

Seminar for Arabian Studies 2015

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July, BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Centre, British Museum

FRIDAY 24 th July	
9:00	Registration (Clore Centre Foyer)
9:30	Welcome from Jonathan Williams, Deputy Director, British Museum
Session 1: North Arabia and South Arabia (Chair: Michael Macdonald)	
9:40	Eleanor Bennett <i>Samsi, Queen of the Arabs</i>
10:05	María del Carmen Hidalgo-Chacón Díez <i>The divine names at Dadan: a philological approach</i>
10:30	François de Blois <i>The ancient calendar at Mecca and the origin of the Islamic calendar</i>
10:55 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
11:25	Peter Stein <i>Ancient South Arabian correspondence on wooden sticks: new radiocarbon data</i>
11:50	Elisabeth Monamy <i>The Ancient South Arabian collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum (Vienna / Austria): the revival of Glaser's sleeping heritage</i>
12:15	Clare Mancarella <i>The Awam-Temple cemetery in Marib revisited</i>
12:40	Vitaly Naumkin and Leonid Kogan <i>More on Dual Oppositions in Archaic Soqotri Texts</i>
13:05-14:00 Lunch	
Session 2: Nabatean Special Session: Beyond the 'rose-red' city: the hinterland of Petra and Nabatean rural sites (Organiser & Chair: Lucy Wadeson)	
14:00	Laurent Tholbecq <i>Sanctuaries, Taxation and Caravans: Wadi Sabra, a Satellite Hamlet of Petra</i>
14:25	Fawzi Abudanah <i>The Ancient Road Network in the Hinterland of Petra</i>
14:50	Mechthild Ladurner <i>Modelling Spatial Organization, Territorial Segmentation and the Agricultural Potential of Nabataean-Roman Farmsteads in the Jabal ash-Sharah Region</i>
15:15 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
15:45	Will Kennedy <i>Reassessing the Landscape Organization and Spatial Strategies in the Petra Hinterland in Nabataean-Roman Times</i>
16:10	Lucy Wadeson <i>A Nabataean Family Tomb in the Hinterland of Petra</i>
16:35	Yvonne Gerber and Caroline Durand <i>The "Nabataean Way of Life" far from Petra: Influences of the Capital on Peripheral Sites through Pottery Finds</i>
17:00 END	

SATURDAY 25 th July	
Session 3: Neolithic Archaeology (Chair: Robert Carter)	
9:20	Olivia Munoz, Vincent Charpentier, Jean-François Berger, Rémy Crassard and Philippe Marquis <i>Neolithic graveyards from the seashores of South-eastern Arabia: results from recent researches</i>
9:45	A. Marrast, P. Béarez, A. Zazzo, M. Tengberg, M. Mashkour, K. Debue, M. Delfino, L.G. Marcucci, E. Badel, O. Munoz and F. Genchi <i>Subsistence and environment in Ra's al Hamra 6 (Muscat, Sultanate of Oman)</i>
10:10	Mark Beech, Kristian Strutt, Abdulla Khalfan Al Kaabi, Waleed Awad Omar, Ahmed Abdulla Al Haj El Faki, Anjan Reddy Lingareddy and John Martin <i>Ubad-related sites of the southern Gulf revisited: the Abu Dhabi coastal heritage initiative</i>
10:35	Marjan Mashkour, Mark Beech, Karyne Debue, Lisa Yeomans, Stéphanie Bréhard and Sophie Méry <i>The Faunal Remains from UAQ2 - an Ubad-related coastal site at Umm Al-Qaiwain Emirate, 5500-4000 cal BCE, United Arab Emirates</i>
11:00 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	
Session 4: Bronze and Iron Ages in Eastern Arabia (Chair: Christian Velde)	
11:30	Michel de Vreeze <i>The social significance of ceramic change at the start of the Wadi Suq. Rethinking ceramic continuity and change based on recent evidence from the tombs at Qarn el-Harf.5</i>
11:55	Kimberly Williams and Lesley Gregoricka <i>The cairns and burial mounds of Dhank, Oman: Social, Spatial, and Bioarchaeological Histories of Ancient Oman 2014-2015</i>
12:20	Michele Degli Esposti, Dennys Frenez and J. Mark Kenoyer <i>Bronze Age Salut (ST1) and the Indus Civilization: Recent Discoveries and Implications</i>
12:45	Eric Olijdam <i>Humble beginnings. An alternative scenario for Early Dilmun's formative phase</i>
13:10 Lunch	
14.10	Conrad Schmidt and Stephanie Döpper <i>Umm an-Nār pottery assemblages from Al-Zebah and Bat and their functional contexts</i>
14:35	Rashad Bukhash, Lloyd Weeks, Charlotte Cable, Kristina Franke, Julian Bickersteth, Karina Acton, Claire Newton, Naomi Sykes, James Roberts, Matthew Jones, Steven Karacic, Hussein Qandil, Hassan Zein, Mansour Boraik and Shaikha Obaid AlAbbar <i>New Collaborative Research at Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai, UAE: Results of the First Season</i>
Session 5: Islamic Archaeology (Chair: Derek Kennet)	
15:00	Agnieszka Magdalena Bystron <i>Pottery from Freiha, Qatar: Reference Collection and Ware Typology</i>
15:25 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
15:50	Timothy Power, Peter Sheehan and Nasser al-Jahwari <i>Preliminary Report on the Second Season of the Buraimi Project</i>
16:15	Jelena Živković, Timothy Power and Jose Cristobal Carvajal Lopez <i>Bahlā / Khunj Ware in the Context of Late Islamic Production Technology: New Data from al-Ain Oases</i>
16:40	Christian Velde, Ahmad Hilal and Imke Moelliering <i>The Friday Mosque of Ras al-Khaimah</i>
17:05	Mohamed Ahmed Abd El Rahman Ibrahim Enab <i>Ottoman mosques in Sana'a , Yemen: Archeological and architectural study</i>
17:30 END	
18:00, BP Lecture Theatre	
Annual MBI Al Jaber Lecture:	
Prof Peter Magee (Bryn Mawr College) <i>Turning the world upside down: the emergence of camel caravans and overland trade in the Ancient Near East</i>	

