

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 imperial-indigenous 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 Zurich

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)

MONDAY, 23 MAY

16:00 *Welcome and Introduction*
Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich) and
Ido Koch (University of Zurich)

Session 1: Theories and Modern Perspectives

16:30 *The Archaeology of Imperial Encounters:
A Rhetoric of Contemporary Anxieties?*
Neil A. Silberman (University of Massachusetts)

17:15 *Should Ancient History Go Post-Colonial?
From Colonial Rule through Elite Emulation to
Domestication of Empire*
Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich)

18:00 Coffee Break

18:30 *Re-Modeling Empire*
Bradley J. Parker (University of Utah)

19:15 Discussion

TUESDAY, 24 MAY

Session 2: First Imperial Phase

9:00 *Establishing Egypt's Empire in the East:
The 18th Dynasty in the Northern Levant*
Alexander Ahrens (German Archaeological
Institute, Orient Department, Damascus Branch)

9:45 *Egyptian Imperialism in Southern Palestine:
Investigating a Cultural Encounter through
Pottery and Material Connections*
Angela Massafra (University of Glasgow)

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 *Local Rulers, Global Players?
Kamid el-Loz in the Late Bronze Age*
Julia Linke (University of Freiburg i. Br.;
Historical Museum, Speyer)

11:30 *Ramesses III and the Northern Levant:
A Reassessment of the Sources*
Dan'el Kahn (University of Haifa)

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch break

Session 3: Indigenous Interlude

14:15 *Twilight: Southwest Canaan in the 12th Century BCE*
Ido Koch (University of Zurich)

15:00 *"Imperial Leftovers": Continuing 'Egyptian'
Traditions after the Late Bronze Age in the
Material Culture of the Southern Levant*
Stefan Munger (University of Bern)

15:45 *The Empire Strikes Back: Sheshonq and the Levant*
Shirly Ben-Dor Evian (Tel Aviv University)

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 *Jerusalem and Empires: Long Term Observations*
Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University)

17:45 *The Samaria Ivories: Cultural Identity in the Iron Age
Levant between Egypt and Assyria*
Claudia E. Suter (University of Bern)

18:30 Discussion

WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY

Session 4: Second Imperial Phase—Part 1

9:00 *One Picture in Three Different Dimensions:
The Age of Empires through Archaeological,
Historical and Biblical Perspectives*
Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)

9:45 *Assyrian Imperial Presence in Southern Israel*
Gunnar Lehmann (Ben Gurion University of
the Negev)

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 *Assyrianization of the Levant as Reflected
by Material Culture*
Miroslav Novák (University of Bern)

11:30 *The so-called "Assyrian Crisis" of Israelite
Religion and the Impact of Assyrian Religious
Iconography on Iron IIC Judah*
Rüdiger Schmitt (University of Munster)

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch break

Session 5: Second Imperial Phase—Part 2

14:15 *"I Could Drink Much Wine and Yet Bear It Well":
Wine Trade in the Levant during the
Achaemenid Regime*
Yiftah Shalev (Israel Antiquities Authority)

15:00 *Fearful, Adored and Idolized: Horses, Horsemen
and Chariotry in the Iconography of the Southern
Levant from the Late Bronze Age through the
Hellenistic Period*
Silvia Schroer (University of Bern) and
Patrick Wyssmann (University of Bern)

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 *The Circle Game: Egypt, the Levant, and the
Consequences of Empire*
Andrea Berlin (Boston University)

16:45 *"War of the Sons of Light Against the Sons
of Darkness" (1QM): A Reflection of the
Rise of Rome in the East*
Guy Stiebel (Tel Aviv University)

17:30 Coffee break

17:45 Discussion, concluding remarks

