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The Legacy and Future of Islamic Archaeology

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Abstract

This workshop aims at honoring the memory and legacy of one of the founders of the field of Islamic Archaeology, Donald Whitcomb, who has recently passed away. To honour his important impact and influence on the field, as well as his recent fieldwork activity, this workshop collects presentations from some of his colleagues with whom, throughout his dynamic career as an archaeologist, he has worked closely in the field and has exchanged research ideas.

The first five presentations will present on his contribution to the archaeology of Khirbet al-Mafjar, one of his latest fieldwork projects, as well as to the archaeology of mosques in the Levantine region, with a focus on the Early Islamic period regions of Palestine and Transjordan. The other two papers celebrate Donald Whitcomb's contribution and inspiration towards research on a wider chronological and geographical breadth, expanding to both the Early and Middle Islamic periods, as well as to the connections of the Levantine region with Asia.

Keywords

Early Islamic Archaeology, Transjordan, Palestine, Khirbat al-Mafjar, Archaeology of Mosques

Program

1. Katia Cytryn-Silverman (Hebrew University) and Roy Albag (Tel Aviv University), "The Reconstruction of the Mosque of Tiberias"
2. Tawfiq De'adle Hebrew University/Israel Antiquities Authority), "The mosque of Mu'awiya at ʿInnabra, where is the mihrab?"
3. Hamdan Taha and Jihad Yasin (Palestinian Department of Antiquities), "The Joint Palestinian-American Excavation at Khirbet el-Mafjar, Palestine"
4. Mahmud Hawari (Bethlehem University), "Hisham's Palace in Context: An Umayyad water mill and the water management system at Khirbet al-Mafjar hinterland"
5. Ignacio Arce (German Jordanian University), "The Mosque at Qaʿr ʿallʿbʿt: The quest of a new architectural language and building typology for the Umayyad elites"
6. Gideon Avni (Israel Antiquities Authority), "Connectivity over large distances - the Levant and central Asia in the Early Islamic period"
7. Bethany Walker (University of Bonn), "The 13th-century revival of Southern Syria: The Transjordanian and Palestinian Highlands Compared"

Type of paper

Workshop