The Religionswissenschaftliches Seminar of the University of Zurich is pleased to announce an international symposium on the archaeology of imperial encounters in the southern Levant.

The symposium will deal with both diachronic and comparative perspectives from the Egyptian hegemony of the Late Bronze Age to the eve of the Roman Period. The Levant, which was exposed to external political and economic hegemony from the time of Thutmose III's campaigns in the 15th century BCE and throughout most of its documented history, is a prominent candidate for a discussion focusing on imperial encounters. As the most intensely archaeologically explored region of the Near East, the southern Levant provides numerous possibilities for discussion and comparison of case studies. A glimpse at previous scholarship attests to the discussions dealing mainly with literary echoes of cultural identity in the making, religious developments and other issues; archaeological reflections of social transformations due to imperial encounter have been addressed only occasionally. This stands in marked contrast to the plethora of scholarship dealing with the archaeology of imperialindigenous discourses in other regions across the globe, ancient and modern alike.

Accordingly, we wish to bring together in this symposium recent developments in the theoretical discussion on the archaeology of empires and colonial encounters on the one hand, with the abundance of information on the archaeology of the southern Levant during the second and first millennium BCE on the other.

General Information

Location: University of Zurich

Room RAA G-01 (Aula)

Rämistrasse 59 CH-8001 7urich

Dates: Monday, 23rd May 2016, 16:00-19:45

Tuesday, 24th May 2016, 9:00-19:30 Wednesday, 25th May 2016, 9:00-18:30

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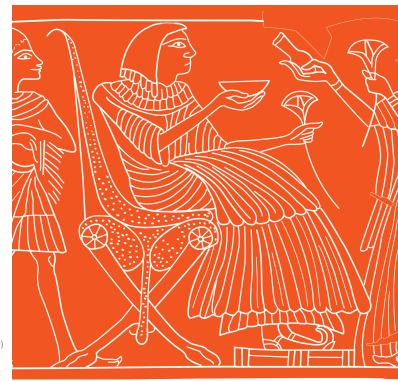
Image: Ivory panels from Tell el-Far'ah (S), Israel (ca. 1200 BCE), drawn by Naaman Cohen (TAU)



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Monday-Wednesday, 23-25 May 2016



MONDAY, 23 MAY		11:30	Ramesses III and the Northern Levant:	10:30	Coffee break
16:00	Welcome and Introduction Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich) and Ido Koch (University of Zurich)		A Reassessment of the Sources Dan'el Kahn (University of Haifa)	10:45	Assyrianization of the Levant as Reflected by Material Culture Miroslav Novák (University of Bern)
		12:15	Discussion		
Session	1: Theories and Modern Perspectives	12:45	Lunch break	11:30	The so-called "Assyrian Crisis" of Israelite Religion and the Impact of Assyrian Religious
16:30	The Archaeology of Imperial Encounters:	Session	Session 3: Indigenous Interlude		Iconography on Iron IIC Judah Rüdiger Schmitt (University of Münster)
10.30	A Rhetoric of Contemporary Anxieties? Neil A. Silberman (University of Massachusetts)	14:15	Twilight: Southwest Canaan in the 12 th Century BCE Ido Koch (University of Zurich)	12:15	Discussion
17:15	Should Ancient History Go Post-Colonial? From Colonial Rule through Elite Emulation to Domestication of Empire Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich)	15:00	"Imperial Leftovers": Continuing 'Egyptian' Traditions after the Late Bronze Age in the Material Culture of the Southern Levant Stefan Münger (University of Bern)	12:45	Lunch break
18:00	Coffee Break	15.45		Session	"I Could Drink Much Wine and Yet Bear It Well": Wine Trade in the Levant during the
18:30	Re-Modeling Empire	15:45	The Empire Strikes Back: Sheshong and the Levant Shirly Ben-Dor Evian (Tel Aviv University)	14:15	
10.15	Bradley J. Parker (University of Utah)	16:30	Coffee break		Achaemenid Regime
19:15	Discussion	17:00	Jerusalem and Empires: Long Term Observations Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University)	15:00	Yiftah Shalev (Israel Antiquities Authority) Feared, Adored and Idolized: Horses, Horsemen
TUESDA	TUESDAY, 24 MAY		The Samaria Ivories: Cultural Identity in the Iron Age		and Chariotry in the Iconography of the Southern Levant from the Late Bronze Age through the
Session	ssion 2: First Imperial Phase		Levant between Egypt and Assyria Claudia E. Suter (University of Bern)		Hellenistic Period Silvia Schroer (University of Bern) and
9:00	Establishing Egypt's Empire in the East: The 18th Dynasty in the Northern Levant	18:30	Discussion		Patrick Wyssmann (University of Bern)
	Alexander Ahrens (German Archaeological			15:45	Coffee break
9:45	Egyptian Imperialism in Southern Palestine:	WEDN	/EDNESDAY, 25 MAY ession 4: Second Imperial Phase—Part 1		The Circle Game: Egypt, the Levant, and the Consequences of Empire Andrea Berlin (Boston University)
		Sessio			
	Pottery and Material Connections Angela Massafra (University of Glasgow)	9:00	One Picture in Three Different Dimensions:	16:45	"War of the Sons of Light Against the Sons of Darkness" (1QM): A Reflection of the
10:30	Coffee break		The Age of Empires through Archaeological, Historical and Biblical Perspectives		Rise of Rome in the East
10:45	Local Rulers, Global Players?		Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)		Guy Stiebel (Tel Aviv University)
	Kamid el-Loz in the Late Bronze Age	9:45	Assyrian Imperial Presence in Southern Israel	17:30	Coffee break
	ılia Linke (University of Freiburg i. Br; istorical Museum, Speyer)		Gunnar Lehmann (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)	17:45	Discussion, concluding remarks