



54th Seminar for Arabian Studies 2-4 and 9-11 July 2021

Friday, 2 nd July	
13.00 (BST)*	Introduction: Julian Jansen van Rensberg
Session One : Palaeolithic & Neolithic Arabia	
	Chair: Robert Carter
13.15	Buhais Rockshelter – A new Paleolithic sequence from the Central Region of Sharjah Emirate Knut Bretzke, Frank Preusser, Adrian Parker, Sabah Jasim
13.35	Neolithic settlement patterns and subsistence strategies on Marawah Island, Abu Dhabi emirate, United Arab Emirates Mark Jonathan Beech, Noura Hamad Al Hameli, Richard Cuttler, Kevin Lidour, Howell Roberts, Remy Crassard, Nurcan Yalman, Talfan Davies
14.00	Four decades among the Ichthyophagi – A 40 years review of fish exploitation and consumption during the Neolithic in Eastern Arabia. Kevin Lidour
14.25	Dolphin exploitation in the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age coastal Oman: Preliminary considerations Elena Maini, Matteo Bormetti, Youri van den Hurk
14.50	Walk the Line: The 2020 Field Season of the Al-Mudhaybi Regional Survey Stephanie Döpfer
15.15	Break
Session Two: Bronze Age Arabia	
	Chair: Arnulf Hausleiter (provisional)
15.55	Excavations at HD1 2019-2020, Sultanate of Oman: Artifact Studies and Project Summary

	Jonathan Mark Kenoyer, Maurizio Cattani, Dennys Frenez, Randall Law
16.20	Tracing Sumer in Arabia: New data on the Jemdet Nasr and Early Dynastic I Presence in the Arabia Peninsula through Pottery and Cylinder Seals Sara Pizzimenti
16.45	Development of Cultural Landscapes in the Canyon of Al-Hajar mountains: Survey and Excavation at Wādī Tanūf 2019-2020 Takehiro Miki, Taichi Kuronuma, Hiroyuki Kitagawa, Yasuhisa Kondo
17.10	Kalba: New Insights into an Early Bronze Age Trading Post on the Gulf of Oman Christoph Schwall, Michael Brandl, Ernst Pernicka, Susanne Lindauer, Sabah Abboud Jasim, Eisa Yousif
17.35	Al-Arid, an Early Bronze Age settlement site in the interior of the Oman peninsula: Results of the second season's excavations (2020) Corinne Castel, Olivier Barge, Blandine Besnard, Jacques E. Brochier, E. Ciesielski, Lionel Darras, Yasmine Kanhoush, Georges Mouamar, Frédéric Rivière, Séverine Sanz, Margareta Tengberg, Pauline Vézy
18.00	End

Saturday, 3rd July	
Session Three : Bronze Age Arabia cont'd	
	Chair: Steffen Terp Laursen
13.00	The funerary landscape of the oasis of Tayma, Northwest Arabia Arnulf Hausleiter, Emmanuele Petiti, Alina Zur
13.25	Sixth Season of Excavations at Wadi al Sail, Bahrain Masashi Abe, Akinori Uesigi, Kenji Okazaki, Randy Sasaki, Hiroo Kansha
13.55	Organic networks and foodstuffs in the Arabian Peninsula: preliminary results of ceramic lipid residue analysis of vessels from Hili 8, Hili North Tomb A and Salut-ST1 Akshyeta Suryanarayan, Michele Degli Esposti, Sophie Méry, Arnaud Mazuy, Martine Regert
14.15	Evaluating Tomb Use and Reuse among Adjacent Umm an-Nar Tombs at Shimal, Emirate of Ras al-Khaimah, UAE using Bioapatite Dating Lesley A. Gregoricka and Jaime M. Ullinger
14.40	Umm al-Nar 'sugar lumps' – evidence for peripatetic masons? Derek Kennet
15.05	Late Bronze and Iron Age animal exploitation in Masāfi, Fujairah-UAE Delphine Decruyenaere, Marjan Mashkour, Kevin Lidour, Karyne Debue, Thomas Sagory, Maria Paola Pellegrino, Julien Charbonnier, Anne Benoist
15.30	Break

