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Annual Conference

22–24 July 2010

All Lectures will be held in the Clore
Centre, British Museum



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THURSDAY 22 JULY 2010 (*BP Lecture Theatre*)

09:00–09:45 – **Initial Registration** (*registration will continue for the duration of the Seminar*)

09:45 – **Welcome** – **John CURTIS**, Keeper, Middle East Department, British Museum, UK

Late pre-Islamic & South Arabia

Chair: St John Simpson (*British Museum, UK*)

09:55 – PHILLIPS, Carl (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*) – **The 1st century AD fort at ed-Dur, UAE**

10:20 – CHARBONNIER, Julien (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*) – **The distribution of retaining dams over the western mountains of South Arabia**

10:45 – DE BLOIS, François (*SOAS, UK*) – **Some rare historical manuscripts relating to Islamic Yemen**

(~*11:10-11:40 COFFEE*~)

Chair: Alex Porter (*British Museum, UK*)

11:40 – FEDELE, Francesco (*Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy*) – **The wall and talus at Barāqish (al-Jawf, Yemen): a Minaean stratigraphy**

12:05 – PHILLIPSON, David (*University of Cambridge, UK*) – **Relations between southern Arabia and the northern Horn of Africa during the last millennium BC**

12:30 – JAPP, Sarah; GERLACH, Iris; HITGEN, Holger & SCHNELLE, Mike (*DAI, Germany*) – **Yeha and Hawelti: cultural contacts between Saba and Dʿmt: new research of the German Archaeological Institute in Ethiopia**

(~*12:55-14:30 LUNCH*~)

Group Photograph of Participants - Location to be determined

Sasanian-Islamic

Chair: Derek Kennet (*Durham University, UK*)

14:30 – ULRICH, Brian (*Shippensburg University, USA*) – **ʿUmān and Bahrayn in Late Antiquity: the Sasanians' Arabian periphery**

14:55 – PETERSEN, Andrew (*University of Wales, Lampeter, UK*) – **Research on an Islamic period settlement at Ra's al-Shairig in northern Qatar**

15:20 – WALMSLEY, Alan; RICHTER, Tobias & WORDSWORTH, Paul (*København's Universitet, Denmark*) – **Pearl fishers, townsfolk, Bedouin and shaykhs: economic and social relations in Islamic al-Zubārah**

(~*15:45-16:15 TEA*~)

16:15 – VOSMER, Tom (*Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman*); BELFIORETTI, Luca; STAPLES, Eric & GHIDONI, Alessandro (*Jewel of Muscat Project, Oman*) – **The Jewel of Muscat Project: reconstructing an early ninth-century CE shipwreck**

16:40 – AL-NAIM, Mashary (*University of Dammam, Saudi Arabia*) – **Historical mosques in al-Ḥasā region, Saudi Arabia: a typological study**

17:05 – KANAʿAN, Ruba (*York University, Canada*) – **Visibly Ibādī: theological discourses in the mosque architecture of Oman**

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#### The MBI Al Jaber Public Lecture

**Pearls and the shaping of the Persian Gulf**

Dr Robert Carter (*Oxford Brookes University, UK*)

**18:30 – BP Lecture Theatre**

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FRIDAY 23 JULY 2010

Parallel Sessions

(BP Lecture Theatre)

The Environment

Chair: Mark Beech (*ADACH, UAE*)

09:30 – MACUMBER, Phillip (*Phillip Macumber Consulting Services, Australia*) – **A**

geomorphologic and hydrological underpinning for archaeological research in northern Qatar

09:55 – BREEZE, Paul & CUTTLER, Richard (*University of Birmingham, UK*) – **Remote archaeological prospection in Qatar; results of the 2008–2010 seasons**

10:20 – CUTTLER, Richard (*Birmingham University, UK*); TETLOW, Emma (*Headland Archaeology, UK*); AL-NAIMI, Faisal (*Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar*); GEAREY, Ben & STOKES, Helen (*Birmingham University, UK*) – **The prehistoric burial mounds of northeastern Qatar in the light of recent palaeoenvironmental analysis of intertidal flats and inland sediment basins.**

10:45 – GALLETTI, Christopher (*Arizona State University, USA*) – **Water or geomorphology? Spatial analysis of prehistoric sites in Dhofar, Oman**

(~*11:10-11:40 COFFEE*~)

Chair: Robert Carter (*Oxford Brookes University, UK*)

11:40 – MAGEE, Peter (*Bryn Mawr College, USA*) – **When was the dromedary camel first used for transport and trade in the ancient Near East?**

Neolithic

12:05 – DRECHSLER, Philipp (*Universität Tübingen, Germany*) & AL HASHASH, Abdulhamid (*Dammam Archaeological Museum, Saudi Arabia*) – **Beyond the surface.**

Results and perspectives of recent archaeological investigations at the Neolithic site of Dosariyah, Eastern Province, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

12:30 – MARCUCCI, Lapo Gianni (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*); GENCHI, Francesco & TOSI, Maurizio (*Università di Bologna, Italy*) – **Recent Investigations on the Prehistoric Site of RH-5, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman**

(~*12:55-14:00 SHORT LUNCH*~)

Surveys & diachronic

Chair: Lloyd Weeks (*University of Nottingham, UK*)

