



59th Seminar for Arabian Studies

30 July – 1 August 2026

DAMSLab, University of Bologna, Piazzetta Pier Paolo Pasolini 5/b, 40122 Bologna

Day 1: Thursday, 30 July

8:30	Registration
Room #1 Auditorium: Opening Remarks	
9:20	Professor Adriano Rossi, President of ISMEO – International Association for Mediterranean and Oriental Studies
9:30	H.E. Tommaso d'Errico, Honorary Consul of the Sultanate of Oman in the Regions of Tuscany and Emilia Romagna
9:40	Professor Giovanni Molari, Rector of the Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna
Room #1 Auditorium	
Session 1: Palaeolithic Chair: Noura Al Hameli	
10:00	Anthony Sinclair, Abdullah Al-Sharekh, Matt Meredith-Williams, Roman Garba, Lee Arnold, Kira Otterbach, Geoff Bailey, Faisal Al-Jibril, Saud Al-Ghamdi, <i>New work at Shiwayhitiyah and the search for evidence of hominin occupation of Arabia before 1mya?</i>
10:25	Norbert Buchinger, Noura Al Hameli, Kevin Lidour, Marc Händel, <i>New Upper/Late Palaeolithic evidence from Al Dhafra (Abu Dhabi, UAE): The site of Gerain al Aish</i>
10:50	Coffee break
Session 2: Palaeolithic & Early Prehistory Chair: Noura Al Hameli	
11:20	Yamandú Hilbert, Dominik Chlachula, Ash Parton, Tara Beuzen-Waller, Kira Otterbach, Dana Munnik, Lee Arnold, Roman Garba, Matthew Meredith-Williams, <i>Back to Mutaḥ: A reassessment of the archaeological, geomorphological and geochronological evidence for the prehistoric occupation of Wadi Ghadun, Southern Oman</i>
11:45	Dominik Chlachula, Maria Pia Maiorano, Sara Facciani, Angelo Fosatti, Francesca Seghi, Gabriele Terlato, Antonino Vazzana, Stefano Benazzi, Eugenio Bortolini, <i>Romail rock shelter: A new Late/Final Palaeolithic site in Northern Oman</i>
12:10	Hugh Thomas, Melissa Kennedy, Jane McMahon, J. Tyler Faith, Arnoud Boom, Genevieve Tyrrell, Brian Chase, <i>Monuments and middens: A reanalysis of the prehistoric landscapes of Northwest Saudi Arabia as revealed by rock hyrax middens</i>
12:35	Lunch break
Session 3: Neolithic & Late Prehistory Chair: Eugenio Bortolini	
14:00	Elynn Gorris, Manhal Makhoul, Jan Tavernier, Faisal Aljibrin, Salem Tairan, <i>Hunting for Ryckmans' desert kite: From archival archaeology to survey results</i>
14:25	Méryl Defours Rivoira, Alhanouf Alzahrani, Olivia Munoz, Tara Steimer-Herbet, <i>Reading dry-stone architecture: A building archaeology approach applied to the Near East</i>
14:50	Lucas Proctor, Jakez Moreau, Wajd Alzakwani, Maria Pia Maiorano, <i>Rhythms of Return: Long-term Neolithic occupation and repeated site use at KHS-A (Al-Khashbah, Oman)</i>
15:15	Maria Pia Maiorano, Tara Beuzen-Waller, Vincent Charpentier, Jérémie Vosges, Mohammed Al-Kindi, Elena Maini, Federico Borgi, Wajd Alzakwani, Ali Al-Mahri, Ali Ahmed Al-Kathiri, Said Al-Huraiz, <i>A Neolithic crossroads in the Rub' Al-Khali: Archaeological and geoarchaeological research in the Maitan area (Dhofar, Oman)</i>
15:40	Coffee break
Session 4: Neolithic & Late Prehistory Chair: Eugenio Bortolini	
16:10	Alžběta Danielisová, Maria Pia Maiorano, David Daněček, Jiří Šneberger, Samuel Kertés, Tara Beuzen-Waller, Yamandú Hilbert, Dominik Chlachula, Wajd Al-Zakwani, <i>Organic histories of burial and landscape use: Reconstructing Neolithic lifeways at Wadi Nafūn</i>
16:35	Zoë C.A.N. van Litsenburg, <i>New insights into a forgotten shell midden: The case study of Bandar Jissah</i>
17:00	Faisal Al-Naimi, Robert A. Carter, Richard N. Fletcher, Ferhan Sakal, <i>Burial cairns and Qatari prehistoric identity</i>
17:25	Marianne Cotty, <i>The ceremonial center of Khirbet Rizqeh: A reassessment</i>
17:50	End of the session