Session Four: Bronze Age Arabia cont'd	
	Chair: Derek Kennet
15.55	Renewed excavations at Tell Abraqa, Umm al Quwain, 2019 -2020. Interim report Michele Degli Esposti, Federico Borgi, Maria Paola Pellegrino, Simona Spano, Camille Abric, Rania Hussein Kannouma
16.20	The 2014 Sinaw - Muhut -Duqm road development project rescue excavation: anthropological considerations Francesca Candilio, Francesca Pullia, Vitale Sparacello
16.45	The Jebel al Yamh Tombs (Hatta – Dubai, UAE): the architecture, spatial distribution and reuse of prehistoric tombs in SE Arabia. Tatiana Valente, Fernando Contreras, Bernardo Vila, Adrián Fernández, Domingo Lopez, Ahmed Mahmud, Mansour Boraik Radwan Karim, Mahra Saif Al Mansoori, Hassan Mohammed Zein
17.10	Panel Discussion Moderator: tbc Discussants: tbc
18.00	Poster Session

Sunday, 4th July	
Session Five : Iron Age Arabia	
	Chair: Steve Karacic
13.00	An Early Iron Age hoard find from Sultan Qaboos University in al-Khoudh (Sultanate of Oman) Nasser al-Jahwari, Paul A. Yule, Khaled Douglas
13.25	Recent Archaeological Investigation at the Iron Age of Hili 14 Ali Al Meqbali, Abdullah Al Kaabi, Dia Al Tawalbeh, Hamad Fadel, Daniel Eddisford, Dominic Tomasi, Sam Botan, Michel de Vreeze
13.50	New evidence from excavations at the Iron Age settlement of Shimal (Ras al-Khaimah). Michel de Vreeze, Sam Botan, Tibor Paluch, Stefan Weijgertse
14.15	Photogrammetry Efforts at Thuqeibah (al Madam, Sharjah, UAE). 2019-2020 Seasons of Works. Carmen del Cerro Linares
14.40	Reconstructing a changing landscape of human activities during Iron Age II at Saruq al-Hadid (Dubai) Zuzanna Wygnańska, Otto Bagi, Joanna Rądkowska, Iwona Zych
15.05	Al Ain Museum: An Ancient Landscape beneath the Carpark Steve Karacic, Peter Sheehan, Tim Power, Sophie Costa, Sarah Collins, with Mohammed Khalifa, Hamad Fadel, Abdullah Al Kaabi, Ali Al Meqbali, Jaber Al Merri, Peter Magee,

	Anne Mortimer, Waleed Omar, Firas Othman, Dia Al Tawalbeh, Malak Al Ajou, Ona Vileikis
15.30	Break
Session Six: Late Pre-Islamic Arabia	
	Chair: Jose Carvajal Lopez
15.55	Non-invasive technical study allows for digital reconstruction of Nabataean wall paintings from Wadi as-Siyyagh in Petra Doris Botwen, Rebecca Tehrani, Adrian Heritage
16.20	Agrobiodiversity and plant trade. New archaeobotanical evidence from Hegra, Saudi Arabia (2nd c. BC-5th c. AD) and preliminary results from the Al Ula oasis Vladimir Dabrowski, Charlène Bouchaud, Thomas Cucchi, Juliette Milon, Saskia Ryan, Antoine Zazzo
16.45	Assessing the provenance of ancient cotton at Hegra, Saudi Arabia (2nd c. BC-5th c. AD) using new, modern strontium isotope results. Saskia E. Ryan, Charlène Bouchaud, Eric Douville, Vladimir Dabrowski, Arnaud Dapoigny, Antoine Zazzo
17.10	From raw materials to finished products: the pottery production at Sumhuram (Khor Rori, Sultanate of Oman) Carlotta Rizzo, Stefano Pagnotta, Marco Lezzerini, Alexia Pavan, Giulia Buono
17.35	Mortuary Archaeology in Qatar: Old data and new discoveries Ferhan Sakal, Marica Baldoni, Muna Al Hashmi, Sara Tomei, Cristina Martinez-Labarga, Faisal Al-Naimi
18.00	End

Friday, 9th July	
Parallel Session: North West Arabia	
	Chair: Rebecca Foote
13.00	Investigating cultural landscapes of the Hijaz region Rebecca Foote
13.15	The Camel Site (Sakākā): latest fieldwork and scientific dating of a Prehistoric site with life-sized camel reliefs Maria Guagnin, Guillaume Charlou, Abdullah Alsharekh
13.40	Discovering AIUla: extensive landscape survey and targeted excavations in the AIUla Core Area Laura Morabito, Chris Tuttle, Kirk Roberts, Jamie Quartermaine, Ashley Pooley, Wael Abu Azizeh,

