

Tuesday
01.12.2020

10.00 —10.20

Opening of the workshop by Saana Svärd,
Director of the CoE Ancient Near Eastern Empires
and a word by Marta Lorenzon on the social significance
of earthen architecture in rural communities.

SESSION 1 — Chair: Jason Silverman

10.20 —10.50

Caroline Wallis
*Investigating the agricultural and pastoral basis of New Year
festivities: when life at the bottom explains life at the top.*

10.50 —11.00 Coffee break

11.00 —11.30

Sebastian Fink
The advantages and disadvantages of an Empire.

11.30 —12.00

Johannes Bach
*Folktales, popular sayings, riddles and humour: Lower strata
of Assyrian and Babylonian society in literary testimony.*

12.00 —14.00 Lunch break

14.00 —15.00

Keynote 1
Claudia Glatz
*Time to let the Subalterns speak: complicated stories,
presencing, and the future of Empire studies.*

15.00 —15.10 Coffee break

SESSION 2 — Chair: Marta Lorenzon

15.10 —15.40

Bernhard Schneider
*On the archaeological evidence of the impact of an empire
change on some inhabitants at Nippur after 539 BC.*

15.40 —16.10

Heather D. Baker
Investigating the urban poor in first millennium BC Babylonia.

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Melammu Workshop
CoE Ancient Near Eastern Empires
University of Helsinki

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SESSION 3 — Chair: Caroline Wallis

11.00 —11.30

Melanie M. Groß
*Trading communities in Sippar and their social circumstances
during Achaemenid rule.*

11.30 —12.00

Maria Gabriella Micale
*Living "on top" of an Empire: the Persian building on the Acropolis
of Tell Mardikh, Ancient Ebla- architecture and function.*

12.00 —12.10 Coffee Break

12.10 —12.40

Rocio Da Riva
Mesopotamian Empires in southern Transjordan: a bottom-up approach.

12.40 —13.10

Kateryna Baulina
*King's court, conquered and locals in the interpretation of the
proskynesis ceremony in Assyrian and Achaemenid Empires.*

13.10 —14.30 Lunch break

14.30 —15.30

Keynote 2
Marc Van de Mieroop
Voicing dissent in Mesopotamian Empires.

15.30 —15.40 Coffee Break

SESSION 4 — Chair: Sebastian Fink

15.40 —16.10

Caroline Waerzeggers
Managing populations from the Babylonian to the Persian Empire.

16.10 —16.40

Jessie DeGrado
Habitus of Empire: the tribute scene in Assyrian art.

16.40 —18.00

Keynote 3
Concluding talk by Petri Ylikoski, philosopher of social sciences
and general discussion.