SUNDAY 26th July	
Session 6: Recent Cultural History in Arabia (Chair: Venetia Porter)	
9:20	Alaine Hutson <i>"His Original Name Is . . . ": REMAPping the slave experience in Saudi Arabia</i>
9:45	Stéphane Pradines <i>The Swords of Zanzibar: Yemeni and Omani influences on Swahili warfare and regalia</i>
10:10	Brittany White <i>From Shackles to Citizens?: Twentieth Century British Manumitted Slaves in the Arabian Peninsula</i>
Session 7: Archaeological Survey and Field Methods (Chair: Peter Magee)	
10:35	Guillaume Gernez, Raphaël Hautefort and Julien Guéry <i>Digital photogrammetry and cultural heritage: new tools and methods for archaeological researches in Adam and Bisya/Salut (Oman)</i>
11:00 Tea / coffee (Clore Centre Foyer)	
11:30	Peter Spencer, Richard Cuttler, Faisal Al-Naimi, Mark Woolston-Houshold and Vassilis Tsiairis <i>The results of Terrestrial & Maritime Remote sensing using small unmanned aerial systems in Qatar</i>
11:55	Louise Purdue, Julien Charbonnier and Anne Benoist <i>Hanging gardens of Masāfi: first results of geoarchaeological investigations in the Emirate of Fujairah</i>
12:20	Derek Kennet, Nasser al-Jahwari, William Deadman <i>The Rustaq-Batinah archaeological survey</i>
12:45	Jose Carvajal Lopez, Laura Morabito, Rob Carter, Richard Fletcher and Faisal Abdullah Alnaimi <i>The Crowded desert: a multi-phasic archaeological survey in the north west of Qatar</i>
13:10 Lunch	
14:10	Philipp Drechsler, Christoph Gerber and Max Engel <i>The Asaila depression – an archaeological landscape in Qatar</i>
14:35	Moawiyah M. Ibrahim and Laura M. Strachan <i>Wadi Bani Kharous, a Cultural Landscape, Ethno-archaeological Studies in the Sultanate of Oman</i>
15:00	Julien Charbonnier and Anne Benoist <i>Aksumite and post Aksumite Pottery from Eastern Tigray (Ethiopia) as seen from Wakarida</i>
Session 8: Heritage Management in Arabia (Chair: Hilal Ahmed)	
15:25	Robert Bewley <i>Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa</i>
15:50	Stephan Hobe <i>Developing archaeological sites into touristic points of interest: current examples of site infrastructure planning in Ras Al Khaimah</i>
16:15 END	