

# Seminar for Arabian Studies 2019

## PROGRAMME

**Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July 2019: University of Leiden**

**Thursday 11th July - Lipsius Building: Room 019**

9.00	<b>Introduction to the 2019 Seminar</b>
	<b>Session 1: Islamic Arabia (Chair: Andrew Peterson)</b>
9.25	<i>Fabien Lesguer &amp; Jérémie Schiettecatte</i> : A 9th-10th century pottery workshop at al-Yamāma (Central Arabia)
9.50	<i>Jose Carvajal López et al.</i> : The Dawn of the Islamic Era? The excavation of Yughbī in the Crowded Desert of Qatar
10.15	<i>Alexia Pavan &amp; Chiara Visconti</i> : Trade and contacts between Southern Arabia and East Asia, the evidence from Al Baleed
10.40	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Session 2: Arabian Prehistory 1 (Chair: Mark Beech)</b>
11.10	<i>Joe Roe &amp; Tobias Richter</i> : Mutable mobilities: 15,000 years of nomadic settlement in the Qa' Shubayqa, eastern Jordan
11.35	<i>Michele Degli Esposti</i> : The first season of excavation at UAQ38, a Neolithic coastal campsite in the Umm al-Quwain Emirate (United Arab Emirate)
12.00	<i>Susanne Lindauer et al.</i> : Radiocarbon Reservoir Effects of shells from SE Arabia – Implications for Chronologies
12.25	<i>Mahmoud Abbas</i> : OSL chronology and paleoclimatic implications of Late Quaternary lacustrine sediments in Jordan desert
12.50	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Session 3: Arabian Prehistory 2 (Chair: Peter Akkermans)</b>
14.15	<i>Julien Charbonnier et al.</i> : The latter half of the second millennium BC in the light of recent excavations at Masafi-5 (UAE)
14.40	<i>Maria Pellegrino et al.</i> : Provenance, exchange and mobility: new evidence from the north of UAE pottery during the Late Bronze Age and early Iron Age
15.05	<i>James Roberts et al.</i> : The Remains of Fish and other Marine Animals at Saruq al-Hadid: Insights into the utilisation of marine resources in the interior of southeastern Arabia during late prehistory
15.30	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Session 4: Iron Age (Chair: Anne Benoist)</b>
16.00	<i>Peter Akkermans</i> : New Research into the Bronze Age And Iron Age Burial Cairns Of Jebel Qurma, Northeastern Jordan
16.25	<i>Steven Karacic et al.</i> : Renewed research at the Iron Age II site of Hili 2 (Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)
16.50	<i>Genchi Francesco</i> : New Late Iron Age burials from Dibbā collective grave: a case of cultural continuity
17.15	<i>Michael J. Harrower et al.</i> : Metallurgy in the Desert: New Investigations at the Iron Age site of 'Uqdat al-Bakrah (Safah), Oman

