

## "Monasteries, Cities, Settlements – al-Hira and Early Islamic Urbanism in Mesopotamia"

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**MONDAY 17.12.2018**

**Venue: TU Berlin, Architekturgebäude, Straße des 17. Juni 152, Room No. A 111**

**9:00–9:15 Welcome**

Dean Prof. Dr. Johann Köppel (TU Berlin, Fakultät 6 – School of Planning, Building and Environment)  
Dr. Dr. hc. Margarete van Ess (DAI Berlin)  
Umar al Badri (State Board of Antiquities and Heritage, Samarra)

**9:15–10:45 Introduction and Historical Context**

PD Dr. Martina Müller-Wiener (Museum für Islamische Kunst, Berlin)  
*Early Islamic Urbanism in Mesopotamia - Introduction*

Prof. Dr. Isabelle Toral-Niehoff (FU Berlin)  
*Al-Hira as reflected in the written sources. The state of the question*

Dr. Hasan al-Hakim (Najaf)  
*Religions in Pre-Islamic and Early-Islamic Hira*

**10:45–11:00 Discussion**

**Coffee break 11:00–11:30**

**11:30–13:00 al-Hira - Recent Research**

Diya Makki al Talanki (State Board of Antiquities and Heritage, Najaf)  
*Results of the excavations in al-Hira 2007–2011: Ceramics*

Muhammad Bidan (State Board of Antiquities and Heritage, Najaf)  
*Recent large scale rescue excavations of ancient al-Hira: overview*

Dr.-Ing. des. Martin Gussone (TU Berlin)  
*Settlement research on al-Hira based on surface survey and aerial photograph interpretation*

**13:00–13:30 Discussion**

**13:30–15:00 Lunch break**

**15:00–16:30 al-Hira - Recent Research**

Abdul Razzaq Alesi  
*Churches in al-Hira*

Dipl.-Ing. Ibrahim Salman (DAI Berlin)  
*The churches in al-Hira: architecture and typology*

Prof. Dr. Barbara Finster (Bamberg)  
*The churches of al-Qusair in the context of Mesopotamian church-architecture*

**16:30–17:00 Discussion**

**19:00 Evening Lecture** (*Berliner Kolloquium. baugeschichte - bauforschung - denkmalpflege*)

Welcome: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thekla Schulz-Brize (TU Berlin, FG Historische Bauforschung und Baudenkmalpflege)

**Venue: TU Berlin, Architekturgebäude, Straße des 17. Juni 152, Lecture hall No. A 053**

Dr. Dr. hc. Margarete van Ess (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Orient Abteilung);  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christof Ziegert (Ziegert | Roswag | Seiler Architekten Ingenieure Berlin)  
*Erhalt des irakischen archäologischen Architekturerbes am Beispiel der Ruinenstätte Uruk*



**TUESDAY, 18.12.2018**

**Venue: Archäologisches Zentrum (Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz), Geschwister Scholl Str. 6, Brugsch-Pascha Saal**

9:15-9:30

**Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Stefan Weber (Museum für Islamische Kunst, Berlin)

9:30-11:00

**Early Islamic Urbanism in Mesopotamia: Perspectives**

Prof. Dr. Karel Novaček (Palacky University, Olomouc)  
*Monastic landscape of Adiabene*

Dr.-Ing. Ulrike Siegel (DAI Berlin)  
*Recent prospections in Tulul al-Ukhaidir*

Prof. Dr. Andrew Petersen (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)  
*Old-Basra, New Plan – The evolution of an Early Islamic City*

11:00-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30

Umar al Badri (State Board of Antiquities and Heritage, Samarra)  
*Influences of Hira in the architecture of Samarra*

Dr. Marie-Odile Rousset (Laboratoire Archéorient, Lyon)  
*Al-Hira viewed from Late antique and early Islamic Syria*

PD Dr. Arnulf Hausleiter (DAI Berlin)  
*Arabian origins? Tracing early Islamic urbanism*

13:30-14:00 Discussion

17:15–17:45

Round Table Coffee Break with final discussion and concluding remarks

**Workshop organised by:**

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