International Meeting
Helsingin yliopisto – University of Helsinki, Helsinki
September 22nd – 25th, 2014

Writing Neo-Assyrian History: Sources, problems and approaches

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PROGRAMME

Sunday, September 21st
Arrival of the participants

Monday, September 22nd
8.45–9.00 Welcome address

History of research and general questions
9.00–9.50 Grant Frame, History of research on the Neo-Assyrian Empire.
10.40–11.10 Coffee Break
11.10–12.00 Frederick Mario Fales, The composition and structure of the Neo-Assyrian Empire: ethnicity, language and identities.
12.00–12.50 Robert Rollinger, The place of the Neo-Assyrian Empire within world history.
12.50–14.30 Lunch Break
15.20–16.00 Saana Svärd, The Neo-Assyrian Empire and gendered history.
16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

Tuesday, September 23rd
How to deal with the Neo-Assyrian sources

The Neo-Assyrian royal inscriptions
9.00–9.50 Mario Liverani, Neo-Assyrian royal inscriptions as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.
10.40–11.10 Coffee Break
11.10–12.00 Giovanni B. Lanfranchi, The Neo-Assyrian royal inscriptions and the question of historiography.
12.00–12.50 Shigeo Yamada, Chronographic patterns and the sense of chronology in Neo-Assyrian royal inscriptions.
12.50–14.30 Lunch Break
The religious texts
14.30–15.20 Martti Nissinen, Religious texts as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.
15.20–16.00 Simo Parpola, Religious texts and the problem of their redaction process.
16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

The literary texts
16.30–17.10 Simonetta Ponchia, Literary texts as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.

Wednesday, September 24th

The letters
9.00–9.50 Mikko Luukko, Letters as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.
10.40–11.10 Coffee Break

The administrative and legal texts
11.10–12.00 Raija Mattila, Administrative texts as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.
12.00–12.50 Bettina Faist, Legal texts as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.
12.50–14.30 Lunch Break
15.20–16.00 Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum, Legal texts and their “Sitz im Leben”: Text production and bureaucratic contexts.
16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

The treaties
16.30–17.10 Karen Radner, Treaties as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.
19.30 Official Dinner

Thursday, September 25th

Archaeological sources
9.00–9.50 Davide Nadali, Reliefs as a source for Neo-Assyrian history.
9.50–10.40 Janoscha Kreppner, Archaeological remains and Neo-Assyrian history.
10.40–11.10 Coffee Break
11.10–12.00 Maria Grazia Masetti-Rouault, Urban planning and Neo-Assyrian history.
12.00–12.50 Ann C. Gunter, History of art and Neo-Assyrian history.
12.30–13.15 Concluding Remarks
End of the Conference

All talks will be 35 minutes plus 15 minutes of discussion.