14.05	<p>Excavating the Horns' Chamber Mustatil: A Neolithic open-air sanctuary evidencing pastoral nomadic ritual activity in northwestern Arabian Desert (AIUla) W. Abu-Azizeh, J. Studer, S. Alahmari, A. Boyle, L. Dausse, J. Quartermaine, L. Strolin, A. Zazzo</p>
14.30	<p>Mapping an Arabian oasis: first results of a systematic survey in AIUla valley (2019-2020) Julien Charbonnier, Yasmin Kanhoush, Julie Goy, Julie Gravier, Jessica Giraud, Imane Achouche, Vincent Bernollin, Sofian Boudia, Emmanuelle Devaux, Armance Dupont-Delaleuf, Cassandre Furstos, Gaël Gourret, Mathias Haze, Tobias Hofstetter, Céline Marquaire, David Serres, Pierre Siméon, Francelin Tourtet</p>
14.55 to 15.20	<p>New insights into the archaeology and geo-archaeology of the oasis of AIUla/Dadan during the Iron Age Jérôme Rohmer, Abdulrahman Al-Suhaibani, Fabien Lesguer, Louise Purdue, Francelin Tourtet</p>
	Discussion
15.30	Break
15.55	<p>Hegra: a Lihyanite site? A reassessment of the early settlement in Hegra/Mada'in Salih Caroline Durand, Thomas Bauzou</p>
16.20	<p>Results from the Aerial Archaeology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia AIUla and Khaybar Projects Hugh Thomas, Melissa Kennedy, Jane McMahon, Mathew Dalton, Rebecca Repper, Don Boyer</p>
16.45	<p>Khaybar Longue Durée Project. Objectives and first results Guillaume Charloux, Rémy Crassard, Munirah AlMushawh</p>
17.10	<p>The long history of Qurayyah's Plateau: Epigraphy, Rock Art and Archaeology Marta Luciani, Mesfer H.M. Alqahtani, Malek O. Sulaimi, Ahmed M. Abualhassan</p>
17.35	Discussion
18.00	End

Friday, 9th July

Parallel Session hosted by Casa Arabe

10.45 Introduction

Comparison of cultural & environmental adaptations in the Arabian and Iberian peninsulas

Chair: Jose Carvajal Lopez

10.50	Iberian and Arabian Ice Age Refugia: archaeological data and current narratives Jeanne Marie Geiling, Yamandú H. Hilbert
11.15	Social and economic change in al-Andalus during the Umayyad period Eduardo Manzano Moreno
11.40	Historical irrigation systems. Origins, expansion and social significance José María Martín Civantos
12.05	Migration and transfer of hydraulic techniques. The Case of the Balearic Islands in the Context of the Islamic Conquests. Helena Kirchner
12.35	Break
13.00	Recovery of ancient qanat/s (or waterways) in Madrid: recovery projects of the qanat/s of Amaniél and Fuente del Berro Mónica Major Gonzalez, Eduardo Penedo Cobo, Áurea Izquierdo Zamora
13.25	Evidence of increased humidity, drainage activation and irrigation strategies during the 1st millennium BC in Southeast Arabia (UAE, Oman) Louise Purdue, Tara Beuzen Waller, Sophie Costa, Ash Parton, Julien Charbonnier, Derek Kennet, Anne Benoist
13.50	Debate
Intellectual links: language, law, theology and culture in Jazirat al-'Arab and Jazirat al-Andalus.	
	Chair: Maribel Fierro
14.14	Influence of Hellenistic Cosmological Ideas towards Muslim Spain in the 10 th c.: In Search of the Sources of Ibn Masarra's Doctrine Pavel V. Basharin
14.40	The Contribution of al-Hijāz to the Defense of Ibn 'Arabī and His Thought Naser Dumairieh
15.05	The genealogical heritage of al Andalus as a permanent cultural link with the Arabian Peninsula Jaafar Ben El Haj Soulami
15.30	Break
15.55	Early mosques in Arabia and al-Andalus: a comparative approach Carmen González Gutiérrez
16.20	From Arabia to Córdoba on camel-back through literary Borges: "I see death is like the blundering of a blind camel" José María Toro Piqueras
16.45	The teachers of al-Andalus: The intellectual contributions of the Arabian Peninsula in the formation of early al-Andalus (92-238-/711-852) Abdenour Padillo Saoud
17.10	Underneath the Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba – old excavations and new GPR data

