

ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies Forty Sixth International Conference:

Arabs Before Islam

Programme

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

(Venue: The Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane)

Chairperson: (Prof. Aziz Al-Azmeh) (Central European University, Budapest)

- 09:00-09:45 **Dr. John Wineland** (Southeastern University, Florida)
“EARLY ARABS ON THE KARAK PLATEAU.”
- 09:45-10:30 **Dr. Rachel Barkay** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
“THE ORIGIN OF ARETAS IV KING OF THE NABATAEANS.”
- 10:30-11:00 *Tea/Coffee*
- 11:00-12:30 **Prof. David Graf** (University of Miami)
“THE NABATAEANS IN EGYPT DURING THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD.”
- 12:30-13:15 **Dr. Mohammed Nasarat** (Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Jordan)
“PETRA, TAXES AND TRADE, RECONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF A NEWLY DISCOVERED PETRA CHURCH ARCHIVE.”
- 13:30-15:30 *Lunch*
- 15:30-16:00 *Tea/coffee*

Chairperson: **Dr. Fabrice de Baker** (University of Vienna)

- 16:00-16:45 **Dr. Romolo Loreto** (University of Naples L'Orientale)
“A NORTH ARABIAN OASIS DURING THE PRE-ISLAMIC ERA. RESULTS FROM 2009-2016 EXCAVATION SEASONS IN THE HISTORICAL AREA OF DUMAT AL-JANDAL, ANCIENT ADUMMATU.”
- 16:45-17:30 **Dr. Fabrice de Baker** (University of Vienna)
“THE IDENTITY OF DEAD PEOPLE IN KHIRBET AL KHALDE.”
- 17:30-18:15 **Dr. Carmelo Pappalardo** (Università degli Studi di Firenze)
“PERSISTENCE AND TRANSFORMATION IN THE URBAN SPACES: UMM AL-RASAS/KASTRON MEFA ON THE JORDAN PLATEAU FROM THE 6TH TO THE 9TH CENTURY.”
- 18:15-19:00 **Prof. Estëe Dvorjetski** (Oxford Brookes University, UK, and University of Haifa, Israel)
“SACRIFICING TO THE GODS OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH IN ROMAN-BYZANTINE PALESTINE AND PROVINCIA ARABIA.”

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
(Venue: The Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane)

Chairperson: Prof. Amos Kloner (Bar Ilan University, Isarel)

- 09:00-09:45 **Ms. Louise Dorso** (PHD student at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University)
"THE ARABS IN NEO-ASSYRIAN SOURCES: PERCEPTION, REPRESENTATION, AND DEFINITION."
- 09:45-10:30 **Dr. Alessio Agostini** (Sapienza University of Rome)
"THE EXPIATORY RITE BEFORE ISLAM: DATA FROM ANCIENT SOUTH ARABIAN TEXTS."
- 10:30-11:00 *Tea/Coffee*
- 11:00-11:45 **Dr. Uzi Avner** (The Arava Institute and the Dead Sea-Arava Science Center)
"ICONOGRAPHY OF THE IBEX IN THE ART OF ARABIA AND THE NEAR EAST."
- 11:45-12:30 **Prof. Dan Shapira** (Bar-Ilan University)
"WHAT THE WORD 'JIHAD' REALLY MEANT IN PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA?"
- 12:30-13:15 **Dr. Zofia A. Brzozowska** (University of Łódź, Poland)
"FEMALE DEITIES OF PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA IN THE BYZANTINE AND OLD RUSSIAN SOURCES"
- 13:15-15:30 *Lunch*
- 15:30-16:00 *Tea/coffee*

Chairperson: Prof. David Graf (University of Miami)

- 16:00-16:45 **Dr. Mohammad Rihan** (Balamand University, Lebanon)
"PRE-ISLAMIC Umayyads."
- 16:45-17:30 **Mr. Simon Brelaud** (Paris IV - Sorbonne)
"THE 'ARAB CONNECTION' OF THE CHURCH OF PERSIA'S PATRIARCH DURING THE SASANIAN EMPIRE."
- 17:30-18:15 **Dr. Khodadad Rezakhani** (Princeton University)
"‘PERSIANS’ BEFORE ISLAM: ARABS IN THE SASANIAN WORLD, AD 293-651"
- 18:15-19:00 **Dr. Teresa Wolińska** (University of Łódź, Poland)
"EAST ROMAN EMPIRE AND THE 'PERSIAN ARABS.'"
- 19:00-22:00 **Banquet**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017
(Venue: The Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane)

Chairperson: ???

- 09:00-09:45 **Dr. Pawel Filipczak** (University of Łódź, Poland)
"THE ARABS OF THE SYRIAN ANTIOCH IN THE FOURTH CENTURY: LIBANIUS' TESTIMONY."
- 09:45-10:30 **Prof. Michael Gawlikowski** (University of Warsaw)
"A NATABATAEN LATE TRADING STATION IN THE HIJAZ."
- 10:30-11:00 *Tea/Coffee*
- 11:00-11:45 **Prof. Tziona Grossmark** (Tel Hai College)
"THE IMAGE OF TIEA 'AI (ARABS) IN THE RABBINIC LITERATURE."

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