14:00 – GIRAUD, Jessica (*CNRS, UMR 7041, France*) – **Eastern Oman during the proto-**

(Stevenson Lecture Theatre)

Arabic Language and Literature

Chair: Michael Macdonald (*Oxford University, UK*)

09:30 – WATSON, Janet (*University of Salford, UK*); AL-AZRAQI, Munira (*King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia*) & NAÏM, Samia (*Lacito-CNRS, France*) – **Lateralised emphatics and lateralised fricatives in the Arabian Peninsula**

09:55 – ALZHRANI, Adel Khamis (*University of Leeds, UK*) – **The desire for innovation in classical Arabic poetry**

10:20 – ELMAZ, Orhan (*Universität Wien, Austria*) – **Khushub Musannada (Qurʾān 63:4) and ESA $m\{s^1, s^3\}nd$**

10:45 – RODIONOV, Mikhail (*Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia*) – **Tribal versions of local history in the Ḥadramawt today**

Architecture & Artifacts in the Islamic Period

Chair: Francine Stone

11:40 – AL-SAYYED, Waleed (*Lonaard & Dar Mimar Group*) – **The spatial morphology of traditional houses of Sanaʿā in Yemen**

12:05 – LE MAGUER, Sterenn (*Université Paris 1, France*) – **Typology of incense-burners of the Islamic period**

12:30 – UM, Nancy (*Binghamton University, USA*) – **The Red Sea rawshan: picturing the projecting window in Yemen**

History & Ethnography

Chair: Janet Watson (*University of Salford, UK*)

14:00 – BARKER, Katherine (*Bournemouth University, UK*) – **Aldhelm of Malmesbury: the seventh century, Syria and the Saraceni**

historic period: report on five campaigns of survey in the Ja'alān

14:25 – AL-JAHWARI, Nasser Said (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*) – **A model for the analysis of quantified long-term settlement trends in the northern Oman peninsula**

14:50 – SHEEHAN, Peter & POWER, Tim (*ADACH, UAE*) – **Qaṭṭārah village: a prehistoric industrial site and the formation of the oasis landscape of al-ʿAyn**

15:15 – GLANZMAN, William (*Mount Royal University, Canada*) – **Both young and old: genres of rock art in the Wādī Raghwān, and their significance**

14:25 – AL-HAJRI, Hilal (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*) – **Through evangelical eyes: American missionaries to Oman**

14:50 – ANDRIYANOVA, Olga (*Université Paris 1, France/Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia*) – **Some observations on women in Omani sources**

15:15 – AL BADWAWI, Saif (*Ajman Royal Diwan, UAE*) - **The British Cemetery at Sharjah**

⌋*15:40-16:10 TEA*⌋

End of Parallel Sessions - All Lectures now take place in the BP Lecture Theatre

Bronze Age

Chair: Nasser Al-Jahwari (*Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman*)

16:10 – RIGHETTI, Sabrina (*Université de Paris 1, France*) – **The transitional period of the 3rd to 2nd millennium BC in Oman: a new approach with an agent based model**

16:35 – LAURSEN, Steffen Terp (*Aarhus Universitet, Denmark*) – **Masters of the springs: new evidence of social organization in early Dilmun, c.2250–1750 BC**

17:00 – HØJLUND, Flemming (*Moesgård Museum, Denmark*) – **Between the temple and the palace in Tell F6, Failaka, Kuwait: two seasons of excavation by the Kuwait-Danish Mission, 2008–2009**

17:25 – ABU-LABAN, Aiysha (*Moesgård Museum, Denmark*) – **New studies in Dilmun stamp seals from Failaka, Kuwait**

⌋(•;•)⌋ **17:50 - Poster Session** ⌋(•;•)⌋

This is an opportunity to meet and discuss the research of those that are presenting posters. Individual contributors will stand next to their posters and informal discussion will continue into the reception.

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18:30 – Clore Centre East

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SATURDAY 24 JULY 2010 (BP Lecture Theatre)

Saudi Focus Session

Chair: Venetia Porter (*British Museum, UK*)

09:30 – AL-SAUD, Nouf Bint Mohammed Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz (*University of Dammam, Saudi Arabia*) – **Understanding the origin of architectural elements: a study of the palaces of al-Dirʿiyyah, Saudi Arabia**

09:55 – AL-FAKHIRI, Sawsan (*Department of Antiquities of Aqaba, Jordan*) – **Arts and industry at Aylah city and Garh al-Mabyat: a comparative study**

10:20 – ALSEANAN, Maha (*Princess Nora Bint Abdurrahman University, Saudi Arabia*) – **Local and imported artistic styles in metal sculpture from Qaryat al-Faw**

10:45 – URKEVICH, Lisa (*American University of Kuwait, Kuwait*) - **Musical practices of Wādī al-Dawāsir, Saudi Arabia: genres and styles**

⌋*11:10-11:40 COFFEE*⌋

Chair: Michael Macdonald (*Oxford University, UK*)

11:40 – AL-RASHID, Saad Bin Abdul Aziz (*Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*) – **Al-Suwaydrah and its early Islamic inscriptions**

12:05 – AL-THEEB, Solaiman ʿAbd (*King Saud University, Saudi Arabia*) – **A new Nabataean inscriptions from the al-Siyg site in al-ʿUlāʿ, Saudi Arabia**

