

The SEMINAR for ARABIAN STUDIES



24th-26th July 2008

All Lectures will be held in the BP lecture theatre, Clore Centre, The British Museum



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THURSDAY 24 JULY 2008

09:00-9:45 – Initial Registration

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

EARLY PREHISTORY

Chair: Robert Carter

09:55 – HDOR 419 site: Early to Mid-Holocene occupations in Wadi Wa'shah (Hadramawt, Yemen) - CRASSARD, Remy (*University of Cambridge, UK*), AL-'AIDARUS, Hussein (*GOAM, Yemen*), AL-HAJ, Khâlid (*GOAM, Yemen*), BRULEY-CHABOT, Gaëlle (*INRAP, France*), LÉA, Vanessa (*CNRS, France*) & THIÉBAUT, Céline (*CNRS, France*)

10:20 – The Neolithic period in Arabia – the view from the lithic technology – KALLWEIT, Heiko (*Germany*)

10:45-11:15 COFFEE

ARCHAEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Robert Carter

11:15 – Towards a history of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) cultivation: integrating morphometric and genetic analyses of modern varieties – NEWTON, Claire (*University of Nottingham, UK*), BILLOTTE, Norbert (*CIRAD, France*), IVORRA, Sarah (*Université Montpellier II, France*), FERRY, Michel (*PHOENIX, Spain*) & TERRAL, Jean-Frédéric (*Université Montpellier II, France*)

11:40 – Prehistoric Camels in South-Eastern Arabia: the Discovery of a New Site in Abu Dhabi's Western Region, United Arab Emirates – BEECH, Mark (*ADACH, United Arab Emirates*) & MASHKOUR, Marjan (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, France*)

12:05 – Early Arabian Pastoralism at Manayzah in Wadi Sana, Hadramawt – MARTIN, Louise (*University College London, UK*), MCCORRISTON, Joy (*Ohio State University, USA*) & CRASSARD, Remy (*University of Cambridge, UK*)

12:30-13:35 LUNCH

ARCHAEOLOGY IN EASTERN ARABIA

Chair: Mark Beech

13:35 – Archaeological investigations in Shenah, Oman - AL-BELUSHI, Mohammed (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*) & ELMAHI, Ali (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*)

14:00 – Space Syntax at the Early Bronze Age sites of HD-6 and RJ-2 (Ja'alán, Sultanate of Oman) – AZZARÀ, Valentina (*Université de Paris I, France*)

14:25 – The Early Bronze Age at Kalba (Sharjah, United Arab Emirates) – EDDISFORD, Daniel (*University College London, UK*)

14:50 – Funerary landscape as part of the social landscape and its perception: Three thousand Early Bronze Age burials in the eastern Ja'alán (Sultanate of Oman) - GIRAUD, Jessica (*Université de Paris I, France*) & CLEUZIOU, Serge (*Université de Paris I, France*)

15:15-15:45 TEA

15:45 – A Bronze Age Settlement at Al-Khidr, Failaka Island, State of Kuwait – BENEDIKOVÁ, Lucia (*Slovenská Akadémia Vied, Slovakia*) & BARTA, Peter (*Dendrochronological laboratory Bratislava, Slovakia*)

16:10 – The First Season of Kuwaiti-Polish excavations in As-Sabiyah – WOJNAROWICZ, Lukasz (*Uniwersytet Warszawski, Poland*)

16:35 – Bronze and Iron Age Cornelian Beads in Oman and Armenia: Exposition of different networks of circulation through technological study – BRUNET, Olivier (*Université de Paris I, France*)

17:00 – The Iron Age ceramic tradition in the Gulf: a re-evaluation from the Omani perspective – IAMONI, Marco (*Università degli Studi di Udine, Italy*)

18.30 SPECIAL LECTURE

(MBI Al Jaber Lecture)

Cartography and Cantatas: Arabia and the European Enlightenment

Professor D.T. Potts, University of Sydney
(This lecture forms part of the British Museum's public programme and is free)

FRIDAY 25 JULY 2008

ARCHAEOLOGY IN EASTERN ARABIA

Chair: Peter Magee

09:30 – Excavations at the Iron Age site of Salut by the Italian Archaeological Mission to Oman – PHILLIPS, Carl (*Université de Paris I, France*)

09:55 – The soft-stone vessels from Hamad Town, Bahrain: An analysis towards the mortuary economy of the Dilmun society - SOBUR, Marta (*Harvard University, USA*)

10:20 – Southeast Arabian pottery at ed-Dur (Umm al-Qaiwain, U.A.E): its origin, distribution, and role in the local economy – RUTTEN, Katrien (*Université de Liège, Belgium*)

10:45-11:15 COFFEE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Chair: Lloyd Weeks

11:15 – The Provenance Postulate in Archaeological Softstone Analysis. Results from Arabian and Iranian Analysis – MAGEE, Peter (*Bryn Mawr College, USA*),

BARBER, Don (*Bryn Mawr College, USA*) & RUGE, Zoe (*Bryn Mawr College, USA*)

