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Palestinian archaeology and archaeologists: A selected overview of more than 200 years of archaeology in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

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Abstract

For over 200 years now, Palestine has been a high place of archaeology in the Middle East. Since the beginning of the 19th century, the Ottomans, the British, the Israelis, the Jordanians and the Egyptians were successively in charge of archaeological missions and of the preservation and development of the remains that have been discovered. It is only in 1994, with the creation of the Department of Antiquities under the control of the Palestinian Authority, that the archaeological question in the West Bank and Gaza Strip came under local management. Supported by local universities (e.g., Bir Zeit, an-Najah in Nablus, al-Quds in Jerusalem), as well as international cooperation and institutes (IFPO, CRIBL, etc.), the department is today the guardian of a territory covered by more than 2,000 archaeological sites, 10,000 features and more than 60,000 historic buildings ranging from the Paleolithic to the contemporary period (Taha 2007). The Palestinian archaeology and archaeologists workshop therefore aims to provide an overview of the Palestinian archaeology since its beginnings. It will also look at the ongoing archaeological research and at the future of a dynamic archaeology, which is nevertheless a collateral victim of the political vicissitudes of an increasingly unstable region. The speakers at this workshop will therefore be looking at Palestinian archaeology through the various players involved (Palestinian and international archaeologists, universities, the Department of Antiquities, foreign institutes, UNESCO, NGOs, museums, etc.), as well as the sites, regions and periods brought to light by archaeologists in the region.

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