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# Exploring the 'Land Behind': settlement and mobility in Lebanon's inner valleys and mountains

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## Abstract

The workshop aims to explore the archaeological record of Lebanon's interior regions from the Palaeolithic to Medieval times. Focusing on the plateaus, mountains, and inner valleys, this workshop will bring together researchers to examine the patterns of occupation and the strategies employed by ancient societies to inhabit these challenging landscapes. Participants will explore various aspects of ancient life, including social practices, resource management, trade networks, and settlement structures. Through presentations and discussions, the workshop will highlight recent findings and innovative research projects and surveys, that have advanced our understanding of these regions. Key topics vary from the adaptation of economy to mountainous terrains and valley ecosystems, the role of trade routes in connecting inland settlements with coastal cities, the strategic importance of settlements and the pattern of dispersal. New perspectives on the socio-economic and cultural dynamics of ancient Near Eastern societies are offered by examining the complexities of human habitation in Lebanon's hinterland.

## Keywords

Lebanon , hinterland, Paleolithic , Bronze Age, Trade routes

## Program

1. Roads and Passages in Lebanon, in Quest for Ancient Communication Roads. M. Khreich (Lebanese University) & G. Abou-Diwan (Lebanese University).
2. The Akkar Uplands Region - the hinterland between Neolithic and Medieval Periods" - results of the surveys conducted within the MEG-A. First megalithic builders of the northern Levant". Z. Wagnanska et al. (Polish Academy of Sciences).
3. Integrating Architectural Narratives: Menzies Megalithic Tombs, Houses, Pathways, and Terraces in Chronological Context" T. Steimer-Herbet, M. Defours-Rivoira, F. Cousseau (University of Geneva).
4. The Position of Baalbek in the Pre-Roman Settlement System of the Bekaa. H. Genz (American University of Beirut) & M. Van Ess (German Archaeological Institute).
5. The Central Bekaa Project. J. Chahoud et al. (Lyon II-Lebanese University).
6. Tell Kamid el-Loz Rehabilitation Project: New Research on Communities and Waterscapes at Kumidi and its Region. G. Micale (Freie University), M. Haidar (Lebanese University) & R. Gerfian (Directorate General of Antiquities, Lebanon).
7. Economy and society in the hinterland of Tyre and Sidon: the case of Jemj. I. Oggiano (CNR Rome), W. Khalil (Lebanese University) and S. Soldi (Florence University/ISPC-CNR Milan)
8. The Multidisciplinary Archaeological Project in Maasser el-Shouf, Qalaat el-Hosn site. S. Festuccia (Suor Orsola Benincasa University) and M. Ziade' (Directorate General of Antiquities, Lebanon. )
9. Jabal Moussa, J. Bradbury et al. (Bryn Mawr).
10. The koura region from the Chalcolithic up to the Iron Age, new data from the North Lebanon Project. M. Haider (Lebanese University) & M. Iamoni (University of Udine).
11. Discussion

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## Session

Aucun

## Type of paper

Workshop