

UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

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**FIFTEENTH SYMPOSIUM OF THE MELAMMU PROJECT**

**CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS?  
SEDENTARY AND NON SEDENTARY POPULATIONS**

**GRAZ (AUSTRIA)  
21-24 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**CENTRE FOR  
MILITARY  
STUDIES** 

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**PANEL: CONFLICTS**  
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**09:00-09:30** OPENING AND WELCOME

**09:30-10:30** KEYNOTE: SIMONETTA PONCHIA  
Arabs at the fringes of empires: encounters and clashes in the 9th -7th centuries BCE

**10:30-11:00** ELEANOR BENNETT  
Neo-Assyrian Arabs and Orientalist Interpretations

**11:00-11:30** COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-12:00** ANNUNZIATA ROSITANI  
Sedentary and non-sedentary groups in Old Babylonian war contexts

**12:00-12:30** ELENA MALAGOLI  
Everything you always wanted to know about Bronze age conflict solutions\* (\*But were afraid to ask)

**12:30-13:00** ZAHRA KOUZEHGARI  
The Role of Warfare in the Transformation of Power Centers in the Near East During 1450 - 550 BCE – An Archaeological Perspective

**13:00-14:30** LUNCH BREAK

**14:30-15:30** KEYNOTE: KLAUS TAUSEND  
Reitervölker – Bedrohung aus der Steppe

**15:30-16:00** COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-16:30** PAOLO OGNIBENE  
La spedizione scitica di Dario I secondo Erodoto: fraintendimenti, parzialità ed incomprendimenti

**16:30-17:00** CLEMENS STEINWENDER  
Der Kaukasus – Kontakte und Konflikte zwischen Sasaniden und Alanen an einer imperialen Grenzregion

**PANEL: ENTANGLEMENT AND INTERACTIONS**  
**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

**09:30-10:30** KEYNOTE: NELE ZIEGLER  
Nomaden zur Zeit Samsi-Addus: Widerstand oder Anpassung an ein Großreich?

**10:30-11:00** MARILYN KELLY-BUCCELLATI  
Identity and alterity: Hurrian Urkesh facing the Akkadian imperial expansion

**11:00-11:30** COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-12:00** GABRIELE PUSCHNIGG, FLORIAN SCHWARZ, LILY NIAKAN  
'Sedentary' vs 'Non-sedentary' – challenging perceived dichotomies: a view from the Central Zagros

**12:00- 12:30** VALERY SCHLEGEL  
Pazuzu & Bes: How the Woman of Tomb I at Nimrud Sheds New Light on the Conflicts Between Assyria and Egypt

**12:30-13:00** MARCO FERRARIO  
Ancient Pārsa and its Enemies  
The Landscape(s) of Achaemenid Central Asian Borderlands

**13:00-14:30** LUNCH BREAK

**14:30-15:30** KEYNOTE: KAI RUFFING  
From Chang'an to Londinium: Trade and Cultural Contacts in the First Silk Roads Era

**15:30-16:00** COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-16:30** PETER VON DANCKELMANN  
Palmyras Elite zwischen Steppe, Rom und Parthern

**16:30-17:00** ANTONIETTA CASTIELLO  
The Palmyrene Diaspora: A New Approach

**PANEL: MOBILE GROUPS AND STATE FORMATION**  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

**09:30-10:30** KEYNOTE: SETH RICHARDSON  
Incursions, Anxieties: Rest and Motion in State Formation

**10:30-11:00** LETICIA ROVIRA, CECILIA MOLLA  
Diversidad socio-cultural, identidades y formas de vida. Algunas reflexiones a partir de las cartas de Mari (Siglo XVIII a. C.) hacia el presente

**11:00-11:30** COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-12:00** MARIA TAMBURRINI  
Rise and development of the Early Iron Age communities in the southern Levant between nomadism and sedentarism

**12:00-12:30** ABAZAR SHOBAIRI  
Near Eastern irrigation practices: from Mesopotamia to the Achaemenid heartland

**12:30-14:00** LUNCH BREAK

**14:00-15:00** KEYNOTE: ROLAND STEINACHER  
Rom und die Barbaren: clash of cultures oder Transformation

**15:00-15:30** COFFEE BREAK

**15:30-16:00** LEONARDO GREGORATTI  
'Nomadic' Parthia

**16:00-16:30** ANN-CHRISTINE SANDER  
A tale of two truths – elite status in Roman Palmyra's polymorphic society

**17:00-19:00** BOARD MEETING

PANEL: RELIGIOUS INTERACTIONS  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

09:30-10:30 KEYNOTE: GIORGIO BUCCELLATI  
Polytheism vs. monotheism – A socio-epistemic  
culture clash

10:30-11:00 TATIANA FRÜHWIRT  
Der Mondgott von Harran in den späthethitischen  
Lokalpanthea

11:00-11:30 TAKAYOSHI OSHIMA  
Demeaning Babylon: Decoding the Tower of Babel  
(Genesis 11:1-9) in Light of *Enūma Eliš*

11:30-12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00-12:30 EIRINI PAIZI  
Entangled Gods? Mesopotamian, Levantine,  
and Egyptian Deities in Early Iron Age Greek  
Sanctuaries and Tombs

12:30-13:30 KEYNOTE: KATHARINA RIEGER  
How mobile are deities? Religion and mobile life-  
strategies in the Graeco-Roman Near East

13:30-14:00 CLOSING TIME

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## The Melammu Project

### The Heritage of Mesopotamia and the Ancient Near East

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