

International Meeting  
Helsingin yliopisto – University of Helsinki, Helsinki  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## Writing Neo-Assyrian History: Sources, problems and approaches

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### PROGRAMME

#### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Arrival of the participants

#### Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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*.

9.50–10.40 Ariel Bagg, *The Neo-Assyrian Empire and its chronological and geographical frameworks*.

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*

14.30–15.20 Sebastian Fink, *The Neo-Assyrian Empire and science: Western terminology and Ancient Near Eastern sources*.

15.20–16.00 Saana Svärd, *The Neo-Assyrian Empire and gendered history*.

16.00–16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30–17.20 Jamie Novotny, *Texts, scribes and literary tradition*.

#### Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

##### *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*.

9.50–10.40 Eckart Frahm, *The Neo-Assyrian royal inscriptions as text: History, ideology, and intertextuality*.

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 24<sup>th</sup>**

*The letters*

9.00–9.50 Mikko Luukko, *Letters as a historical source: How to use and to deal with them.*

9.50–10.40 Sanae Ito, *The problem of original letter, draft and copy.*

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*

14.30–15.20 Salvatore Gaspa, *Administrative texts and their “Sitz im Leben”: Text production and bureaucratic contexts.*

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 25<sup>th</sup>**

*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.