

'Lost cities': form, meaning and perception of urban settlements in the Ancient Near and Middle East

Pisa, November 29th - 30th, 2022

Palazzo della Sapienza, Aula Magna Storica, (Via Curtatone e Montanara 15)

November 29th

9:00 - *Opening session*

Simone Maria Collavini, Head of the Department of Civilizations and Forms of Knowledge

Piergiorgio Borbone, On behalf of the President of the MA Degree Course in Near Eastern Studies: Egypt, Near and Middle East

9:10 - **Anacleto D'Agostino** (Università di Pisa)

Introduction

First Session – Urban Spaces in the Ancient Near East I

Chair: **Rocco Palermo**

9:35 - **Mirko Novák** (Universität Bern)

The Citadel City in Assyria and the Northern Levant: Parallel developments or mutual influence?

10:10 - **James Osborne** (University of Chicago)

Reconsidering Space and Power in Syro-Anatolian Cities of the Iron Age

10:45 - **Valérie Matoïan** (CNRS, Paris)

Ugarit, social and urban geography

11:20 – 11:35 Coffe break

Second Session – Urban Spaces in the Ancient Near East II

Chair: **Alfonso Archi**

11:35 - **Dirk Mielke** (Freie Universität Berlin)

Origin, Development and Decline of Hittite Cities

12:10 - **Giulia Torri** (Università degli Studi di Firenze)

The king of Hattuša and his cities: Royal administrative duties in peripheral cities of Anatolia

Lunch break

Third Session – Urban experiences in the Ancient Mesopotamia and Iran

Chair: **Chiara Barbati**

15:00 - **Jason Ur** (Harvard University)

Urbanism Trajectories in Ancient Mesopotamia

15:35 - **Giulio Maresca** (Sapienza, Università di Roma)

From the diffused cityscape of the royal Achaemenid residences to the geometric layout of the first Sasanian capitals: considerations on the elusiveness of the urban experience in pre-Islamic Iran

16:10 - **Carlo G. Cereti** (Sapienza, Università di Roma)

The Šahrestānīhā ī Ērānšahr in the context of late-Sasanian Iran.

16:45 – 17:00 Coffe break

Fourth Session – Naming cities: evidence from Greece and the Near East

Chair: **Chiara Barbati**

17:00 - **Carolina Marescotti** and **Domenica Romagno** (Università di Pisa)

Origin, functions, and distribution of the suffix -eus in ancient Greek: between toponyms and agent nouns

17:35 - **Marc Janse** (Ghent University)

Lost & Found: Trading Places in Ancient Anatolia

18:10 - *Discussion*

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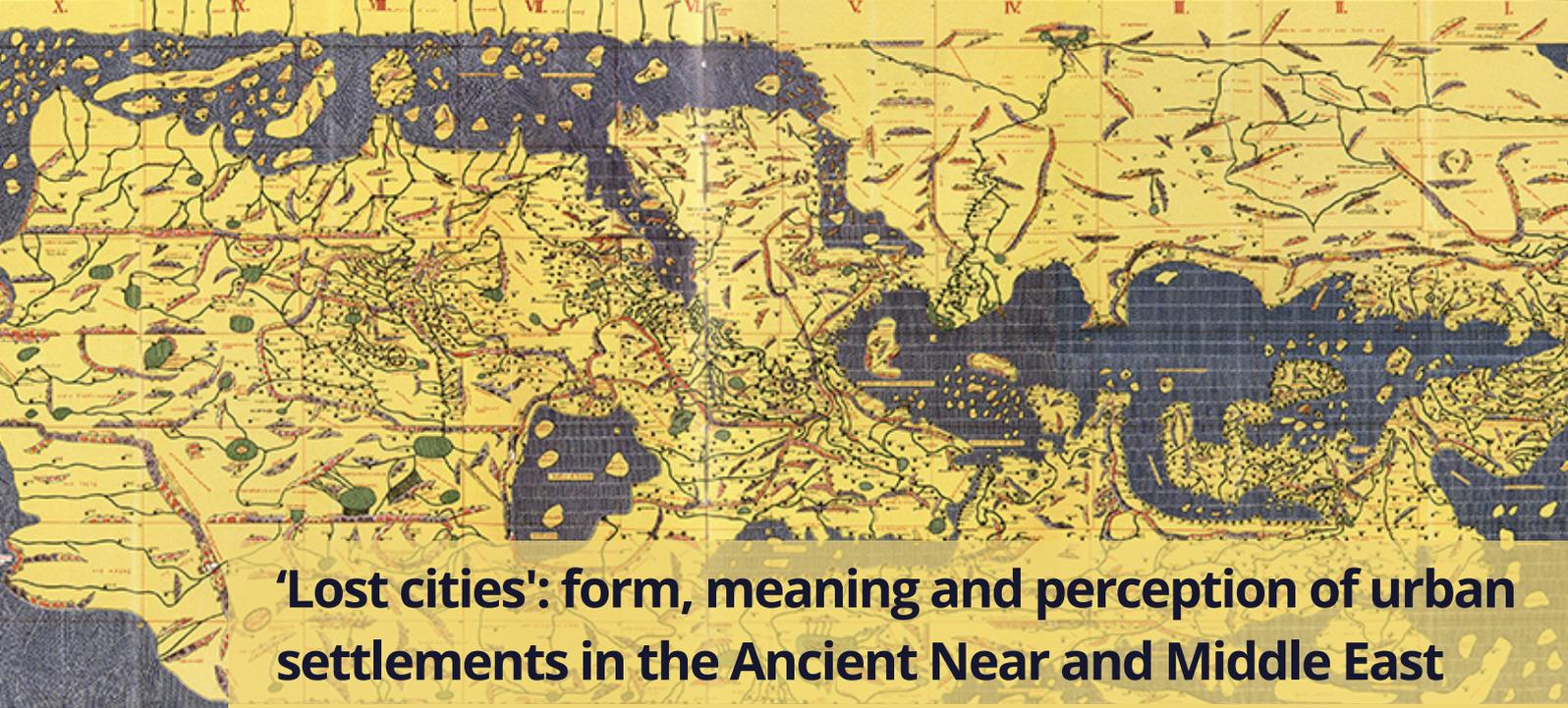


