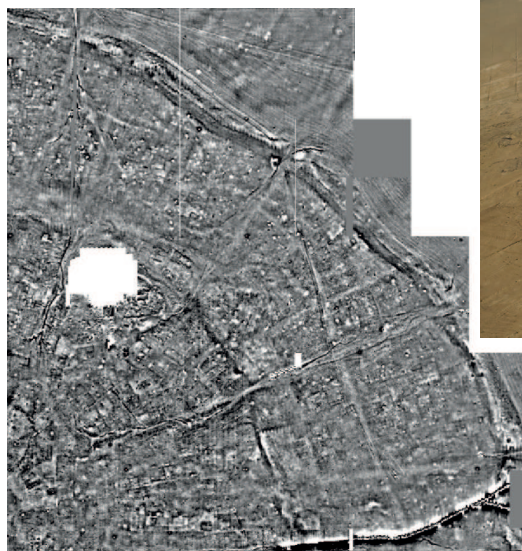


Origins, Structure, Development and Sociology of **CIRCULAR CITIES OF** **EARLY BRONZE AGE SYRIA**



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9.00 Welcoming participants

10.00 Opening

Anne SCHMIDT, Director of the Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée-Jean Pouilloux

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Welcome address and short introduction by the co-organizers of the conference

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Circular cities: urbanism, birth and diffusion

Chairman: Michel Al-Maqdissi

10.30 CASTEL C.

Circular Syrian cities of the 3rd millennium: a single urban model?

11.00 QUENET Ph.

Syrian urbanism in the 3rd millennium BC: spatial and temporal distribution of the circular model

11.30 MEYER J.W.

Birth of circular cities

Circular cities: fortifications and official areas

12.00 HELMS T. and QUENET Ph.

The fortification of circular cities

12.30 Buffet-Lunch (library hall)

Circular cities: fortifications and official areas (end)

Chairman: Pascal Butterlin

14.00 KROMBERG O.

Creating the urban landscape: the emergence of monumentality in 3rd millennium Chuera

14.30 TAMM A.

The Early Bronze Age palace of Chuera and the decline of the 3rd millennium settlement

Circular cities: houses and material culture

- 15.00 CHITI B.
Housing in circular cities. The domestic architecture of circular planned urban settlements in Early Bronze Age Syria
- 15.30 BABOUR T. and MOUAMAR G.
A comparison of Early Bronze Age ceramic assemblages from circular cities in western Syria and the Jazira
- 16.00 BINDER A.
Djemdet Nasr or Early Bronze Age III? Dating Tell Chuera seal impression find spots
- 16.30 Coffee break

Environment and circular cities

Chairman: Heinrich Tiemeyer

- 17.00 WILKINSON T. and SMITH S.
The circular cities of Northern Syria in their environmental context
- 17.30 AL DBIYAT M.
Subsistence strategy in the Syrian steppe during Antiquity: the example of the Tell Al-Rawda region
- 18.00 HERVEUX L.
Subsistence strategies and plant economy of circular cities of Early Bronze Age Syria
- 18.30 VILA E.
Animal economy at the end of third millenium in the Syrian Badiyah
- 20.30 Dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Peri-urban constructions and sites

Chairman: Shahmardan Amirov

- 9.30 THIEMEYER H.
Soils and potential land use around Tell Chuera in the 3rd millennium BC
- 10.00 KUDLEK V.
Central sites within the Wadi Hamar Survey: aspects of city planning in the badiyah regions
- 10.30 BARGE O. and CHAMBRADÉ M.-L.
Agro-pastoral potentials and peri-urban agricultural constructions in the microregion of Al-Rawda

11.00 Coffee break

Chronology

11.30 BROCHIER J.É
Al-Rawda, an ephemeral city in the arid margins of Syria

Origins of the model

12.00 HEMPELMANN R.
Origin and early development of Tell Chuera and nearby settlements

12.30 Buffet-Lunch (library hall)

Origins of the model (end)

Chairwoman: Anne Porter

14.00 FALB. C.
Retracing the Early Bronze Age: The Frankfurt University's "Southeast Anatolia Project"

14.30 PERELLO B.
The spatial organization, development and sociology of circular villages in Early Bronze Age Anatolia

Jazirah

15.00 BUTTERLIN P.
Mari, morphogenesis and evolution of a round City

15.30 LEBEAU M.
Recent discoveries at Tell Beydar (Syria), in particular south of the Acropolis

16.00 Coffee break

Jazirah (end)

Chairwoman: Maria-Giovanna Biga

16.30 AMIROV S. N.
Tell Hazna I: a concentric planned settlement in the Habur Steppe

- 17.00 CHEIKHMOUS A.
Tell Tcholemah Fawqani : a new circular city of the Early Bronze Age in the Khabur Triangle
- 17.30 QUENET Ph. and SULTAN A.
A season's work at Khirbet Malhat

Bishri

- 18.00 SULTAN A.
The contribution of Bishri to the study of third millennium circular cities
- 20.00 Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Shamiyah

Chairman: Marc Lebeau

- 9.30 CASTEL C. and AWAD N.
Tell Al-Rawda, a planned circular city of the mid/late third millennium in the arid zone of Syria
- 10.00 MOUAMAR G.
Circular cities in the steppic land (Shamiyah): a defensive role ?
- 10.30 MAQDISSI M.
Sour, Qatna and Mabtuh Esh-Sharqi
- 11.00 Coffee break

Society and textual sources

- 11.30 BIGA M.G. and CATAGNOTI A.
The contribution of the Ebla textual sources to the study of circular cities of the third millennium BC
- 12.00 SALLABERGER W.
Tell Beydar, Ebla and Girsu: economic management and political control in comparison
- 12.30 Buffet-Lunch (third floor)

Society and textual sources (end)

Chairman: Nazir Awad

- 14.00 PORTER A.
The shape of social structure: the organization of round cities and their political correlates

Urbanism, other perspectives

- 14.30 VALLET R.
Town planning in 3rd millennium Mesopotamia: a view from the alluvial plain
- 15.00 QUAY J.Y.
Town geometry: history and site at work

Final discussion and follow-up activities

- 15.30 moderated by J-W. MEYER, C. CASTEL, Ph. QUENET and M. AL-MAQDISSI
- 16.00 Publication of the Conference