

**Economies of the Edge**  
**Frontier Zone Processes at Regional, Imperial, and Global Scales**  
**(300 BCE – 300 CE)**  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Introduction**

13:00 – 13:30

**Political Power and Economies I**

13:30 – 15:00

Chair: Eli Weaverdyck

Mark Altaweel (University College London)

**Revolutionizing a World: From Small States to Universalism in the Pre-Islamic Near East**

K. Rajan (Pondicherry University)

**Emergence of Empires and Economies: Experiencing Early Historic South India**

**Coffee break**

15:00 – 15:45

**Political Power and Economies II**

15:45 – 18:00

Chair: Kathrin Leese-Messing

Maxim Korolkov (Heidelberg University)

**The Southern Contact Zone, Empire Building, and Economic Change in the Eastern Zhou, Qin, and Han Eras (ca. 500 BCE – 300 CE)**

Anthony Barbieri-Low (University of California at Santa Barbara)

**Egyptian and Chinese Client-State Empires in the Levant and Central Asia**

Shailendra Bhandare (Ashmolean Museum, Oxford)

**Money in Liminal Times: Coin Circulation at the End of the Indo-Greek Kingdom**

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Nodes: Ports and Border Markets I**

9:00 – 10:30

Chair: Milinda Hoo

Miguel John Versluys (Leiden University)

**Network Power? Object Flows and Innovation in Hellenistic Eurasia**

Sören Stark (ISAW, New York University)

**Between Desert and Oasis: Border Markets and their Role in Economic Networks in Southwestern Central Asia**

### **Coffee break**

10:30 – 11:15

### **Nodes: Ports and Border Markets II**

11:15 – 12:45

Chair: Lara Fabian

Stefan Hauser (University of Konstanz)

**The Arsacid Center of Trade: Charax Spasinou, Capital of Mesene**

Steven E. Sidebotham (University of Delaware) and Marianne Bergmann (University of Göttingen)

**Sculptural Finds as a Reflection of the Cosmopolitan Life at Berenike: A Ptolemaic-Roman Port on the Red Sea Coast of Egypt**

### **Lunch break**

12:45 – 14:00

### **Links: People in Motion I**

14:00 – 15:30

Chair: Sitta von Reden

Paul Kosmin (Harvard University)

**Trading Values: The Southern Sea as Merchant Space**

Federico de Romanis (Tor Vergata University of Rome)

***Translata Pecunia*: The Use of Roman Coins on the Other Side of the Indian Ocean**

### **Coffee break**

15:30 – 16:15

### **Links: People in Motion II**

16:15 – 17:00

Chair: Razieh Taasob

Eivind Heldaas Seland (University of Bergen)

**Water, Climate and Connectivity in the Roman-Period Syrian Desert**

## **Disciplinary Round Tables**

17:00 – 18:00

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

### **Centers and Peripheries**

9:30 – 11:00

Chair: Mamta Dwivedi

Andrew Bauer (Stanford University)

**(Re)placing the ‘Hinterland’: Perspectives on Empire and Indian Ocean Trade from the Early Historic Interior Deccan**

Luca M. Olivieri (ISMEO Italian Archaeological Mission in Pakistan)

**Double-Crop Pocket Zones and Empires: The Case of Swat**

### **Coffee break**

11:00 – 11:30

### **Inter-imperial Exchange I**

11:30 – 12:30

Chair: Razieh Taasob

Marek Olbrycht (University of Rzeszów)

**The Parthian Empire and the Long-Distance Trade in the Caspian Basin**

### **Lunch break**

12:30 – 14:00

### **Inter-imperial Exchange II**

14:00 – 15:30

Chair: Lauren Morris

Joe Cribb (British Museum)

**The Sino-Kharoshthi Coinage of Khotan: Cultural and Political Links between Gandhara and Xinjiang, First to Second Century CE**

Armin Selbitschka (Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich)

**Versus the Silk Trade Myth: The Movement of Luxury Goods in China and Chinese Central Asia (Third Century BCE to Third Century CE)**

### **Discussion and Volume Planning**

15:30 – 16:00