

Public Lecture of  
Institute for the Study of Ancient Civilizations and Cultural Resources, Kanazawa University

"Exploring the Interaction Sphere in  
the Civilizations of Ancient Southwest Asia"

Ancient civilisations characterised by urban centres, such as the Mesopotamian and Indus Civilisations, emerged in different parts of Southwestern Asia during the third millennium BCE. While each civilisation had its own background for its development, they were closely connected and interacted with each other. Flows of people, goods and information between civilisations likely gave influence to the emergence of civilisations and urban societies in various ways. In this lecture event, the interaction network connecting Mesopotamia, the Indus and the Arabian Peninsula during the third millennium BCE is to be explored.

Archaeological research has made significant progress in the Arabian Peninsula for the last couple of decades and has provided new information about the interaction network of the Southwest Asian civilisations. Drs Dennys Frenez and Silvia Lischi, whom the Institute for the Ancient Civilizations and Cultural Resources, Kanazawa University invited to Japan this time, are experts in the archaeology of the Arabian Peninsula and the Indus Civilisation. This lecture event attempts to understand better the role of interregional interaction networks in the development of ancient civilisations in Southwest Asia.

Date: March 5, 2023 (Sunday) 13:00~17:00 (The venue opens at 12:30)

Venue: Sunshine City Conference Room 9, World Import Mart Building 5F

Capacity: 60 persons

(Please contact the organiser by the e-mail address below for registration).

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Programme

13:00-13:10

Akinori Uesugi (Institute for the Study of Ancient Civilizations and Cultural Resources, Kanazawa University)

Introduction

13:15-14:00

Dennys Frenez (Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism of Oman, Department of Archeology and Museums)

“The Indus Civilization External Trade: Hints of a Bronze Age «Globalization» in Southwest Asia?”

14:05-14:50

Silvia Lischi(Pisa University)

“Along the Frankincense Road: Movement of People and Goods in Southwestern Arabia during the Iron Age.”

15:00-15:30

Kazuya Shimogama (Institute for Geo-Cosmology, Chiba Institute of Technology)

“The Mesopotamian Civilization and its Interaction with the Surrounding Regions: Exploring the Foundation of the Civilization”

15:35-16:05

Akinori Uesugi (Institute for the Study of Ancient Civilizations and Cultural Resources, Kanazawa University)

“The Indus Civilization and its Multi-scale Interaction Network”

16:15-17:00

Discussion

Moderated by: Yasuhisa Kondo (Research Institute for Humanity and Nature)

Interpreter: Takehiro Miki (The University Museum, The University of Tokyo)