Room #2 Aula 1 Via Azzo Gardino	
Session 5: Iron Age Settlement & Cultural Landscape Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg	
10:00	Abdullah Basonbol, Caroline Durand, Abdalkareem al-Hebashan, Elise Mercier, Joséphine Obrecht, Pauline Piraud-Fournet, Francelin Tourtet, <i>Hegra before the Nabataeans: New discoveries from the Hegra Archaeological Project</i>
10:25	Fausto Mauro, <i>Living on the margins: Samad Late Iron Age occupation patterns and trilith distribution at Jebel Madar, Central Oman</i>
10:50	Coffee break
Session 6: Iron Age Material Culture & Connectivity Chair: Julian Jansen van Rensburg	
11:20	Daniele Zampierin, <i>Ceramics and connectivity: Sumhuram and cross-oceanic trade contacts between the 3rd century BCE and the 5th century CE</i>
11:45	Zuzanna Wygnańska, Michele Degli Esposti, <i>Crafting the Iron Age: New insights into Iron Age adornments and the provenance of vitreous materials in South-eastern Arabia</i>
12:10	Paolo Severi, <i>Glass circulation in the Persian Gulf between Sasanian and early Islamic times: Some preliminary thoughts</i>
12:35	Lunch break
Session 7: Landscape & Religion in the Late Antiquity and Islamic period Chair: Paolo Severi	
14:00	Sterenn Le Maguer-Gillon, <i>Landscapes of dissent: The Qarmatian state and its territory (4th/10th – 5th/11th centuries)</i>
14:25	Karol Juchniewicz, Julie Bonnéric, Stephen McPhillips, Julie Monchamp, Kévin Guadagnini, <i>Fortified landscapes and Early Islamic change in Khaybar Oasis</i>
14:50	William Deadman, <i>Mapping al-Qadisiyyah: Surveying a famous Early Islamic conquest site at the edge of Arabia</i>
15:15	Federica Duva, Riccardo Menis, Norah Aldawsari, Anas Abahussain, <i>New perspectives on religious architecture at Jaww al-Khidrima/al-Banah in al-Yamamah</i>
15:40	Coffee break
Session 8: Landscape & Religion in the Late Antiquity and Islamic period Chair: Paolo Severi	
16:10	Kjetil Friestad, <i>Reassessing the Syriac sources to the history of Christianity in Beth Qatraye: Results of a PhD research project</i>
16:35	Timothy Power, Michele Degli Esposti, Robert Hoyland, Rania Hussein Kannouma, <i>Public buildings at the Late Antique settlement on Siniya Island</i>
17:00	Julie Bonnéric, A. Alhebeshan, Anwar Alraqueeb, Yann Béliez, Simon Brelaud, Seif Butaiban, Waseem Jaradat, Łukasz Miechowicz, L. Mouawad, Rémi Perogon, <i>From small cells to a structured monastery: Recent excavations by the French-Kuwaiti Archaeological Mission in Failaka at the early Islamicate monastery of al-Qusur</i>
17:25	Maria Gajewska, Raluca Lazarescu, Paige Steen, Hamza Benattia, Hager Almenhali, Fabian D Silva, <i>Beyond stillness: Insights into daily life at the Sir Bani Yas dispersed monastery</i>
17:50	End of the session
Room #3 Saletta Seminari	
Special Session: Of nomads and kingdoms: Theoretical and methodological advances on a long-standing dichotomy	
Organiser: Silvia Lischi	
10:00	Silvia Lischi, <i>Opening framework: Beyond the nomadic/sedentary dichotomy</i>
10:25	Valentina Azzarà, Alexandre P. De Rorre, <i>Detecting mobility in coastal Eastern Arabia: A multi-scalar approach to sedentism and interaction</i>
10:50	Coffee break
11:20	Robert Carter, <i>Mobility among coastal communities in Qatar and the Gulf during the 18th-20th c. CE: A case of migratory urbanism?</i>
11:45	Olivia Munoz, Matthias Bellat, Kaïna Rointru, Tarra Beuzen Waller, Tiffany Aires Da Cruz, Marianne Cotty, Rémy Crassard, Lucas Dantec, Méryl Defours, David Ferreira, Paula Gomez Sanz, Thibaut Guiet, Mathilde Jean, Anna Keroch, Marie Laguardia, Laura Maréchal, Rémy Méreuze, Abdullah Al-Musharafi, Sophie Pébay-Peyroula, Caroline Renaux, Nico Rogalski, Martin Sauvage, Jérémie Schiettecatte, Samreen Syeda, Olivier Tombret, Olivier Weller, Alhanouf Al-Zahrani, Antoine Zazzo, Camille Noûs, <i>Interaction spheres and mobility in Protohistoric Arabia: The potential of a multi-proxy approach to tombs (spatial, provenance, bioanthropological and isotopic analyses)</i>
12:10	Antonios Koutroumpas, Silvia Lischi, Abel Ruiz-Giralt, Stefano Biagetti, <i>Deciphering the ephemeral: A transferable spatio-chemical and remote sensing approach to understanding pastoral landscapes in Dhofar, Oman</i>
12:35	Lunch break
14:00	Vittoria Bianchi, Sara Bernardini, Silvia Lischi, Anna Cipriani, Andrea Zerboni, Eugenio Bortolini, Stefano Benazzi, <i>Tracing human mobility: The first Strontium isoscape of Dhofar (Sultanate of Oman)</i>
14:25	Steffen Terp Laursen, <i>Sedentary and pastoralist contributions to the populations of Dilmun and Wadi Suq Magan</i>
14:50	Gianni Marchesi, <i>Rethinking the pastoral Amorites: Amorite rule in Tilmun and Makkan</i>