11:40 – **Wadi Hilo (Sharjah, UAE) – a new Bronze Age mining and melting site in SE Arabia** – KUTTERER, Johannes (*Berhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Germany*) & JASIM, Sabah A (*Directorate of Antiquities, UAE*)

12:05 – **Lead isotope analyses of Bronze Age copper-base artefacts from Al-Midamman, Yemen: Towards the identification of an indigenous South Arabian metal production and exchange system** – WEEKS, Lloyd (*University of Nottingham, UK*), KEALL, Edward (*Royal Ontario Museum, Canada*), STOCK, Susan (*Royal Ontario Museum, Canada*), EVANS, Jane (*NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory, UK*) & PASHLEY, Venassa (*NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory, UK*)

12:30-13:35 LUNCH

ANCIENT SOUTH ARABIA

Chair: Alexandra Porter

13:35 – **Les monolithes dans l'architecture monumentale de l'Arabie du Sud Antique** – DARLES, Christian (*Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Toulouse, France*)

14:00 – **House and household: A contextual approach to the study of south arabian domestic architecture - A case-study from Yala'ad-Durayb** - LORETO, Romolo (*Università di Napoli, Italy*)

14:25 – **The Annex of Awam: origin and alteration** – Z Aid, Zaydoon (*AFSM, USA*)

14:50 – **Fieldwork in Zafar, Capital of Himyar (Yemen)** – YULE, Paul (*Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany*) & RÖSCH, Manfred (*Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart, Germany*)

15:15-15:45 TEA

Chair: Nadia Durrani

15:45 – **Sabaeen animal economy at Yala ad-Durayb, eastern Yemen lowlands** – FEDELE, Francesco (*Università degli Studi di Napoli, Italy*)

16:10 – **The status of sacred pastures according to Sabaic inscriptions** – FRANTSOUZOFF, Serge (*Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia*)

16:35 – **The function of ceramic jar Type 4100: Performance characteristics, archaeological and inscriptional evidence, and organic residue analyses** – PORTER, Alexandra (*British Museum, UK*), DERHAM, Brendan (*University of Glasgow, UK*) & STACEY, Rebecca (*British Museum, UK*)

17:00 – **The struggle for Oman: the Second Ibadi Imamate and the Wajihid** - AL-SALIMI, Abdulrahman (*Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs, Oman*)

18:00 RECEPTION

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SATURDAY 26 JULY 2008

ANCIENT SOUTH ARABIA

Chair: Peter Stein

09:30 – **Barrages in the Western Mountains of Yemen: A Himyarite Model of Water Management** – CHARBONNIER, Julien (*Université de Paris I, France*)

09:55 – **Illness and healing in ancient Yemen: A study of the epigraphic evidence from the Awam Temple/Mahram Bilqis, near Marib in the light of the recently discovered Sabaeen inscriptions by the AFSM** – MARAQTEN, Mohammed (*AFSM, USA*)

10:20 – **Stela CIH 611=BM 102600 in the British Museum** – MAZZINI, Giovanni (*Università di Pisa, Italy*) & PORTER, Alexandra (*British Museum, UK*)

10:45-11:15 COFFEE

ANCIENT AND ISLAMIC ARABIA

Chair: Giovanni Mazzini

11:15 – **The Ancient South Arabian minuscule inscriptions on wood - state of research** – STEIN, Peter (*Lehrstuhl für Semitische Philologie und Islamwissenschaft, Germany*)

11:40 – **People of powerful South Arabian kings or just 'people like others'** - KROPP, Manfred (*Collège de France, France*)

12:05 – **A parallel to the Second Commandment 'revisited'** - MULTHOFF, Anne (*Lehrstuhl für Semitische Philologie und Islamwissenschaft, Germany*)

12:30-13:35 LUNCH

Chair: Derek Kennet

13:35 – **New Epigraphical Evidence on the Ancient North Arabian-Nabataean Bilingualism** - HAYAJNEH, Hani (*Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Jordan*)

14:00 – **Territory and Settlement Patterns during the Abbasid Period: the village of Murwab (Qatar)** – GUÉRIN, Alexandrine (*Université Lumière Lyon 2, France*)

14:25 – **The Battle of Julfar (1475 A.D.)** – PIACENTINI, Valeria (*Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy*) & VELDE, Christian (*National Museum of Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE*)

14:50 – **Islamic Urbanism in Eastern Arabia** – PETERSEN, Andrew (*University of Wales, Lampeter, UK*)

15:15-15:45 TEA

Chair: Janet Starkey

15:45 – **Water and sign magic in al-Jabin, Yemen** – HEHMEYER, Ingrid (*Ryerson University, Canada*)

16:10 – **MI'DAD 𐤌𐤃𐤁 (bracelet): Jewish Art or Islamic Art?** – BERGER, Ora (*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*)

16:35 – **Yemen: Religion, Magic and Jews** – KLORMAN, Bat-Zion Eraqi (*The Open University of Israel, Israel*)

17:00 – **Closing Remarks**

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