RENCONTRES SABÉENNES 19
University of Pisa, Piazza Torricelli 2, June 18-20 2015

Conference Programme (preliminary version)

Thursday, June 18th 2015

8.30  Registration
9.15  Opening Remarks

Identity in pre-Islamic South Arabia and beyond

Session I: Epigraphy and history
9.30-10.00  FATHIA H. OKAB (King Saud University, Riyadh)
   “Hostages in pre-Islamic Arabia: a study in the light of Sabaic Inscriptions”

10.00-10.30  SERGE FRANTSOUZOFF (Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg)
   “L’identité ethnique de la population du Ḥaḍramawt antique d’après les sources épigraphiques”

10.30-11.00  IWONA GAJDA (CNRS, Paris)
   “Unification of South Arabia and the identity of the Ḥimyarite state”

Break (11.00-11.30)
Session II: Archaeology and material culture (I)
11.30-12.00  Holger Hitgen (DAI, Berlin)
“Endogenous development or external influence - The formation of Iron Age cultures at the desert fringes in South Arabia”

12.00-12.30  Romolo Loreto (Università L’Orientale, Napoli)
“Nomadic and sedentary identities: the development of north Arabian oases during the 1st millennium BCE”

Lunch (12.30-14.00)

Session III: Archaeology and material culture (II)
14.00-14.30  Iris Gerlach (DAI, Berlin)
“The role of material culture in creating, maintaining and visualizing social identity in the Sabaean society”

14.30-15.00  Vittoria Buffa (Italian Mission To Oman)
“The Minaean identity – Baraqish between Saba’ and Ma’in”

Session IV: History of art (I)
15.00-15.30  Sabina Antonini (Monumenta Orientalia, Roma)
“South Arabian art: Identity through diversity”

15.30-16.00  Sarah Japp (DAI, Berlin)
“Foreign influences in Himyarite art: Staying alien or becoming part of local identity?”

Break (16.00-16.30)

Session V: History of art (II)
16.30-17.00  Alessandra Lombardi (University of Pisa)
“The Sabaean stela CIH 705 reconsidered: South Arabian and foreign traits”
17.00-17.30 **Fabio Betti** (University of Pisa)
“Coiffures et identités féminines dans l’Arabie du Sud”

17.30-18.00 **Elisabeth Monamy** (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna)
“The face stelae from the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna (Austria): Is it possible to identify these people?”

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**Friday, June 19th 2015**

**Session VI: Researches and discoveries in South Arabian history and culture (I)**

9.30-10.00 **Alessio Agostini** (University “La Sapienza”, Roma)
“Light and shade from the epigraphic documentation in the temple of Ṭḥṭar at Baraqish: an overview” (provisional)

10.00-10.30 **Mohammed Al-Hajj** (University King Saud, Riyadh)
“Qatabanic women’s inscriptions recently discovered at Hajar al-ʿĀdī (ancient Maryamatum) in the Ḥarīb valley”

10.30-11.00 **Werner Daum** (Berlin)
“Tithes in pre-Islamic Yemen and today”

**Break (11.00-11.30)**

**Session VII: Researches and discoveries in South Arabian history and culture (II)**

11.30-12.00 **Mounir Arbach** (CNRS, Paris)

12.00-12.30 **Mohammed Maraqten** (University of Heidelberg)
“The relations of ancient Yemen with Bilād al-Shām in the light of recent epigraphic evidence”
12.30-13.00 Christian Robin (CNRS-Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, Paris)
“L’Arabie des princes de Kinda : sudarabique et arabe”

Lunch (13.00-14.30)

Session VIII: Researches and discoveries in South Arabian history and culture (III)
14.30-15.00 Nasser Al-Jahwari (Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat)
Title to be announced

15.00-15.30 Christian Darles (University of Toulouse), Carl Phillips (CNRS, Nanterre)
“Al-Makhā, Mawza’, Muza et l’antique Makhwān (Mkhwn)”

15.30-16.00 Roberta Tomber (British Museum, London)
“From South Arabia to the Roman Red Sea: pottery, trade and interconnections”

Break (16.00-16.30)

Session IX: New projects on field and digital documentation
16.30-17.00 Irene Rossi, Daniele Marotta (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)
“Working on words. The creation of lexica through DASI”

17.00-17.30 Elisa Coda (University of Pisa)
“Greek into Arabic: The computer assisted study of the transmission of philosophical and scientific text”

17.30-18.00 Charly PoliaKoff (University Sorbonne 1, Paris)
“Surveying Petroglyphs in Najrān: field constraints, data recording and level of information”

Conference dinner (20.00)
Saturday, June 20th 2015

Session X: South Arabia during late antiquity and at the dawn of Islam

9.30-10.00 Aisha S. Abuljadayl (King Saud University, Riyadh)
“The relationship between the Ḥimyarite king ḏū-Nuwās and the tribes of Yemen in the 6th century AD”

10.00-10.30 Daniele Mascitelli (University of Pisa)
“A puzzling cue of Yūsuf ḏū-Nuwās: hypothesis on its interpretation and its connections with non-written languages of Yemen”

10.30-11.00 Orhan Elmaaz (University of St. Andrews)
“South Arabian influence on 7th century spoken Arabic”

Break (11.00-11.30)

Session XI: Researches on the ancient and modern languages of Arabia

11.30-12.00 Ahmad Al-Jallad (University of Leiden)
“Locating Arabic in Arabia’s epigraphic record”

12.00-12.30 Julien Dufour (University of Strasbourg)
“Modern South Arabian verb and the classification of Semitic languages: A note on the extent of our ignorance”

12.30-13.00 Victor Porkhomovsky (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow), Philippe Cassuto (University of Provence)
“Information structures in Semitic poetry: from Socotra to Canaan”