15:15	Marco Bonechi, <i>The Arabian Peninsula as (possibly) seen by its Levantine neighbours in the Early Bronze Age: Southern mobility, interaction, and exchange according to the Ebla cuneiform texts</i>
15:40	Coffee break
16:10	Sarah Japp, <i>Endogenous or exogenous: Considerations on the development of the Old South Arabian cultures</i>
16:35	Irene Rossi, <i>Mobility of sedentary communities: A view from ancient South Arabia</i>
17:00	<i>Roundtable & Discussion</i> chaired by Silvia Lischi, Jérémie Schiettecatte, Derek Kennet & Michael Macdonald
17:50	End of the Special Session

Day 2: Friday, 31 July

Room #1 Auditorium	
Session 9: Zooarchaeology & Archaeobotany Chair: Dennys Frenez	
9:30	Laura Strolin, Giulia Festa, Giovanni Romanelli, Melissa Kennedy, Jane McMahon, Hugh Thomas, <i>First archaeometric analyses of horn keratin from Neolithic ritual sites in Northwest Arabia and insights from experimental burning</i>
9:55	Elora Chambraud, Charlene Bouchaud, Fabien Lesguer, Josselin Pinot, Shadi Shabo, Munira Al-Mushawah, Samer A. Sahlah, Abdulelah Al-Tarib, Abdulrahman Al-Suhaibani, Guillaume Charloux, Jérôme Rohmer, <i>Roots and routes: An archaeobotanical perspective on the introduction of crops in north-western Arabia between the Bronze Age and the Iron Age (3500–400 BCE, Saudi Arabia)</i>
10:20	Conrad Schmidt, Elena Maini, <i>The Early Iron Age settlement of Sinaw–Al-Mutayla: Architecture and faunal evidence from the 2025 excavations</i>
10:45	Coffee break
11:15	Poster session Authors will be available at their posters during the session
Session 10: Long-term Perspectives on Western Arabia Chair: Dennys Frenez	
11:40	Maria Guagnin, Melissa Kennedy, Jane McMahon, Holly Winter, Shakar Merrillees-Stee, Georgina Harley-Macdonald, Faisal Aljibrin, Hugh Thomas, <i>Life on the margins: A longue durée analysis of the Shuwaymis region, Saudi Arabia</i>
12:05	Ghala Timraz, <i>Exploring the archaeological landscape of Western Arabia: Results from landscape survey of the Eastern Madinah region of Saudi Arabia</i>
12:30	Lunch break
Session 11: Early Bronze Age Settlement & Architecture Chair: Valentina Azzarà	
14:00	Kantaro Tanabe, Takehiro Miki, Taichi Kuronuma, Yasuhisa Kondo, <i>Morphological variability of Hafit-type tomb summits: A comparative study of Tanuf and Al-Ayn with reference to other sites in south-eastern Arabia</i>
14:25	Matthew Jameson, Tatiana Valente, Richard Thorburn Cuttler, Julian Jansen Van Rensburg, Abigail Buffington, Hélène David-Cuny, <i>Reinvestigation of the Early Bronze Age landscape at Hili, United Arab Emirates: Results of the 2025–2026 excavations at Hili 1, Hili 4, and Hili 10</i>
14:50	Maurizio Cattani, Enzo Cocca, Marta Gambino, Ilaria Garbelli, <i>The Khutm tower: Characteristics, use, and significance between the 3rd and 2nd millennia BCE</i>
15:15	Coffee break
Session 12: Early Bronze Age Settlement & Architecture Chair: Valentina Azzarà	
15:45	Sara Pizzimenti, Khaled Douglas, Nasser Al-Jahwari, <i>Beyond the Umm an Nar “tower”: Reconsidering monumental circular architecture at Al Tikha (Batinah Region, Oman) in regional and supra-regional perspective</i>
16:10	Sara Quaggio, Sara Pizzimenti, Khaled Douglas, Nasser Al-Jahwari, <i>Between scale and complexity: New evidence from the excavation of the Umm an-Nar building S1 at Al Tikha (Batinah Region, Oman)</i>
16:35	Alessandro Armigliato, Frederik W. Rademakers, Zahra Hashemi, Mathilde Jean, <i>Metallurgical practices at Sifayha (central Oman): A preliminary archaeometallurgical study</i>
17:00	End of the session
Room #1 Auditorium: Plenary Session	
17:30	Institutional welcome remarks
17:45	Beatrice de Cardi Lecture Supported by Chronicle Heritage , by Vincent Charpentier <i>Are the shores of the Oman Peninsula and the dunes of the Rub’ Al-Khali still terra incognita for Late Prehistory?</i>
18:45	Transfer (30-minute walk) to Biblioteca Salaborsa , Piazza del Nettuno, 3
Biblioteca Salaborsa: Social Event	
20:00	Social event (until 22:00)

