

Fifth Online Research Seminar Series on “Early Urbanization in Iran” Iranian Plateau and Its Western Neighbors

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the Fifth Series of Online Research Seminar on “**Early Urbanization in Iran; Iranian Plateau and Its Western Neighbors**”.

In order to interpret and analyze the cultural interactions of the Iranian plateau during the Bronze Age in a broader context, in these series we at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Pars, and the University Lyon 2 - Frères Lumières, Archéorient Laboratory and, the Society for Iranian Archaeology, have decided to broaden the scope of these series into the western neighbors of the Iranian Plateau.

These seminars will be held on Mondays from 9th May to 20th June 2022 via Zoom. The information regarding each seminar will be announced weekly.

| No. | Name | Affiliation | Title | Date |
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| 1 | Dr. JoAnn Scurlock | Professor, History Faculty, Elmhurst University, Emerita, Illinois, USA | Springtime in the Zagros: Mesopotamia and Beyond in the 3 rd to early 2 nd Millenium BCE | 9th May |
| 2 | Dr. Bertile Lyonet | Director of Research Emeritus. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS); UMR 7192, Paris, France | Tracking the formation of the Kura-Araxes phenomenon in the Caucasus | 16th May |
| 3 | Dr. Sepideh Maziar | Associate researcher, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany | Being entangled between vulnerability and resiliency: Revisiting the Kura-Araxes phenomenon with the focus on the diaspora | 23rd May |
| 4 | No lecture | | | 30th May |
| 5 | Prof. Mehmet Isikli | Professor of Protohistory and Archeology Central Asia, Archaeology Department, Faculty of Letters, Atatürk University, Erzurum, Turkey | The View of Kura-Aras Culture from Erzurum-Kars Plateau: A Regional Evaluation in the Light of Available Data | 6th June |
| 6 | Prof. Aynur Ozfirzt | Professor, Faculty of Literature, Department of archaeology, Mardin Artuklu University (MAU), Mardin, Turkey | Lake Van Basin and Mt. Ağrı during the Early Bronze Age (Kura-Araxes) | 13th June |
| 7 | Dr. Elena Rova | Associate Professor of “Near Eastern Archaeology” at Ca 'Foscari University of Venice, Italy | The Kura-Araxes culture in a wider context: a view from Eastern Georgia | 20th June |