGBERG, Margareta; LE MAGUER, Sterenn; SOULIÉ, Delphine (*Université Paris 1, France*); BERNARD, Vincent & LE GRAND, M.

12:30 - **A first relative chronological sequence for Dūmat al-Jandal (ancient Adummatu). Architectural elements and pottery items** - LORETO, Romolo (*Università degli Studi di Napoli 'L'Orientale', Italy*)

☞ 12:55-14:00 LUNCH ☞

14:00 - **Dūmat al-Jandal: A synthesis of historical, environmental and archaeological data of a pre-Islamic oasis in Saudi Arabia** - CHARLOUX, Guillaume (*CNRS, France*)

EARLY ISLAMIC-MEDIEVAL ARABIA

Chair: StJohn SIMPSON (*British Museum, UK*)

14:25 - **Kāzimah in the 6th and 7th centuries AD: resources and society as reflected in the literary sources** - ULRICH, Brian (*Shippensburg University, USA*)

14:50 - **Investigating an Early Islamic landscape in Kuwait Bay: the archaeology of historical 'Kadhima'** - KENNET, Derek & BLAIR, Andrew (*Durham University, UK*)

15:15 - **Getting to the bottom of Zabīd** - KEALL, Edward (*Royal Ontario Museum, Canada*)

☞ 15:40-16:10 TEA & COFFEE ☞

16:10 - **The construction of Medina's first wall** - MUNT, Harry (*University of Oxford, UK*)

16:35 - **The Great Mosque of Qalhāt rediscovered. Main results of the 2009–2010 excavations at Qalhāt, Oman** - ROUGEULLE, Axelle (*CNRS, France*); CREISSEN, Thomas (*Université de Tours, France*) & BERNARD, Vincent

17:00 - **Fortified Islamic sites of the Dhamār basin in the central highlands of Yemen** - MAHONEY, Daniel (*University of Chicago, USA*)

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#### **MBI Al Jaber Foundation Public Lecture**

**'From the capital of Petra to the provincial city of Hegra: new insights on the Nabataeans'**

Laïla Nehmé (*CNRS, France*)

18:30 (BP Lecture Theatre)

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# FRIDAY JULY 29<sup>th</sup> 2011

## Parallel Sessions

### (BP Lecture Theatre)

#### PALAEOLITHIC AND NEOLITHIC ARABIA

**Chair:** Rémy Crassard (CNRS, France)

- 09:30 - **The Aterian in Arabia? A re-examination of the evidence from the perspective of the Saharo-Arabian corridor** - SCERRI, Eleanor (University of Southampton, UK)
- 09:55 - **Technological variability in the Late Palaeolithic of the Najd plateau, Dhofar, Sultanate of Oman** - HILBERT, Yamandú Hieronymus (University of Birmingham, UK)
- 10:20 - **News from FAY-NE15: a stratified Neolithic site in the interior of Sharjah Emirate** - UERPMANN, Margarethe; DE BEAUCLAIR, Roland; HÄNDEL, Marc; KUTTERER, Adelina & NOACK, Elisabeth (Tübingen University, Germany)
- 10:45 - **Ra's ʿushayriq QNHER 141; an important Ubaid multi-occupational site in northern Qatar** - CUTTLER, Richard (Birmingham University, UK); TETLOW, Emma (Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar); PRICE, Kathryn M. (Birmingham University, UK) & AL-NAIMI, Faisal Abdullah (Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar).

**Chair:** Heiko Kallweit

- 11:40 - **New perspectives on regional and interregional obsidian circulation in prehistoric and early historic Arabia** - KHALIDI, Lamyā (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)
- 12:05 - **The early settlement of HD-5 at Ra's al-Ḥadd, Sultanate of Oman (late 5<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BCE)** - BORGI, Federico; MAINI, Elena; CATTANI, Maurizio & TOSI, Maurizio (Università di Bologna, Italy)
- 12:30 - **Prehistory and Protohistory of the coastal fringes of the Wahiba Sands and Barr al-Ḥikmān (Sultanat of Oman)** - CHARPENTIER, Vincent; BERGER, Jean-François & CRASSARD, Rémy (CNRS, France)