Room #2 Aula 1 Via Azzo Gardino	
Session 13: Land use in the Islamic period	
Chair: José C. Carvajal-Lopez	
9:30	Louise Purdue, Derek Kennet, Hatem Djerbi, Eric Andrieux, Linda Herveux, Julien Charbonnier, Aline Garnier, Alain Carré, Gourguen Davtian, Eireen Lominé, <i>Ancient land use in mountainous Oman: Multiproxy evidence of Early Islamic floodwater farming in the oasis of Rustaq</i>
9:55	Guillaume Chung-To, Elora Chambraud, Alexia Rosak, <i>Agricultural and technological changes in Northwestern Arabia during the Early Islamic period: An 'Islamic Green Revolution'?</i>
10:20	Peter Brown, William Deadman, <i>Water and seasonality on Darb Zubaydah: An environmental modelling approach</i>
10:45	Coffee break
Session 14: Trade and Connectivity in the Islamic period	
Chair: José C. Carvajal-Lopez	
11:40	Derek Kennet, Seth Priestman, Nasser Al-Jahwari, Ayub Al-Balushi, Talal Al-Balushi, Jorge Blancas Vázquez, Corentin Bonnefoux, Peter Brown, Katie Campbell, Guillaume Chung-To, Vladimir Dabrowski, Lisa Fentress, Aqil Gopee, Alexandre Longelin, Xueyan Lyu, Eve MacDonald, Rosalind MacDonald, Tatia Mamalashvili, Sultan Al-Maqbali, Anaïs Marrast, Davit Naskidashvili, Agustín Ortiz Butrón, Rodrigo Ortiz Vázquez, Louise Purdue, Domiziana Rossi, Aila Santi, Paolo Severi, Mehrnoush Saroush, Shuruq Al-Sharqi, Taro Shiokawa, Karl Smith, Aleko Zavrashvili, Yi Zhai, Ran Zhang, <i>The Indian Ocean port of Sohar in the Early Islamic Period: Results of the University of Chicago Project (2024-2026)</i>
12:05	Nagmeldeen Morshed Hamza, <i>Ras Al Khaimah sailors "Roznama": Shaping trade routes and cultural connections in the Arabian Gulf</i>
12:30	Lunch break
Session 15: Written Sources, Epigraphy & Rock Art	
Chair: Michael Macdonald	
14:00	Hesham Nasr, <i>Weavers of the desert: Textile production in Early Islamic Qatar – Historical sources and archaeological evidence</i>
14:25	Justine Potts, <i>Servitude to the divine in the discourse of Sabaic inscriptions</i>
14:50	Cody Beasley, <i>"Under the protection of RG'N": A new Minaic inscription from al-'Ulā's Old Town</i>
15:15	Coffee break
Session 16: Written Sources, Epigraphy & Rock Art	
Chair: Michael Macdonald	
15:45	Ajab Alotibi, Risa Tokunaga, Majed Dahash, Kahlid Moriyaha, Fahad Altamimi, Ali Alghamidi, Tahani Alshamrani, Muzhira Alqahtani, <i>Preliminary report on the epigraphic survey in Yanbu', Saudi Arabia: Second season (2026)</i>