## Thursday 11th July - Lipsius Building: Room 002

9.00	<b>Introduction to the 2019 Seminar</b>
	<i>Session 5: Arabian languages (Chair: Michael Macdonald)</i>
9.25	<i>Fokelien Kootstra: Ritual and legal practice in Ancient Arabia: the case of the Dadanitic ʔll ceremony</i>
9.50	<i>Imar Koutchoukali: Ḥimyar b. Šuraḥbīl witnessed: South Arabian anthroponomastics in the earliest Islamic sources</i>
10.15	<i>Jason Weimar: Towards a Deeper Understanding of the Ancient South Arabian Tax System: New Insights on the ḥrs from the Leiden and Munich Minuscule Inscriptions.</i>
10.40	<b>Break</b>
	<i>Session 6: Later Islamic Arabia 1 (Chair: Jose Carvajal Lopez)</i>
11.10	<i>Abdullah M Alsharekh: Old Discovery, New Interpretations: Islamic rock art from Al Jawf region, Saudi Arabia</i>
11.35	<i>Andrew Petersen: From the nine to the nineteenth century- the architecture of mosques in Qatar</i>
12.00	<i>Mick de Ruyter: Kalba and dāw in Khaliji art: tracing extinct dhows in Arab and Persian iconography</i>
12.25	<i>Tim Power et al.: Excavations at the Old Fort in Stone Town, Zanzibar: New Evidence for Trade between the Swahili Coast and Arabian Peninsula</i>
12.50	<b>Lunch</b>
	<i>Session 7: Later Islamic Arabia 2 (Chair: Tim Power)</i>
14.15	<i>Yiliang Li: Rethinking the Models of the Western Indian Ocean Trade Networks in the 9th-15th Centuries: Exploring the Distribution of Chinese Ceramic Imports in Arabia and Its Ambient</i>
14.40	<i>Seth Priestman: Late Islamic Ceramic Exchange Networks in the Gulf: New Evidence from Jazirat al-Hamra in Ras al-Khaimah</i>
15.05	<i>Agnieszka Bystron: Pottery from the Al Zubarah Souq</i>
15.30	<b>Break</b>
	<i>Session 8: Later Islamic Arabia 3 (Chair: Tim Power)</i>
16.00	<i>Lily Filson &amp; Mohamed Al-Haj: Documenting the Destruction of Yemen's Islamic Heritage: The Case of the Omar Mosque and School of Ibb</i>

## Friday 12th July - Lipsius Building: Room 019

	<b>Session 9: Arabian Prehistory 3 (Chair: Bleda Düring)</b>
9.00	<i>Stephanie Döpfer &amp; Conrad Schmidt</i> : Nothing but tombs and towers? Results of the Al-Mudhaybi Regional Survey 2019
9.25	<i>Jennifer Swerida et al.</i> : Survey and Settlement at Bat: New Directions of the Bat Archaeological Project
9.50	<i>Arnulf Hausleiter et al.</i> : The early history of the oasis of Tayma
10.15	<i>Valentina Azzarà et al.</i> : The first two excavation seasons at the Early Bronze Age settlement of Ra's al-Jinz RJ-3 (Sultanate of Oman)
10.40	<b>Break</b> <b>POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS</b>
	<b>Session 10: Arabian Prehistory 4 (Chair: Valentina Azzara)</b>
11.10	<i>Nasser Al-Jahwari et al.</i> : Al-Ghoryeen, Umm an-Nar settlement in Al-Mudhyabe, Excavations 2018
11.35	<i>Khaled Douglas et al.</i> : Dahwa (DH7), North Al-Batinah, Oman: A mid-third Millennium BC settlement with an unusual assemblage of Early Bronze Age Indus and Umm an-Nar pottery
12.00	<i>Maurizio Cattani et al.</i> : Excavations in 2018-19 at Ras Al-Hadd HD-1, Sultanate of Oman: New Insights on Site Size, Chronology and Function
12.25	<i>Christoph Schwall &amp; Sabah Jasim</i> : Assessing Kalba: new fieldwork at the Bronze Age coastal site Kalba at the Gulf of Oman (Emirate of Sharjah, UAE)
12.50	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Session 11: Arabian Prehistory 5 (Chair: Nasser Al-Jahwari)</b>
14.15	<i>Jonathan Kenoyer et al.</i> : Stone bead production and trade in the Oman Peninsula during the 3rd to 2nd millennia BCE
14.40	<i>Lukasz Rutkowski</i> : What is with that floor? Some thoughts on organization of the burial space inside QA 1-1, an Umm an-Nar tomb in Wadi al-Fajj (Oman)
15.05	<i>Michel de Vreeze et al.</i> : The Late Wadi Suq period in the Sohar Hinterlands
15.30	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Session 12: Arabian Prehistory 6 (Chair: Rob Carter)</b>
16.00	<i>Paul Yule &amp; Burkhard Vogt</i> : The onset of south-eastern Arabia's earliest extant copper-alloy arrow-heads, in the Wadi Suq period?
16.25	<i>Akinori Uesugi et al.</i> : Excavations at Wadi al-Sail, an Early Dilmun cemetery in Bahrain 2015-2019
16.50	<i>Guillaume Charloux et al.</i> : A Reflection on some rock art traditions of large-sized camels in western Arabia.

