

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE SEMINAR FOR ARABIAN STUDIES
HELD AT
THE MIDDLE EAST CENTRE, CAMBRIDGE
22ND AND 23RD JUNE, 1970

Seminar for Arabian Studies,
31/34 Gordon Square,
London, WC1H 0PY.

1971

SEMINAR FOR ARABIAN STUDIES

C/o Institute of Archaeology,
31/34 Gordon Square,
London, WC1H 0PY.

Steering Committee:

P J Parr, M.A., F.S.A.
Professor R B Serjeant, M.A., Ph.D.
J E Dayton, M.I.C.E.
T C Mitchell, M.A.

During the early part of 1968 a number of workers in the field of ancient Western Asiatic history and civilisation established an informal study group at the Institute of Archaeology to promote the cause of archaeological and historical research in the Arabian Peninsula, a region which seemed, by comparison with the rest of the Middle East, to have been much neglected. A number of meetings of this group were held, both in London and Cambridge, and some account of these activities is to be found in the Bulletin of the Institute of Archaeology, Numbers 8 and 9 (1970), p.243 ff.

The papers presented in this pamphlet were contributed at a two-day Symposium organised by the Arabian Seminar in Cambridge in June 1970. The Symposium was held at the Middle East Centre at the invitation of its Director, Professor R B Serjeant, who also presided at the meeting.

The organisers of the Symposium are grateful to the authors of the papers, to all who attended the meetings, to the staff of the Middle East Centre, and to many other well-wishers, for their efforts and support. It is hoped that more meetings of this nature will be held, and will help to promote the study of Arabia.

The Programme was as follows:

1. A microlithic flint site in the Wadi Rum, Jordan.
Mrs L Copeland and F Hours.
2. The Danish Expedition to the Arabian Gulf.
Professor G Bibby.

3. Hierodules in Ma'in.
Professor M A Ghul.
4. Some recent views on the public institutions of Saba.
Professor J Ryckmans.
5. A visit to the Yemen Republic 1969.
Professor R B Serjeant.
6. The functional significance of the old Southern Arabian "Town".
Professor A F L Beeston.
7. The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea.
G Mathew.
8. The Portugese occupation of the Trucial States.
Miss B de Cardi.
9. The first Sa'udi dynasty and Oman 1795-1818.
M Morsy Abdullah.
10. Recent coin finds in the Arabian Peninsula.
N M Lowick.
11. Film - An Archaeological Survey of the Northern Hejaz.
J E Dayton.
12. A visit to Ras al Khaimah.
Professor Dr W Dostal.

Some of the above papers are printed herein.

CONTENTS

	PAGE
A MICROLITHIC FLINT SITE IN THE WADI RUM, JORDAN, AND A REVIEW OF THE EPI-PALEOLITHIC OF NORTHERN ARABIA by L. Copeland and F. Hours.	7
SOME RECENT VIEWS ON THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF SABA (ANCIENT SOUTH ARABIA. by Jacques Ryckmans.	24
FUNCTIONSL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OLD SOUTH ARABIAN 'TOWN' by A. F. L. Beeston.	26
THE "PERIPLUS OF THE ERYTHREAN SEA" AND SOUTH ARABIA by Gervase Mathew.	29
THE PORTUGUESE OCCUPATION OF THE TRUCIAL STATES (SUMMARY by Beatrice de Cardi.	31
THE FIRST SA'UDI SYNASTY AND OMAN, 1795-1818 by M. Morsy Abdullah.	34
RECENT COIN FINDS IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA by N. M. Lowick.	41

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH

Seminar for Arabian Studies

held at the Oriental Institute,
Oxford

22nd and 23rd September, 1971

Seminar for Arabian Studies
31/34 Gordon Square
London, WC1H 0PY.

1972

SEMINAR FOR ARABIAN STUDIES - 1971 MEETING

A meeting was held at the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford (by kind permission of Mr. Hourani) on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd September, 1971. The papers given were as follows:

* Dr. J. C. Wilkinson (Oxford): Irrigation systems in South East Arabia.

Michael Rice: The Grave complex at Al Hajjar, Bahrain.

G. R. Hawting (S. O. A. S.): The relationship between the Umayyads and the Hedjaz.

Professor A. F. L. Beeston (Oxford): Pliny's Gebbanitae.

* Dr. F. V. Winnett (Toronto): An expedition to Hail.

* Dr. F. Heard (Abu Dhabi): The Gulf states and Oman in transition.

