



Basrah: its history, culture and heritage

A conference to celebrate the opening of the Basrah Museum

Wednesday 28th September

10-10.10 Introduction and welcome. Eleanor Robson, Chair of Council, The British Institute for the Study of Iraq

Session 1 Archaeology and history. Chair: Nicholas Postgate

10.10-10.35	Jane Moon and Robert Killick	Charax Spasinou: the city of Alexander the Great	University of Manchester
10.35-11.00	Adil Hashim	The Waterways in South Mesopotamia and Charax	University of Basrah
11.00-11.25	Stephanie Dalley	The Pallukkatu Canal, the Sealand, and Alexander	University of Oxford
*11.30-11.55	Alexei Jankowski	"Time on Maps" for Southern Iraq	Alexander Foundation
*11.55-12.20	John Fisher & Robert Carter	Forat and Charax: some archaeological and geoarchaeological preliminaries	University College London

Session 2, Archaeology and history. Chair: Jane Moon

14.00-14.25	St John Simpson	The Land behind Basrah in Late Antiquity	British Museum
14.25-14.50	Robert Hoyland	The founding of Basra and its early settlement	New York University
14.50-15.15	Haider Farhan Al-Subaihawi	The Islamic city of Basrah	University of Baghdad
15.15-15.40	Andrew Petersen	Islamic Archaeology in the Basra Region Challenges and Prospects	University of Wales
15.15-15.40	Erica C. D. Hunter	The Christian heritage of Basrah.	SOAS
15.40-16.05	Alex Bellem	'Linguistic fieldwork on southern Iraqi Arabic'	Durham University

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Session 3 Museology. Chair: Paul Collins

10.00-10.25	John Curtis	The genesis of the new museum in Basrah: an Iraqi-British collaboration	Friends of Basrah Museum
10.25-10.50	Nawala al-Mutawalli	Environmental factors in museums	University of Baghdad
*11.00-11.25	Njeri Gachihi	Audience development	National Museums of Kenya
*11.30-11.55	Dikko Idris and Ishaq Mohammed Bello	Label writing: towards effective communication with museum visitors	Ahmadu Bello University and National Museum Kaduna
*12.00-12.25	Saad Hashim	Museums and community engagement	National Museums of Kenya
*12.30-12.55	Ishaq Mohammed Bello and Dikko Idris	Ideas for boosting community engagement at small Arab museums	Ahmadu Bello University and National Museum Kaduna

Session 4 The Marshes. Chair: Nawala al-Mutawalli

14.00-14.25	Nawrast S Abdalwahab	From Basrah to Cambridge and Back	University of Basrah
14.25-14.50	Franco D'Agostino	Abu Tbeirah and the marshes	Sapienza Rome
14.50-15.15	Jane Moon	Tell Khaiber and the marshes	University of Manchester
15.15-15.40	Louise Haxthausen	UNESCO and the marshes	UNESCO
*15.40-16.05	Jennifer Pournelle	Basrah in its Ecological Context: The evolution of the lower delta from the first millennium BCE to the present	University of South Carolina