## 19.00 Keynote Lecture and reception at the National Museum of Antiquities

*Marta Luciani*: Changing Paradigms of Research: the Arabian Peninsula

## Friday 12th July - Special Session: Stone tools in Arabia (Lipsius Building: Room 002)

8.45	<b>Introduction</b>
9.00	<i>Bonilauri Stéphanie &amp; Beshkani Amir</i> : The Variability within Bifacial technologies found in Adam Region, Oman
9.20	<i>Vitaly Usik &amp; Yamandú H. Hilbert</i> : What makes a Levallois core Nubian, type-list or classification?
9.40	<i>Rémy Crassard &amp; Yamandú H. Hilbert</i> : The Middle Paleolithic of central and northern Saudi Arabia and their implications on demographic dispersals
10.00	<i>Beshkani Amir</i> : The extent of the Normalization of Nubian Cores and the Use Life of Nubian Debitage
10.20	<i>Knut Bretzke</i> : On the diversity of the Paleolithic record in Sharjah, UAE
10.40	<b>Break</b> <b>POSTER AUTHORS TO STAND WITH THEIR WORK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS</b>
11.10	<i>Anthony Sinclair</i> : Palaeolithic or Stone Age: exploring a language for the archaeological record of the first hominins in Arabia
11.30	<i>Yamandú H. Hilbert</i> : Technological and typological variability of Upper and Late Palaeolithic stone tool assemblages from South Arabia
11.50	<i>Inna Mateiciucová et al.</i> : A new lithic site at the sediment-filled depression Ḥayl Al-Āja on the eastern side of Jebel Kawr, North Oman
12.10	<i>Heiko Kallweit &amp; Mark Beech</i> : Lithics from Dalma Island excavations - remarks on the lithic collections from Dalma island excavations 1992-2014
12.30	<b>Discussion</b>
12.50	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00	<i>Denis Štefanisko</i> : Behind the Border: The chipped industry of 'Ainab 1A, Early Pre-Pottery Neolithic B (8500 -8100 cal. B.C.) site at Jabal 'Ainab (South-east Badia, Jordan)
14.20	<i>Anne Jörgensen-Lindahl</i> : Micro-wear analysis on Epipalaeolithic and PPN chipped stone assemblages from southwest Asia – past and present
14.40	<i>Maria Maiorano et al.</i> : Living and moving around the area of Maitan: Neolithic workshops and regional exchanges in Southern Rub al Khali (Sultanate of Oman)
15.00	<i>Hans Gebel</i> : The Hamrian Punch. Cone Shell Meat Extraction in Coastal Oman's Later Prehistory. A Replicative System Analysis
15.20	<b>Break</b>
15.50	<i>Norbert Buchinger et al.</i> : Early Bronze Age knapped lithics from Hili 8 – a first technological assessment
16.10	<i>Ullrich Ochs</i> : A Hafit Period Stone Tool Assemblage From Al-Khashbah, Sultanate Of Oman
16.30	<i>Mark W. Moore et al.</i> : Bronze Age microlith technology at Saruq-al Hadid, Dubai
16.50	<i>Silvia Lischi &amp; Yamandú H. Hilbert</i> : Preliminary investigation of the lithic industry from the Iron Age coastal settlement at Inqitat (HAS1), southern Oman
17.10	<b>Discussions / Conclusions / Publication planing</b>