16:10	Davide D'Imperio, <i>Non-Nabataean Aramaic inscriptions and graffiti from the Arabian Peninsula: A multi-perspective analysis</i>
16:35	End of the session
17:30	Events will continue with the Plenary Session (Room #1 Auditorium)
20:00	Events will continue with the Social Event (Biblioteca Salaborsa, Piazza del Nettuno, 3)
Room #3 Saletta Seminari	
Special Session: New paths between time and space? Pottery production and circulation in Southeast Arabia during the Late Bronze Age and the Early Iron Age: Between chronology and regionalism	
Organisers: Michele Degli Esposti & Maria Paola Pellegrino	
9:30	Maria Paola Pellegrino, Anne Benoist, Julien Charbonnier, <i>Between continuity and transformation: The Masafi-5 ceramic assemblage in the late 2nd millennium BCE</i>
9:55	Michele Degli Esposti, <i>Coarse Grey Ware in Southeast Arabia: New data on its introduction from Tell Abraq</i>
10:20	Timothy Power, Michele Degli Esposti, Peter Sheehan, <i>A quantified morphological study of Iron Age ceramics from the Bayt Bin 'Āṭī, al-'Ain</i>
10:45	Coffee break
11:40	Lloyd Weeks, <i>Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages: The view from the Shimal settlement</i>
12:05	Marzia Sasso, <i>Salut (central Oman): "Classic" Iron Age pottery in the second half of the 2nd millennium BC</i>
12:30	Lunch break
14:00	Francesco Genchi, Nunzia Larosa, <i>Challenging the Iron Age sequence in Southeastern Arabia: New data from Ash-Shokur</i>
14:25	Mateusz Iskra, Agnieszka Szymczak, Piotr Bieliński, Agnieszka Pieńkowska, Maciej Sobczak, <i>Stratified pottery assemblages from the Iron Age sites of QA 20 and QA 21 (Northern Oman)</i>
14:50	Michel de Vreeze, Bleda Düring, <i>Re-inventing the wheel? Ceramic developments at the cusp of the Iron Age in relation to cultural change and population dynamics</i>
15:15	Coffee break
15:45	Eric Olijdam, <i>Soft-stone vessels: A pan-Southeast Arabian marker of the Iron Age I period (ca. 1300-1000 BCE)</i>
16:10	<i>Roundtable & Discussion</i> chaired by Michele Degli Esposti and Maria Paola Pellegrino
17:00	End of the Special Session

17:30	Events will continue with the Plenary Session (Room #1 Auditorium)
20:00	Events will continue with the Social Event (Biblioteca Salaborsa, Piazza del Nettuno, 3)

