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# Programme & Information

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## Wednesday 9 December 2015

### Conference 'Arabian Archaeology in the 21st Century

The conference takes place from 9.45-17.00 hours in the Vossiuszaal, University Library.

9.30-9.45:	Coffee and tea
9:45-10:00:	Start conference (Introduction)
10.00-10.35:	<u>Glenn J. Corbett</u> <i>Inscribing the Desert Torrents: What the Distribution of Thamudic Carvings Reveals about Life in the Hisma</i>
10.35-11.10:	<u>Peter Akkermans</u> <i>Landscapes of Survival: Towards a 'Safaitic' Archaeology</i>
11.10-11.45:	<u>Jérémie Schiettecatte</u> <i>Four Seasons of Archaeological Researches in the Oasis of al-Kharj</i>
11.45-13.45:	Lunch break
13.45-14.20:	<u>Ahmad Al-Jallad and Jérôme Rohmer</u> <i>The Thaj Archaeological Project (2016-2020)</i>
14.20-14.55:	<u>Robert Carter</u> <i>An Urban Paradigm for Historical Occupation in the Gulf</i>
15.00-15.30:	Coffee break
15.30-16.05:	<u>Alessandra Avanzini</u> <i>A port in Arabia on the Indian Ocean between Rome and India</i>
16.05-16.40:	<u>Bleda S. Düring &amp; Stephanie Döpfer</u> <i>Beyond the Monumental: Getting to Grips with Settlements and Landscapes in Eastern Arabia</i>
17.00:	Drinks at the Faculty Club + Launch of Arabian Epigraphic Notes

## Thursday 10 December 2015

### Guiding Travelers Workshop: Visual Religion

The workshop takes place from 11:00-13:00 hours in Vrieshof 1/001.

*This meeting will explore how religious communities appear in material and textual remains, and what these expressions and material forms say about the interaction, contacts and overlap between religious communities, and how 'fixed' and identifiable/recognizable/definable religious communities are in our sources.*

11.00-11.15	Coffee and tea
11.15-11.35	<u>Robert Carter</u> <i>will speak about his work on the archaeology of Christianity in the Gulf</i>
11.35-11.55	<u>Jeremy Johns</u> <i>will speak on 'Muslim artists and Christian patrons in the Fatimid Mediterranean: Palermo and Fustat'</i>
12.00-12.10	<u>Jürgen Zangenberg</u> <i>will feed in observations from the synagogue excavations he is co-directing on Horvat Kur</i>
12.10-12.20	<u>Gabrielle van den Berg</u> <i>will discuss the topic based on her work with Persian literary texts.</i>
12.20-12.30	<u>Corey Williams</u> <i>will bring his anthropological and religious studies background into the discussion.</i>
12.30-13.00	Open discussion

**15.00-16.00 Lecture Stephanie Döpfer**

The meeting takes place from 15.00-16.00 hours in Wijkplaats 2/002

**Development of complexity in Early Bronze Age Oman. Recent investigations at Al-Khashbah**

*In spring 2015 the first season of archaeological research was conducted at the Early Bronze Age (3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC) site of Al-Khashbah in the Sultanate of Oman. Stephanie Döpfer will talk about how it has often been assumed that contact with the civilizations of Mesopotamia triggered the developments encountered in the second half of the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC in Oman, such as the appearance of agriculture, monumental architecture and richly furnished graves. In Al-Khashbah, a team from the University of Tübingen, Germany, investigated in particular which role local processes played within this period of dynamic change.*

**16.15-17.15 Leiden-Aramco Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Laïla Nehmé**

This lecture takes place from 16.15-17.15 hours in the Small Auditorium, Academy Building.

**The Nabataeans in the Arabian Peninsula: An Overview**

*This lecture will present, for the first time extensively, what we know of the Nabataean presence in the Arabian Peninsula, based on the literary, archaeological and epigraphic sources. The traces the Nabataeans left will be examined in the context of the trans-Arabian incense trade in order to reassess their involvement in the latter. The speaker will take into account the most recent discoveries related to contacts between the Nabataeans and South Arabia and will focus on the results of the currently ongoing excavation projects in several oases of the north-western part of the Peninsula, where the Nabataeans exerted political control.*

**17.15 Drinks in the Academy Building**

## Important addresses

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2311 BZ Leiden

Van Wijkplaats 2/002

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