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First Session – Cities of the Armenian Highlands

Chair: **Irene Tinti**

9:00 - **Hamlet Petrosyan** (Yerevan State University)

White city on the edge of the Armenian empire of Tigranes the Great: the late Hellenistic and Early Christian Tigranakert in Artsakh and its parallels

9:35 - **Alessandro Orenco** (Università di Pisa)

Ideas of the "City" in Armenia in the 4th–5th centuries AD [in Italian]

10:10 - **Nazenie Garibian** (Matenaradan, Erevan)

The concept and the architectural organization of "City-Churches" in Early Christian Armenia

10:45 – 11:00 Coffe break

Second Session – Urban Perception in Ancient Arabia and in the Indus Valley: Real and Imaged Spaces

Chair: **Giovanni Mazzini** and **Maria Piera Candotti**

11:15 - **Daniele Mascitelli** (Università di Pisa)

Imagining ancient Arabian city. Examples in Arab-Muslim classical historical literature

11:50 - **Matteo Cecchetti** e **Paola Esposito** (Università di Pisa)

Nā'it: folklore and architectural curiosities of a Yemenite city in classical Arabic sources

12:25 - **Silvia Lischi** (Università di Pisa)

Of Settlers and Nomads: A Diachronic Perspective on Population Dimorphism in pre-Islamic Arabia

13:00 - **Massimo Vidale** (Università di Padova) and **Danny Frenez** (Università di Bologna)

Building a Heterarchical Society: The Concept of City and Urban Life in the Indus Civilization

Lunch break

Third Session – Perceptions and remains of Near Eastern Cities in Roman and later periods

Chair: **Filippo Battistoni**

15:15 - **Rocco Palermo** (Università di Pisa)

Seeing like a City. Urbanscape(s) and Society of Roman Era Cities in South-West Asia

15:50 - **Mustafa Şahin** (Bursa Uludağ Üniversitesi)

Sunken Basilica in Nikaia/Iznik and its Form, Meaning and Perception in the Urban Settlement

16:25 – 16:40 Coffe break

Fourt Session – Constructing, Destroying and Maintaining Buildings in the Ancient Near East: City Planning and Administration

Chair: **Anna Anguissola**

16:40 - **Federico Procchi** (Università di Pisa)

'Let the owner renovate his house or sell it to a willing fellow citizen'. Hadrianic Provisions to Stratonicea on the Caicus [in Italian]

17:15 - **Alessandro Grillone** (Università di Pisa)

Brief juridical remarks on Neo-Assyrian programs of cities' foundation/re-foundation and urban regeneration as attribute of regality [in Italian]

Discussion and closing session

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