### (Stevenson Lecture Theatre)

#### The Nabataeans in Focus

**Introduction** - Lucy Wadeson (University of Oxford, UK)

#### RELIGION & STATUS

**Chair:** Laila Nehmé (CNRS, France)

- 09:30 - **An early Architectural Phase under the Temenos of the Qaṣr al-Bint at Petra** - RENEL, F.; MOUTON, Michel (CNRS, France); HATTE, Christine (LSCE, France); ZAZZO, A.; SALIEGE, J.-F. (CNRS, France) & GAUTHIER, C. (LSCE, France)
- 09:55 - **The International Aslah Project and Dalman's 'Sanctuaries': new research in Petra** - WENNING, Robert (Universität Münster, Germany)
- 10:20 - **Newly Discovered Nabataean Royal Residences in Petra** - SCHMID, Stephan G. (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany); BIENKOWSKI, Piotr (University of Manchester, UK); FIEMA, Zbigniew T. (University of Helsinki, Finland) & KOLB, Bernhard (Universität Basel, Switzerland)
- 10:45 - **A Nabataean Shrine to Isis in Wādī Abu 'Ullayqah, in the South West of Petra** - ROCHE, Marie-Jeanne (Institut Catholique de Paris, France)

☞ 11:10-11:40 TEA & COFFEE ☞

#### TOMBS & BURIAL CUSTOMS

**Chair:** John Healey (University of Manchester, UK)

- 11:40 - **The Funerary Landscape of Petra: results from a new study** - WADESON, Lucy (University of Oxford, UK)
- 12:05 - **Votive Offerings from Nabataean open air Shrines and Burials in Wādī al-Matahah, Petra, Jordan** - JOHNSON, David J. (Brigham Young University, USA)
- 12:30 - **Glimpsing the Working Man's Worldview: thoughts on results from the Petra Quarry Marks Survey Project** - TUTTLE, Christopher (American Centre of Oriental Research, Jordan)

☞ 12:55-14:00 LUNCH ☞

## THE EARLY BRONZE AGE

**Chair:** Lloyd Weeks (*Nottingham University, UK*)

- 14:00 - **The Early Bronze Age funerary archaeological landscape of the western part of Ja'alan region: results of two seasons of investigation** - AL-JAHWARI, Nasser Said (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*)
- 14:25 - **The funerary archaeology of Wādī Ḥalfayn (al-Dākhiliyyah, Sultanate of Oman)** - BORTOLINI, Eugenio (*University College London, UK*)
- 14:50 - **The origin of the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium fine grey wares found in Eastern Arabia: New evidence from archaeometry** – Méry, Sophie (*CNRS, France*) & Blackman, M.J. (*Smithsonian Institution, USA*)
- 15:15 - **The impact of Iron Age occupation on a Bronze Age archaeological landscape: results from the IMTO excavations at Salūt, Sultanate of Oman** – DEGLI ESPOSTI, Michele (*Università di Pisa, Italy*) & PHILLIPS, Carl (*CNRS, France*)

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## ISLAMIC ARCHAEOLOGY

**Chair:** Robert Carter (*Oxford Brookes University, UK*)

- 16:10 - **Excavations at the 'Tree of Life' site in Bahrain** - MEARAJ, Mohamed Ridha (*Ministry of Culture, Bahrain*)
- 16:35 - **Archaeological Characterisation of 18th-19th Century Rural Settlement in Northern Qatar** - RICHTER, Tobias (*Københavns Universitet, Danmark*); MACKIE, David; MACUMBER, Philip; AL NA'IMI, Faisal; ROSENDAHL, Sandra; WORDSWORTH, Paul & EDDISFORD, Daniel
- 17:00 - **Archaeological investigations at the settlement of Freiha (Furayḥah), north-west Qatar** - REES, Gareth (*Oxford Archaeology East, UK*), WALMSLEY, Alan; RICHTER, Tobias & BYSTROM, Agnieszka (*Københavns Universitet, Danmark*)

## ENVIRONS & HINTERLAND

**Chair:** Peter Parr (*University of London, UK*)

- 14:00 - **Landscapes North and Nearby Petra: The Brown University Petra Archaeological Project (BUPAP) 2010-2011** - ALCOCK, Susan E. (*Brown University, USA*)
- 14:25 - **Reinventing the Sacred: From shrine to monastery at Jabal Haroun** - FIEMA, Zbigniew T. (*University of Helsinki, Finland*)
- 14:50 - **Nabataean or Late Roman? Reconsidering the date of the paved section and the milestones along the Petra-Gaza road** - BEN-DAVID, Chaim (*Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, Israel*)
- 15:15 - **Nabataean Trade: contexts and structures** - DAVIES, John K. (*University of Liverpool, UK*)

## NABATAEAN PANEL DISCUSSION

**Lead by** Lucy Wadson (*University of Oxford, UK*) & Laïla Nehmé (*CNRS, France*)

- 16:10-17:00 - **'Developing an agenda for Nabataean Archaeology'** - with Speakers & audience

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<(•)•> 17:30 - Poster Session <(•)•>

Individual contributors will stand next to their posters and informal discussion will continue into the reception.

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18:30 – Clore Centre East



