

Deserts and Drylands in Ancient Literature and Archaeology

Convener, Dr. Haim Goldfus, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

Tuesday, Nov. 18 11:00-12:30 Classroom 2

Chair: Dr. Haim Goldfus, Ben-Gurion University

Mr. Yonathan Yogev, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, "*The Ambivalent Attitude of Biblical Scribes towards the Desert.*"

Dr. Atar Livneh, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, "*The Wanderings in the Wilderness According to Pseudo-Philo.*"

Mr. Eli Cohen-Sasson, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, "*Trails and People: Selecting a Route in the Desert.*"

Dr. Davida Eisenberg-Degen, IAA, Israel, "*The people that came and went: Har Michia, resources and landscape, an archaeological approach.*"

Prof. Mark Sheridan, Pontificio Ateneo S. Anselmo, "*The Role of the Desert in Early Egyptian Monasticism and Christian Hagiography.*"

Dr. Jacob Ashkenazi, Kinneret College, Israel, "*Monasticism in Arid and Semi-Arid Landscapes in Late Antiquity: Between Holiness and Economy.*"

Tuesday, Nov. 18 17:00-18:30 Classroom 2

Chair: Dr. Peter Fabian, Ben-Gurion University

Ms. Karni Golan, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, "*What a Relief – Stone Architectural Decorations in the Byzantine Negev.*"

Prof. Michael Lecker, The Hebrew University, Israel, "*Tribal Towns in the Arabian Peninsula.*"

Dr. Yifat Thareani, Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology, Hebrew Union College, Israel, "*The Negev in Imperial Eyes: A Frontier between Image and Reality.*"

Prof. Michal Biran, The Hebrew University, Israel, "*Cities in the Steppe Drylands: The Case of Qara Qorum, Capital of the United Mongol Empire.*"

Prof. Gideon Shelach-Lavi, The Hebrew University, Israel, "*The Long Wall(s) of China: An Ecological or Cultural Marker of the Borders Between the Agricultural Region and the Dry Lands.*"