

International workshop

# Religious Secularity at Byblos: a Laboratory Synthesising the Materiality of the Eastern Mediterranean in the Middle Bronze Age



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at 9:00 a.m.

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## Programme

**9:00-9:15** Greetings and Opening

**9:15-9:35**

**Michel de Vreeze** (Durham University)

*The Early Bronze Age roots of Byblos' religious economy. Byblos from a regional perspective.*

**9:35-9:45** Question and discussion

**9:45-10:05**

**Marta D'Andrea** (University of Rome "La Sapienza")

*Religious Entanglements between Byblos and Western Palestine in the Early and Middle Bronze Age: Overlooked Proxies for Socio-Political Ties?*

**10:05-10:15** Question and discussion

**10:15-10:35**

**Chiara Pappalardo, Roberta Sanna, Nicola Laneri**  
(University of Catania)

*Knowledge Graphs of Material Religion: Connecting the Data from Byblos*

**10:35-10:45** Question and discussion

**10:45-11:15** Coffee Break

**11:15-11:35**

**Julien Chanteau** (Musée du Louvre)

*Byblos Sacred Space in the Middle Bronze Age*

**11:35-11:45** Question and discussion

**11:45-12:05**

**Lorenzo Nigro** (University of Rome "La Sapienza")

*Temples orientation at Byblos and cultural interaction*

**12:05-12:15** Question and discussion

**12:15-12:35**

**Bianca Eugenia Berti** (University of Rome "La Sapienza")

*The Temple of Ba'alat at Byblos, a stratigraphic update*

**12:35-12:45** Question and discussion

**12:40-14:40** Lunch Break

**14:40-15:00**

**Alexander Ahrens** (Orient Department, German Archaeological Institute)

*Salad Bowl or Melting Pot? Egyptian Imports, Egyptianizing Objects, and the Merging of Material Culture and Cultural Traits at Middle Bronze Age Byblos*

**15:00-15:10** Question and discussion

**15:10-15:30**

**Camilla Saler** (University of Pisa)

*Egyptian and Egyptianizing Objects in the Votive Deposits of Byblos and their Integration into Local Religious and Social Practices*

**15:30-15:40** Question and discussion

**15:40-16:00**

**Amel Bouhafs** (ENiM - ASM UMR 5140, Paul Valéry University, Montpellier)

*"Bi-national deities": Egyptian gods in Byblos? Selection, Appropriation, Translation and Assimilation*

**16:00-16:10** Question and discussion

**16:10-16:30**

**Gianluca Miniaci** (University of Pisa)

*Byblos: A Laboratory for Resheph and the Smiting God Iconography*

**16:30-16:40** Question and discussion

**16:40-17:00** Concluding remarks and closing round table

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