	Cornelius Meyer
17.35	The Arabic medical lexicon: from a tribal dialect of the Arabian Peninsula to the medical language of al-Andalus and Medieval Europe Dana Zaben, Sara Solá Portillo
18.00	Break

19.00 Keynote Lecture	
Maribel Fierro (Public Lecture) Medina in al-Andalus and North Africa: representations, beliefs and practices	

Saturday, 10th July	
Session Nine : Islamic Arabia	
	Chair: Janet Watson
13.00	Petrographic analysis of ceramics from Murwab, an early Islamic site from Qatar Jose C. Carvajal López, Alexandrine Guérin, Myrto Georgakopoulou, Faisal Al-Naimi
13.25	Settlement Patterns for the Early Islamic Periods in Qatar - status of the issue Alexandrine Guérin, Haya J. Al-Thani, Faisal Al-Naimi
13.55	Human and faunal stable carbon and nitrogen data from Qal'at al-Bahrain Caitlin Bonham Smith, Judith Littleton
14.15	Transformations of the state and its elites: Zaydi sayyids in Yemen (16th - 17th centuries) Ekaterina Pukhovaia
14.40	Mapping the Shimal plain, Ras al-Khaimah: Introducing the Shimal Plain Palm Garden Project (SPPG) Hana Kdolska
15.05	Traditional Architecture of Ras al-Khaimah: Digital Mapping and Characterisation of a Key Heritage Resource David Connolly
15.30	Break

Session Ten: Scripts and Language	
	Chair: Michael Macdonald

15.55	The inscriptions in Ancient South Arabian script from Ḥimā: a historical and cultural appraisal. Alessia Prioletta
16.20	On the use of the root NHY in the Ancient South Arabian inscriptions from both sides of the Red Sea Irene Rossi
16.45	Sabaic/ Ge'ez Lexical Isoglosses in Early Sabaic Inscriptions from Yemen and Ethiopia Letizia Cerqueglini
17.10	Short vowels in Mehri, a Modern South Arabian Language: An acoustic and auditory analysis Janet C.E Watson, Gisela Tome Lourido, Barry Heselwood
17.35	Poster Session
18.00	End

Sunday, 11 th July	
Session 11 : Maritime Arabia and Trade	
	Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg
13.00	Documentation and evaluation of maritime endangered archaeology in the Arabian Peninsula (the MarEA project) Rodrigo Ortiz-Vazquez, Robert Carter, Lucy Blue, Salman Al-Mahari
13.25	Two Shipwrecks of Late Antiquity in the Vicinity of Jeddah And the Illumination of Arabian Maritime Connections Ralph K. Pedersen, Rupert A. Brandmeier
13.50	The Samarra horizon and the rise of the Indian Ocean maritime trade Yiliang Li
14.15	A Medieval Red Sea Port and Its Hinterland: Surveys and Excavations by the Saudi–Japanese Mission at al-Hawrā' in 2019 and 2020 So Hasegawa, Risa Tokunaga, Shin-ichi Nishimoto, Masahiro Etaya, Sumio Fujii, Abdulaziz Alorini
14.40	Boats, horses and moorings: maritime activities at al-Balid in the medieval period. Alessandro Ghidoni Alexia Pavan
15.05	11th-12th Centuries Political Balances In the Western Indian Ocean. The Ceramic Evidence Agnese Fusaro, Valeria Piacentini Fiorani
15.30	Break
15.55	Medieval Maritime Memes in the Indian Ocean Tom Vosmer

16.20	<p>Dhows carved in stone: photogrammetry and network analysis of petroglyphs at al-Jassasiya, Qatar Mick de Ruyter, Enrique Aragon, John McCarthy, Ferhan Sakal, Faisal Al-Naimi</p>
16.45	<p>The <i>baggāras</i> of the Qatar Museums collection: unique relics of a vanished sewn-boat tradition John Cooper, Alessandro Ghidoni, Chiara Zazzaro,</p>
<p>Panel Session: Arab Navigation – New Comparisons</p>	
Link to be provided	<p>Prerecorded papers:</p> <p>The 16th-century Portuguese Suma Oriental and the Arab Pilots: A Detailed Comparative Study Juan Acevedo</p> <p>The Stars in Sixteenth-Century Nautical Literature: A Comparative Study Inês Bénard</p> <p>Navigating the Gulf: Ahmad b. Majid’s poem on Gulf Navigation Eric Staples</p>
17.10	Discussants: tbc
18.00	End of Seminar

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