## Saturday 13 July - Lipsius Building: Room 019

	<b>Session 13: Late Pre-Islamic Arabia 1 (Chair: Derek Kennet)</b>
9.25	<i>Sebastiano Lora</i> : Snakes in the Temple at the Oasis of Taymā' (NW Arabia).
9.50	<i>Anne Benoist</i> : On the diffusion of possible Sabeian influences in Ethiopia during Antiquity. A view from the margins of the eastern Tigray plateau
10.15	<i>Bruno Overlaet</i> : Late Pre-Islamic Wine sets in SE-Arabian funerary contexts.
10.40	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Session 14: Late Pre-Islamic Arabia 2 (Chair: Derek Kennet)</b>
11.10	<i>Jérôme Rohmer</i> : The Thaj Archaeological Project: results of the first three field seasons (2016-2018).
11.35	<i>Pierre Lombard</i> : Recent French Excavations at Abu Saiba. New data on the Tylos Phase of Bahrain (c. 200 BC-300 AD).
	<b>Session 15: Landscape in Arabia 1 (Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg)</b>
12.00	<i>Abigail Buffington et al.</i> : Over Mountains and Through Woods: Survey Results and Preliminary Spatial Analysis of the 2018 Field Season of the Ancient Socio-Ecological Systems in Oman (ASOM) Project
12.25	<i>Magdalena Nowakowska</i> : Waterfront and Underwater Archaeology of Failaka Island, Kuwait
12.50	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Session 16: Landscape in Arabia 2 (Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg)</b>
14.15	<i>Corinne Castel</i> : First discoveries of the Bāt-al-Arid Mission (Sultanate of Oman)
14.40	<i>Roman Garba et al.</i> : Trilith monuments of Southern Arabia: preliminary results of excavation seasons 2018 – 2019 and implications on triliths chronology
15.05	<i>Joy McCorriston et al.</i> : Monuments, Resources, and Landscape Dynamics in the Jabal Qara, Dhofar

## POSTERS

Posters will be on display in the main hall of the Lipsius Building throughout the conference. The authors will be answering questions about their posters between 10:40 and 11:10 on Friday 12th July.

*Amira ALshehhi:* Documenting Al-Shasha Construction Technique along the Batinah Coast

*Hasan Ashkanani:* Ceramic Production and Raw Materials Preference in Kuwait, from Ubaid period to the Bronze Age

*Caitlin Bonham Smith & Judith Littleton:* Dietary analysis using stable isotopes from Bahrain: some preliminary results.

*F. De Cataldo et al.:* Funerary variability and long-term reuse in Daba collective grave from the first millennium BC

*David Freire-Lista et al.:* Analytical Characterisation of the Building Stones of Yughbī Archaeological Site (NW of Qatar)

*So Hasegawa et al.:* New Perspective on the Site Plan of al-Hawrā', a Medieval Port Site on the Red Sea Coast of Saudi Arabia

*Matthew Jameson:* "Imperial" Encounters in the Gulf during the Late Pre-Islamic Period: The Parthian Glazed Pottery from Southeastern Arabia

*Abdulla Khalfan Al Kaabi et al.:* Recent Fieldwork at Hili 14 (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)

*Anna Lipp:* Mapping Irrigation in Iron Age II (1000-600 BC) of Southeastern Arabia

*Dr. Peter Magee et al.:* New Excavations at the Bronze Age Site of Hili 8, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi.

*Cornelius Meyer et al.:* Geophysical prospection at Mleiha (Emirate of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates)

*Takehiro Miki et al.:* Cave use in the Wādī Sūq period at Wādī Tanūf 1, Ad-Dhākhiliyah, Oman

*Olivia Munoz et al.:* The Bronze Age Tombs at Jebel Sfaïq (Masirah Island, Sultanate of Oman)

*Harriet Nash:* Star Knowledge and Falaj Management in Rustaq, Oman

*Nathalie Smits et al.:* The mollusc assemblages from Dibba al Hisn (Sharjah, UAE)

*Anna Smogorzewska:* Pottery from Bahra 1 (Kuwait). New data on pottery traditions in the Neolithic Gulf

*Agnieszka Szymczak:* Re-worked potsherds at the Ubaid-related site of Bahra 1 (Kuwait)

*Thomas Van de Velde:* The Arabian Gulf as a market area for Elamite-exploited bitumen: a synthesis of geochemical data

*Marcin Wagner:* Aynuna - new pottery production site during the late Roman times

*Norbert Weismann:* The *shāsha*

*Maximilian Wilding & Inna Mateiciucová:* Season 1 at the intermontane prehistoric location of Ḥayl Al-'Āja, Wilayat Hamra, Northern Oman

*Ying-Li Wu et al.:* Preservation of prehistoric petroglyphs in Salut, Sultanate of Oman as a source for absolute dating and paleoenvironmental studies