J. E. Dayton (London): Midianite and Edomite Pottery.

Dr. E. C. L. During Caspers (Amsterdam): The Bahrain tumuli.

Professor W. G. Lambert (Birmingham): Nabonidus and Teima.

Dr. B. S. J. Isserlin (Leeds): Hamito-Semitic origins, Arabia and the earliest home of the Semites.

* Professor Dr. W. Dostal (Berne): Field research in North Yemen, 1971.

*These papers were not submitted for publication.
Dr. P. Costa (San'a) sent a paper for inclusion in the Proceedings.

The programme was completed by the Annual General Meeting, and a sherry party was held on the evening of the 22nd September.

CONTENTS

	page
Pliny's Gebbanitae	A. F. L. Beeston 4
The Bahrain Tumuli	Elisabeth C. L. During Caspers 9
Accounts	20
Archaeology in the Yemen 1970-71	P. Costa 21
Hon Secretary's Report 1971-2	24
Midianite and Edomite Pottery	J. E. Dayton 25
Announcements	38
The Umayyads and the Ḥijāz	G. R. Hawting 39
Hamito - Semitic Origins, Arabia, and the Early Home of the Semites	B. S. J. Isserlin 47
Nabonidus in Arabia	W. G. Lambert 53
Inscriptions from JĀR AL-LABBA	A. G. Lundin 65
The Grave Complex at Al Hajjar, Bahrain	Michael Rice 66

Transliteration of Arabic words and phrases is given
according to the manuscript of each author.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH
Seminar for Arabian Studies

held at

the Institute of Archaeology, London
27th and 28th September 1972

SEMINAR FOR ARABIAN STUDIES
31-34 Gordon Square
London WC1H 0PY

1973

SEMINAR FOR ARABIAN STUDIES - 1972 MEETING

A meeting was held at the Institute of Archaeology, London, by kind permission of the Director, on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September, 1972.

The papers given were as follows:

Miss E. Monroe (Oxford): H. St. J. Philby's Contribution to the History of pre-Islamic Arabia.

Dr. G. Bibby (Aarhus): The Al-'Ubaid Culture of Eastern Arabia
(with a contribution on the geological background by
Mr. R. Maby).

Professor A.F.L. Beeston (Oxford): New Light on the Himyarite Calendar.

Dr. E.C.L. During Caspers (Amsterdam): Harappan Trade in the Arabian Gulf.

Professor J. Ryckmans (Louvain): Ritual Meals in the South Arabian Religion.

Dr. M. Ghul (Beirut): Inscriptions in Cursive South Arabian Script.

Miss B. de Cardi (London): Fieldwork in Northern Oman and Ras Al-Khaimah, 1972.

Mr. M. Morton (London): Film - An Expedition to Oman.

Mr. J.E. Dayton (London): Roman Sites in the Northern Hejaz.

Dr. M.A. Shaban (Exeter): Abdullah b. Qays.

Dr. J.C. Wilkinson (Oxford): Arab-Persian Relations in Sasanid Oman.

Mr. A. Williamson (Oxford): The Kingdom of Hormuz and Gulf Trade in the 14th and 15th Centuries A.D.

Professor A.F.L. Beeston and others: A discussion on the Lihyanite Inscription JS 71.

The programme was completed by the Annual General Meeting, and a Sherry Party was held on the evening of 27th September.

CONTENTS

Geoffrey Bibby	The Al-'Ubaid Culture of Eastern Arabia	1
Elisabeth C.L. During Caspers	Harappan Trade in the Arabian Gulf in the Third Millennium B.C.	3
J.E. Dayton	A Roman/Byzantine Site in the Hejaz	21
A.G. Lundin	Le régime citadin de l'Arabie du Sud aux II ^e -III ^e siècles de notre ère	26
Elizabeth Monroe	Arabia. St John Philby's Contribution to Pre-Islamic Studies	29
Jacques Ryckmans	Ritual Meals in the Ancient South Arabian Religion	36
	Hon. Secretary's Report, 1972-73	39
J.C. Wilkinson	Arab-Persian Land Relationships in Late Sasānid Oman	40
Andrew Williamson	Hurmuz and the Trade of the Gulf in the 14th and 15th Centuries A.D.	52
	The Inscription Jaussen-Savignac 71	69
	Accounts	73
	Announcements	74

Transliteration of Arabic words and phrases is given
according to the manuscript of each author.