Day 3: Saturday, 1 August

Room #1 Auditorium	
Session 17: Neolithic Adaptations in the Gulf Chair: Maurizio Cattani	
9:30	Richard Thorburn Cuttler, Kévin Lidour, Noura Al-Hameli, Rémy Crassard, <i>Cultural shifts and technocomplexes: Understanding how Neolithic societies of the southern Arabian Gulf responded to climatic change</i>
9:55	Kévin Lidour, Noura Al-Hameli, Rémy Crassard, Richard Thorburn Cuttler, Howell Magnus Roberts, Fabian D'Silva, Ahmed Abdalla El-Faki, <i>A node amid the sea: Between insular dynamics and regional exchange on Delma Island during the Arabian Neolithic</i>
10:20	Sophie Méry, <i>How to interpret the Neolithic occupation under the Strait of Hormuz? The case of four key sites of Akab and Umm al Quwayn (UAQ2, UAQ36, UAQ38) in the United Arab Emirates</i>
10:45	Coffee break
Session 18: Early Bronze Age Funerary Landscapes Chair: Maurizio Cattani	
11:15	Taichi Kuronuma, Samiya Ash-Shaqsi, Silvia Lischi, Dennys Frenez, Eugenio Bortolini, Vittoria Bianchi, Stefano Benazzi, Jennifer Swerida, Waleed Awadh Al-Ghafri, Jaber Ash-Sheryani, Aisha Al-Yaqoobi, Waleed Hamed Al-Ghafri, <i>A "tomb with a tail" at the fringe of Rub al-Khali: New evidence for Hafit-period interregional connections in South-eastern Arabia from rescue excavations at As-Subaykhi, Sultanate of Oman</i>
11:40	Nour Almarzooqi, Peter Sheehan, Daniel Eddisford, Freya Sadarangani, Colleen Morgan, Lesley A. Gregoricka, Hannah Russ, Michel de Vreeze, <i>Excavation of an Umm an-Nar tomb at Mu'tariq, Al-'Ayn: Early Bronze Age funerary landscapes within a modern development context</i>
12:05	Masashi Abe, Shinya Shoda, Kenji Okazaki, Kaoru Suemori, Takuma Nagao, Takashi Suzuki, Kenta Jinno, <i>The second season of excavations at Aali West, Bahrain</i>
12:30	Lunch break
Session 19: Diachronic Perspectives on Pottery Production Chair: Michel de Vreeze	
14:00	Doralice Klainscek, Jerome Kahl, Marta Luciani, <i>Perforated bowls and staged depositions as funerary practices in Final Late Bronze Age Qurayyah, North-Western Arabia</i>
14:25	Christine Kainert, <i>New perspectives on Bronze and Iron Age domestic pottery traditions in North-Western Arabia: The case study of Tell Saq, Al-Ula</i>
14:50	Debora Michilli, <i>The pottery of Wadi al-Ma'awil Area A: A technological, typological, and functional study</i>
15:15	Coffee break
Session 20: Diachronic Perspectives on Pottery Production Chair: Michel de Vreeze	
15:45	Małgorzata Daszkiewicz, Maria Paola Pellegrino, Francelin Tourtet, Laura Louman, Thomas Soubira, <i>Continuity and change in pottery making from the early 2nd millennium BCE to the present day in al-'Ula Old Town</i>
16:10	Fabien Lesguer, <i>A diachronic study of pottery workshops in the Arabian Peninsula (1st–15th centuries AD): The organisation of work, economic and environmental context</i>
16:35	End of the session
Room #2 Aula 1 Via Azzo Gardino	
Session 21: Water & Landscape in the Islamic period Chair: Derek Kennet	
9:30	Céline Marquaire, Julien Charbonnier, Corentin Bonnefoux, Louise Purdue, Eric Andrieux, Gaël Gourret, Yasmin Kanhoush, <i>A newly discovered Late Antique/Early Islamic water channel in al-'Ulā: Archaeological study, geoarchaeological investigations and absolute dating</i>
9:55	Otto Bagi, Ahmed Alfaleh, Adonice Baaklini, Hassah Alsudairy, Dan Socaciu, <i>A 17th-century public well ('ayn) and the hydraulic infrastructure of Late Islamic Jeddah</i>
10:20	José C. Carvajal López, David Govantes-Edwards, Andrew Petersen, Hesham Nasr, Rim Lababidi, Jorge Rouco Collazo, Denise Lima e Silva, Marta del Mastro Ochoa, Manuel Antonio Franco Fernández, Andrés Menéndez Blanco, Vega Arribas Greciano, José Javier Carreño Soler, Alexander Kabelindde, José Maria Moreno Narganes, Agustín Sánchez García, María Ángeles Utrero Agudo, Simona Berardino, María Gómez Faro, Jesús de Haro, Cruz Ferro Vázquez, Cristina Sánchez Carretero, Pablo García Bengoechea, Shaima AlKadi, Raed Abdulrahman Hemeed, <i>First results of the AlUla Pilgrimage Routes Project Phase 1 (PRP1)</i>
10:45	Coffee break
Session 22: Life & Afterlife in the Islamic period Chair: Derek Kennet	
11:15	Michela Gaudiello, <i>Chronology and material analysis at al-Ṣalaylī: Results from recent excavations and interdisciplinary laboratory studies</i>
11:40	Amanda Antonelli, <i>Documenting the Rasulid cemetery of Al Ribat: Results of the 2025 and 2026 campaigns</i>
12:05	Lunch break

