



Caravanserai

Call for Papers

The Student Scientific Association for the Archaeology of Near and Middle East “Szarkun” from the University of Warsaw as well as the Mediterranean Section of the Archaeology Students Club at the Jagiellonian University (KNSA UJ) in Kraków are honored to invite all interested to the Conference on the 11th and 12th of May 2017:

Caravanserai “Young Scholars of Ancient Oriental Studies” 1st International Interdisciplinary Conference

Our broad field of interest include the territories of the Ancient East that spread from the regions of North Africa in the west up until the Indus valley incorporating the vast territories around the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea to the north and the lands of Ethiopia and Yemen to the south, which are studied by scholars from different academic disciplines. Historians, archaeologists, orientalists and other experts dealing with field studies, philology, and natural sciences who are students or PhD candidates are invited for a paper presentation on the following topic:

“Times of Big Changes: Rupture or Continuity?”

The interdisciplinary character of the conference tries to encourage a creative take on the topic. Discussing ‘times of big changes’ in relation to important historical events like the invasion of the Gutian people in Mesopotamia or the campaigns of Alexander the Great present just a starting point of the discourse. It could also be completed with topics dealing with the development of technological innovations like changes in cultivation of plants, animal husbandry, use of new natural resources in tools and arms production and variations in architecture and art. In addition to these topics which are based on material culture, questions concerning migration and its influence on ethnic, religious and linguistic changes are also of great interest for a holistic discussion on our topic. It is worth considering the influence of climate changes on human activities as well. Nevertheless, maybe individuals play a key role in the critical moments of history, don’t they?

Neolithic Revolution, Development of Script, State Formation, Emerge and Downfall of Empires, Invention of Bronze and Iron Production, Polytheism and Monotheism, Hellenization of the East, Arab Conquests, Crusades

Did these “times of big changes”, that tend to be emphasized at present have an equal impact on past societies as it is perceived? Did these changes cause a rupture in cultural, political and social realities or can we trace continuities? Should we understand these changes as some sort of revolution or an evolutionary development?

The Conference Proceedings are planned to be published.
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