*Zuzanna Wygnańska et al.:* Small but important: Beads trade and production in Saruq al-Hadid, UAE

# Seminar Information

## Keynote lecture

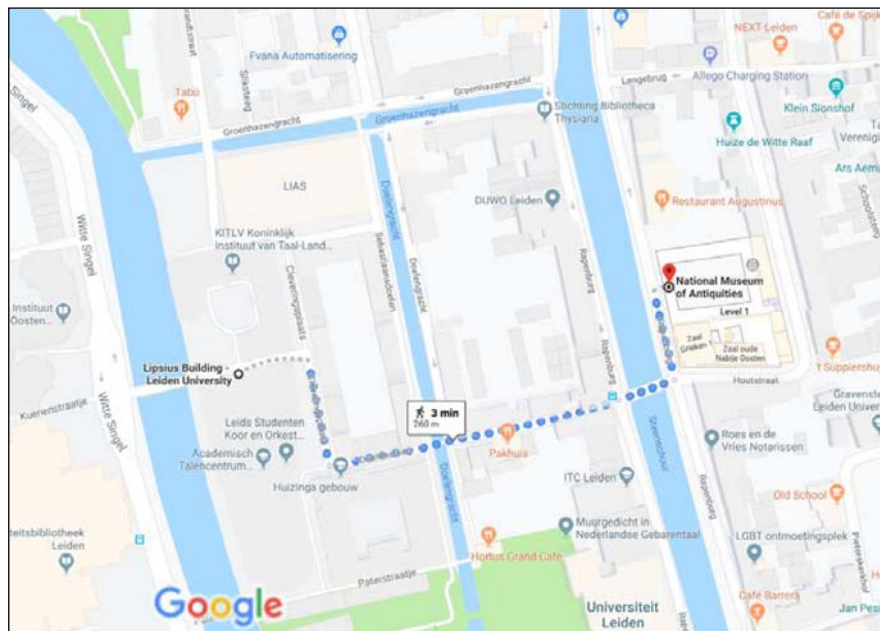
Friday 12th July 2019 at 19.00 (Rijksmuseum van Oudheden)

Dr. Marta Luciani (University of Vienna)

## Changing Paradigms of Research: the Arabian Peninsula

Expanding field research combined with novel radiometric determinations, geomorphological and environmental studies on the mainland and coastal regions of the Arabian Peninsula call for a radical reassessment of traditional narratives about this previously reputed peripheral area of the Ancient Near East. This lecture will discuss the evidence obtained in recent investigations, question long-established paradigms and propose new paths for future scientific explorations of this unique environment.

The keynote lecture will be held at the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden (National Museum of Antiquities) which is a short walk from the Lipsius building. The keynote lecture will be followed by a drinks reception.



## **Bookshops**

The conference booksellers can be found in rooms 1.47 and 2.27 of the Lipsius Building and will have a wide range of publication on display throughout the conference.

## **Tour: Yemenite palm stick inscriptions**

A special visit to the University of Leiden Library to examine the collection of Yemenite palm stick inscriptions has been arranged for conference delegates. This tour will take place on Friday 12th July at 13.30. Space on the tour is limited to 20 delegates. If you wish to attend this tour it is essential you sign up at the registration desk to reserve your place.

## **Tour: Middle Eastern Collections of the Textile Research Centre**

The Textile Research centre in Leiden has arranged for a special tour of their Middle Eastern Collections for Seminar delegates. The Textile Research Centre is an internationally recognised knowledge centre for the study of textiles and dress. It has a collection of c.25,000 textiles and garments from around the world, that is particularly strong in North African, Middle Eastern and Arabian Peninsula regional garments. This tour will take place on Friday 12th July at 15.30 and there will be a charge of 7.5 Euro. Space on the tour is limited to 20 delegates. If you wish to attend this tour it is essential you sign up at the registration desk to reserve your place. The tour will take place at the Textile Research Centre, which is located at Hogewoerd 164, Leiden. More information about the Centre can be found on their website; <https://www.trc-leiden.nl/>.

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