Session 23: Methods & Practices in Arabian Archaeology		Chair: José C. Carvajal-López
14:00	Susanne Lindauer, <i>Dating mudbricks with luminescence</i>	
14:25	Manfred Böhme, <i>Patterns of transhumance: Archaeological evidence on Oman Mountains from prehistory until sub-recent times</i>	
14:50	Jennifer Swerida, Mathilde Jean, 'Clay in Common': <i>A report on the first dedicated workshop for Bronze Age pottery of Southeast Arabia</i>	
15:15	Coffee break	
15:45	End of the session	

Room #3 Saletta Seminari

Session 24: Iron Age Craft Production & Material Culture		Chair: Jérémie Schiettecatte
9:30	Tatiana Valente, Ivan Stepanov, Lloyd Weeks, <i>Iron Age copper production and metal use at Hili 14 (Al Ain, UAE)</i>	
9:55	Mariam Al-Suwaidi, Joseph W. Lehner, Abigail Buffington, Bader Al-Ali, <i>An Iron Age anthropomorphic copper alloy dagger from Saruq Al-Hadid site (SAR.7), Dubai, UAE</i>	
10:20	Mohamed Hesein, Guillaume Gernez, Khaled Douglas, Nasser Al-Jahwari, <i>Iron Age clay figurines from Manaqi, Rustaq (Northern Oman): Evidence from recent excavations</i>	
10:45	Coffee break	

Session 25: Archaeometric & Multidisciplinary Approaches		Chair: Jérémie Schiettecatte
11:15	Federico Abbatiello, Giulia Festa, Silvia Giampaolo, <i>Archaeometric analyses of Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age chlorite from Necropolis C of Wadi al-Ma'awil (South Batinah, Oman)</i>	
11:40	Guillaume Charloux, Samer A. Sahlah, Abdulelah Al-Tarib, Héloïse Aumaître, Elora Chambraud, Delphine Dixneuf, Nicolas Garnier, Benjamin Gehres, Manuel Moliner, Hervé Monchot, Laurence Naggia, Marie-Dominique Nenna, Paul Picavet, Wim Van Neer, Wim Wouters, <i>Prosperity lost: The fate of a Nabatean-Roman house in al-Bad' Oasis (North-West Arabia)</i>	
12:05	Teresa Nicolosi, Michele Degli Esposti, Sara Bernardini, Sara Silvestrini, Stefano Magri, Owen Alexander Higgins, Andrea Columbu, Pier Paolo Giacomoni, Federico Lugli, Anna Cipriani, Stefano Benazzi, <i>Unveiling life histories at Tell Abraq (Umm al-Quwain, UAE): A multidisciplinary study of four Sasanian-period burials</i>	
12:30	Lunch break	

Session 26: Reassessing Bronze & Iron Age Sites in Arabia		Chair: Michele Degli Esposti
14:00	Mathilde Lenoir, François Larché, Sebastiano Lora, Abdulrahman Alsuhaibani, Jérôme Rohmer, <i>The urban sanctuary of Dhū Ghābat during the 2nd and 1st millennium BCE: Architecture, religion and cultural interactions between the Arabian Peninsula and neighbouring regions</i>	
14:25	Anne Benoist, Rémy Boucharlat, Pierre Lombard, Carlos Fernández Rodríguez, Emmanuelle Devaux, Chamsia Sadozai, Maria Paola Pellegrino, A. Züber, Amaury Havé, Cloé Barateau, Tatiana Valente, Ali Al-Meqbali, <i>Revisiting Rumeilah (Al Ain, UAE): New data from the 2026 excavations at Building G</i>	
14:50	Carlos Fernández Rodríguez, Julius Ogutu, Mark Hewson, Tatiana Valente, Ali Al-Meqbali, <i>Revisiting Bida Bint Saud (Al Ain, UAE): Reassessment and future perspectives</i>	
15:15	Coffee break	
15:45	End of the session	



TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

Beyond the Desert: Stories of people and discoveries

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