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Digital Archaeology Bern – Ancient West Asia

2nd Circular: Program & Registration



6–7 October 2023

University of Bern, Switzerland

We are pleased to announce the program of the hybrid conference «**Digital Archaeology Bern – Ancient West Asia**» that takes place **6–7 October 2023** at the **University of Bern** (Switzerland). The registration for on-site and online

participation is now open.

The conference brings together Archaeologists, Philologists, and Digital Humanists to **present their state-of-the-art research** and **discuss the future of archaeological and philological studies** within the broader framework of the Digital Humanities.

The conference is organised by the [Department of Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology](#) and the [Digital Humanities](#) of the University of Bern in collaboration with the [Swiss Society for Ancient Near Eastern Studies \(SGOA\)](#), the [Bern Computational and Digital Archaeology Lab](#), and the [Data Science Lab](#) of the University of Bern.

PROGRAM

Time according to UTC +2

Friday, 6 October 2023

Opening

Uni Mittelstrasse | Room 224 + Zoom

1:00 pm — *Registration & Coffee*

2:15 pm — **Welcome Note**

1st Session: eGlyptics

Uni Mittelstrasse | Room 224 + Zoom

Chair: *tba*

2:30 pm — **Elisa Roßberger** (Free University of Berlin)

Pictures to Words to Data. Annotating, indexing and linking in the project

“Annotated Corpus of Ancient West Asian Imagery: Cylinder Seals”

([read abstract](#))

3:00 pm — Nicole Gäumann (University of Bern)

tba

(read abstract)

3:30 pm — Stefan Münger (University of Bern)

From Paper to Bytes. The New Digital Corpus of Stamp-Seals from the Southern Levant

([read abstract](#))

4:00 pm — Coffee Break

2nd Session: Data Bases & Research Environments

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Chair: Stephen Hart (University of Bern)

4:30 pm — Mareke Johanne Ubben (German Archaeological Institute), **Lee Clare** (German Archaeological Institute), and **Onur Şefer Özbalaban** (German Archaeological Institute)

Research Data Management at the Istanbul Department of the German Archaeological Institute

([read abstract](#))

5:00 pm — Miller Prosser (University of Chicago) and **Andrew Wright** (University of Chicago)

Digital Archaeology and Philology in the Online Cultural and Historical Research Environment

([read abstract](#))

5:30 pm — Transition to keynote lecture venue

Keynote lecture

Antikensammlung Bern + Zoom

6:15 pm — Adam Anderson (University of California, Berkeley)

tba

7:30 pm — Welcome Apéro

Speakers' Dinner

8:00 pm — Dinner (*for invited speakers only*)

Saturday, 7 October 2023

3rd Session: Pots, Paper & Plants

Uni Mittelstrasse | Room 224 + Zoom

Chair: *tba*

9:30 am — Sophia Marxer (University of Bern & University of Marburg)

Network Analysis of Ancient Pottery. Examples with Hellenistic Pottery from Cilicia

([read abstract](#))

10:00 am — Fabrizio Bätischer (University of Bern), **Silvana Hunger** (University of Bern) and **Sophia Marxer** (University of Bern & University of Marburg)

Decoding an Old Excavation. Digital Reprocessing, Analysis, and Sustainable Management of Analog Data from the 1990s Sirkeli Höyük Excavations

([read abstract](#))

10:30 am — Joe Roe (University of Bern)

Modelling the Range of Wild Plants and Crop Progenitors in the Late Epipalaeolithic – Early Neolithic Levant

[\(read abstract\)](#)

11:00 am — *Coffee Break*

4th Session: Digital Egyptology

Uni Mittelstrasse | Room 224 + Zoom

Chair: *tba*

11:30 am — **Evgenia Filimonov** (University of Haifa), **Shirly Ben-Dor Evian** (University of Haifa), and **Inna Kizhner** (University of Haifa & Siberian Federal University)

Uncovering Hidden Relations. Exploring Social Rank through 3D Models of Egyptian Tombs

[\(read abstract\)](#)

12:00 pm — **Isabelle Marthot-Santaniello** (University of Basel)

Greek Papyri and Computers. The New Perspectives Offered by Current Technological Advances

[\(read abstract\)](#)

12:30 pm — *Brown Bag Lunch Break (for invited speakers and registered participants)*

5th Session: Geography & Travel

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Chair: *tba*

2:00 pm — **Domizia Paolucci** (Sapienza University of Rome) and **Nicola Lanzaro** (Sapienza University of Rome)

Route Analysis and Connections in Sub-Optimal Areas. The Other Perspective on the Levantine Early Bronze Age

[\(read abstract\)](#)

2:30 pm — Sebastian Borkowski (University of Bern)

Unbraiding the Rivers of Southern Mesopotamia. Network Analysis of the Historic Geography of the Ur III State

([read abstract](#))

3:00 pm — Elias Zimmermann (University of Lausanne)

More than a “Winter in Vorderasien”. The Digital Edition of Annemarie Schwarzenbach’s Work and its Account of Archaeological Sites and Expeditions in West Asia between 1933 and 1939

([read abstract](#))

3:30 pm — Coffee Break

Discussions

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4:00 pm — Unconference Panels (*public vote on panels on 6 October 2023*)

5:00 pm — Final Discussion

5:45 pm — Concluding Remarks

Communal Dinner

Uni Mittelstrasse | Mensa

7:30 pm — Dinner (*for invited speakers and registered participants*)

VENUE

The conference takes place at **Uni Mittelstrasse (Mittelstrasse 43, CH-3012 Bern)**. The keynote lecture on 6 October 2023, 6:15 pm, is hosted at the [Antikensammlung Bern](#) (Hallerstrasse 12, CH-3012 Bern).

REGISTRATION

Please register at

https://www.dh.unibe.ch/forschung/workshops_und_talks/digital_archaeology_bern/registration/registration_form/index_ger.html for on-site and/or online participation.

- Participation is free of charge
- Registration is mandatory
- Registered participants will receive a Zoom invitation by e-mail on 2 October

2023

Registration deadline: 30 September 2023

CALL FOR UNCONFERENCE PANELS

On 7 October 2023, all registered participants have the chance to **pitch a topic in our unconference panels**. Panels should be related to the general theme of the conference. **Pitches** should not exceed **5 minutes** and will be followed by **25 minutes of discussion**. The definitive **public vote** on the panels is on **6 October 2023** in course of the conference.

For proposing a panel, please send an **abstract (150–300 words)** and information on your academic degree and affiliation to sebastian.borkowski@unibe.ch.

Submission deadline for abstracts is 30 September 2023.



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