Material Entanglements in the Islamic World: 
New Approaches to Islamic Archaeology & Ceramics

List of Speakers

Marike van Aerde (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)
Peter Akkermans & Merel Bruning (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)
José Carvajal Lopez (School of Archaeology and Ancient history, University of Leicester)
Mark Driessen (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)
Bleda Düring & Irini Biezeveld (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)
Corisande Fenwick (Institute of Archaeology, University College London)
Alison Gascoigne & Peter Sheenan (Faculty of Arts & Humanities, University of Southampton)
Edmund Hayes & Alon Dar (LUCIS, Leiden University)
Mirjam Hoijtink (Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam)
Hagit Nol (Department of Asia-Africa Studies, University of Hamburg)
Alexandra Plesa (Faculty of Humanities, Free University Amsterdam)
Elena Salinas (UPC – Barcelona Technical University)
Ian Simpson (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)
Margreet Steiner (Near Eastern Archaeology in the Southern Levant)
Valentina Vezzi (Institut Français du Proche Orient - Beyrouth)
Joanita Vroom (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)
Bethany J. Walker (Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn)
Paul Wordsworth (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford)
Monday, November 19
Location: Leiden University, Faculty of Archaeology, Van Steenis-Building, Einsteinweg 2, Leiden University, Room: F006

13:00 – 13:30 Welcome, short introduction & coffee/tea
Joanita Vroom & Ian Simpson (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University)

13:30 – 14:10 José Carvajal Lopez (School of Archaeology and Ancient history, University of Leicester):
Islamization in the Periphery: Migration and Ceramics in Al-Andalus, 8th and 9th centuries CE

14:10 – 14:50 Elena Salinas (UPC – Barcelona Technical University):
Entanglements in the Western Islamic Lands: Early Glazed Ceramics of Al-Andalus

14:50 – 15:00 Edmund Hayes & Alon Dar (LUCIS, Leiden University):
Announcement Website ‘Material Sources for Early Islam and Late Antiquity in the Near East & North Africa’

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee/tea
Chair: TBA

15:20 – 16:00 Ian Simpson (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University):
Cultural and Religious Forms of Light and Exchange

16:00 – 16:40 Hagit Nol (Department of Asia-Africa Studies, University of Hamburg):
The Archaeological History of Al-Ramla from the 7th to the 11th Century: Experimenting with Big Data

16:40 – 17:20 Peter Akkermans & Merel Bruning (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University):
Mamluk Sites in Jordan’s North-Eastern Basalt Desert.

17:20 – 18:00 Joanita Vroom (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University):
Bright Finds, Big City: Islamic Material Culture in Ephesus, Western Turkey

18:00 Informal drinks & dinner

Tuesday, November 20
Location: Leiden University, Kamerlingh Onnes Gebouw (KOG), Steenschuur 25, Leiden University, Room: B0.32

09:00 – 09:10 Coffee/tea
Chair: TBA

09:10 – 10:00 Mirjam Hoijtink (Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam):
Framing Persia: Conflict, Ideology, Racism and Aesthetics in Western Collections of Islamic Art since Humanism

10:00 – 10:40 Valentina Vezzoli (Institut Français du Proche Orient - Beyrouth):
Material Culture and Human Landscape in Lebanon during the Islamic Period: Baalbek and the Bqaa Valley

10:40 – 11:20 Margreet Steiner (Near Eastern Archaeology in the Southern Levant):
The Excavations at Tell Abu Sarbot in the Eastern Jordan Valley

11:20 – 12:00 Mark Driessen (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University):
The Udhruh Agro-hydrological Systems: A Green Desert in the Hinterland of Petra

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
Tuesday, November 20
Location: Leiden University, Faculty of Archaeology, Van Steenis-Building, Einsteinweg 2, Leiden University, Room: E001

Chair: TBA
13:00 – 13:40 Corisande Fenwick (Institute of Archaeology, University College London):
Islamic Ceramics and the Problem of North Africa

13:40 – 14:20 Alexandra Plesa (Faculty of Humanities, Free University Amsterdam):
Dress Trends in Early Islamic Egypt (7th-10th c. CE): Merging Textual and Archaeological Data

14:20 – 15:00 Alison Gascoigne & Peter Sheenan (Faculty of Arts & Humanities, University of Southampton):
Pottery Production and Marginality in Fustat: Ceramics, Society and Urban Fabric

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee/tea

Chair: TBA
15:15 – 15:50 Marike van Aerde (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University):
The Archaeology of Continuation in East Africa: The Pre-Islamic Ports of Adulis, Berenike and Myos Hormos

15:50 – 16:10 Bleda Düring & Irini Biezeveld (Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University):
The Late Islamic Village of Sahlat (Oman): A Window into a Rural Economy Connected to Eurasian Trade

16:10 – 16:50 Paul Wordsworth (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford):
Surviving Collapse – Tracing Urban Continuity in the Southeast Caucasus through the Material Culture of Bardha’ a Azerbaijan

17:00 – 18:00 Keynote lecture in Main Hall, Van Steenis Building
Bethany J. Walker (Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn):
“Made on Order for the Amir”: What was the function of Mamluk “Barracks Wares?”

18:00 Drinks & Speakers Dinner

Wednesday, November 21
Location: Leiden University, Faculty of Archaeology, Van Steenis-Building, Einsteinweg 2, Leiden University, Room: Schervenzaal

09:00 – 12:00 Islamic pottery display from the collection of the Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University
Or personal visit to the old city center of Leiden

12:15 Departure from Leiden Central Station to The Hague Central Station

guided by Luitgard Mols & Suzanne Lambooij

15:00 End of the Symposium
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The occasion of this meeting is to discuss the development of Islamic Archaeology as a vibrant discipline and material entanglements in Islamic worlds.

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