

SPP-2176: The Iranian Highlands - Resilience and Integration in Premodern Societies



Final Conference

7th to 10th of April 2026 @ Orient-Institut Istanbul, Şahkulu Mah., Galip Dede Cad. No. 65, 34421 Beyoğlu – İstanbul

7 th of April			Topics: Keynote and Welcome	
17:00	Registration			
18:00	Keynote Lecture: Mountains Re-Imagined			Claudia Glatz
19:30	Reception @ OII			
20:30	Restaurant – Conference Guests Only			

8 th of April			Topics: Mobility and Networks / Landscapes and Raw Material Regimes	
09:00	Welcome			Programme Committee
09:05	Launch DRP (Data Reference Platform)			Christoph Forster, Miriam Skowronek, Kristina A Franke
09:15	Introduction			Programme Committee
Session 1: Mobility and Networks, Chair: Marjan Mashkour & Stefan Hauser				
09:45	Neolithic Dynamics across Lake Urmia			Judith Thomalsky
10:10	Mobile Villages and Dynamic Landscapes			Reinhard Bernbeck, Susan Pollock
10:35	short break			
11:05	Kura-Araxes in Iran			Sepideh Maziar
11:30	PostDoc Lecture: Mobility and Networks			Shelir Amelirad
11:55	Affiliates Impulse Lectures			Coordination Project
12:15	Discussion			
13:15	lunch			
Session 2: Landscapes and Raw Material Regimes, Chair: Sepideh Maziar & Mohammad Masoumian				
14:15	Reconstructing Paleo-Environments			Martin Kehl
14:40	Last Neanderthal and Early Homo Sapiens			Saman Heydari Guran
15:05	Mining Landscapes			Thomas Stöllner
15:30	short break			
16:00	PostDoc Lecture: Raw Material Regimes			Kristina A Franke
16:25	Affiliates Impulse Lectures			Coordination Project
16:45	Discussion			
17:45	End of Day 1			

9 th of April			Topics: Landscapes and Raw Material Regimes / Daily Life and Institutions	
09:00	Welcome			Programme Committee
09:05	Patrimonies – Affiliates – Equality Measures Impulse Lectures			Natascha Bagherpour Kashani, Zohreh Poorkarimi
Session 3: Landscapes and Raw Material / Regimes Daily Life and Institutions, Chair: Claudia Glatz & Michael Brown				
09:20	Highsteplands			Andrea Ricci, Silvia Balatti
09:45	Ilkhanid Iran			Birgitt Hoffmann, Lorenz Korn
10:10	short break			
10:40	PostDoc Lecture: Daily Life and Institutions			Mohammad Masoumian
11:05	Discussion			
12:05	lunch			
13:15	Departure @ OII: Historical Sightseeing			

10 th of April			Topic: Daily Life and Institutions	
09:00	Welcome			Programme Committee
Session 4: Daily Life and Institutions, Chair: Nolwen Rol & Kristina A Franke				
09:05	Fragile Images: Clay Media in Early Iran			Barbara Helwing
09:30	Resilience of Iron Age Communities			Janoscha Kreppner
09:55	A New Elamite Archive			Walther Sallaberger, Azam Rayat
10:20	short break			
10:50	Institutional Landscapes and Networks			Wouter Henkelman, Kai Kaniuth
11:15	Discussion			
12:15	lunch			
Session 5: Daily Life and Institutions, Chair: Walther Sallaberger & Barbara Helwing				
13:15	Settlement Developments and Transformation of Land Ownership			Stefan Hauser
13:40	Transformation of Institutional Landscapes			Zohreh Zehbari
14:05	short break			
14:35	Parthian Imperial Control and Local Agency			Michael Brown
15:00	Discussion			
16:00	short break			
16:20	Summary			Programme Committee
16:50	The End			