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An Interdisciplinary Study of the Origin and Transformation of Ancient West Asian Cities



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—Shapes, Functions, and Ideology—

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DAY 1: Friday, June 2 Opening, Prehistory & Environment

- 9:30 **Yamada, S.** **Opening Address**
- 9:45 **Novák, M.** **Opening Lecture:** *Cities and urban landscapes in Ancient Mesopotamia. Different traditions and diverging concepts in Babylonia, Assyria and Upper Mesopotamia*
- 11:15 **Karul, N.** *Karahantepe: a new Pre-Pottery Neolithic site in Şanlıurfa–Turkey*
- 12:00 **Miyake, Y.** *Communal buildings and social complexity in the Neolithic Southwest Asia*
- 14:15 **Nazari, H., Ritz, J.F., Fathian, A., Fazeli Nashli, H., Mahan, Sh., Vaezi, A., Avagyan, A.** *The myth of Lake Saveh, Central Iranian Plateau: a new synthesis of geological, archaeological and historical data*
- 15:00 **Anma, R., Jotheri, J., Wakasa, S., Shitaoka, Y., Shin, K., Sano, T., Yokoo, Y.** *Late Quaternary climate changes and sedimentation in the Tigris-Euphrates watersheds: implication in the changing watercourses and early cities*
- 16:00 **Watanabe, C.E.** *Water in Mesopotamia: its dual aspects in creation and destruction*
- 16:45 **Nishiyama, S., Kurosawa, M., Ikehata, K.** *Archaeometrical analyses on the Iron Age material remains excavated from the eastern border zone of the Assyrian Empire: results from Yasin Tepe, Iraqi Kurdistan*

DAY 2: Saturday, June 3 Mesopotamia & Egypt

- 9:30 **Baker, H.D.** *Circulation in the Babylonian cities: streets and the urban fabric*
- 10:15 **Shibata, D.** *Patron deities in Ancient Mesopotamian cities*
- 11:15 **Hogue, T.** *The cityscape of Carchemish: a historical investigation of urban organization in Syro-Anatolia*
- 12:00 **Konstantopoulos, G.** *Both real and imagined: borders and boundaries in Mesopotamia*
- 14:15 **Moeller, N.** *Challenges and new approaches for studying ancient Egyptian urbanism*
- 15:00 **Moreno Garcia, J.C.** *Towns, royal estates and harbours: settlement organization and flows of wealth in the third and early second millennium BC*
- 16:00 **Kondo, J.** *The layout of the monuments in the city of Thebes, Egypt*
- 16:45 **Suto, Y.** *Cities, villages, and countryside in Egypt under the Ptolemies*

DAY 3: Sunday, June 4 Medieval & Modern West Asia and North Africa

- 9:30 **Rante, R.** *The origin of Rayy and its evolution until Islamic time*
- 10:15 **Guirguis, M.** *bani suef, a new urban Ottoman center in Middle Egypt, 16th century: The position of non-Muslims inhabitants*
- 11:00 **Yamaguchi, A.** *Urbanization in Kurdistan under Early Modern empires: the transition from mountain fortresses to flatland cities*
- 13:30 **Moaz, A.** *The preservation of historical natural and urban landscape*
- 14:00 **Matsubara, K.** *Ancient heritage and modern urban planning: the urban project for Old Damascus in 1968 by Gyoji Banshoya*
- 14:30 **Taniguchi, Y.** *Conservation of a medieval religious area around St. Simeon Church in Paşabağ, Cappadocia (Turkey)*
- 15:15 **Burns, R.** **Closing Lecture:** *Notes for closing presentation at Tsukuba seminar, June 2023*
- 16:30 **Panel Discussion: Essence of City**
(Chair: S. Yamada; Panelists: M. Novak, H.D. Baker, N. Moeller, J.C. Moreno Garcia, R. Burns)