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**THE PARTHIAN–SASANIAN EMPIRES AT THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER:
 ARCHAEOLOGY OF PRESENCE, INFLUENCE, AND INTERACTION
 IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA**

28-29 May 2026

Venue: Institut d'Art et d'Archéologie, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne,
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Pre-registration is required (Contact: apps2026conference@gmail.com)

Thursday 28 May 2026

Time	Speaker	Subject
14:00-14:10	Parsa Ghasemi (J&S Centre, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University & ArScAn–OrAM)	Opening session
14:10-14:20	Gaëlle Tallet (Professor of Archaeology, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University)	Welcome Address by the Director of the Jaussen & Savignac Centre for Archaeological Research
14:20-14:50	Leonardo Gregoratti (University of Udine, Ph.D.)	The Parthian/Characenic Thalassocracy In the Persian Gulf: What's new?
Q&A		
15:00-15:30	Bruno Overlaet (Former Head and Curator, Royal Museums of Art and History, Brussels)	From wine sets to armament: cultural identity in Mleiha's funerary deposits
Q&A		
15:40-16:10	Afternoon tea & coffee break	
16:10-16:40	Paul A. Yule (retired Professor, Heidelberg University)	The interface between the Parthians and the southeastern Arabian indigenous populations
Q&A		
16:50-17:20	Caroline Durand (J&S Centre, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University & ArScAn–OrAM)	Contacts between Mesopotamia and Northwest Arabia during the Parthian-Sasanian period: insights from the ceramics discovered at Hegra
Q&A		

Friday 29 May 2026

Time	Speaker	Subject
09:30-10:00	Parsa Ghasemi	Sasanian Rule in the Arabian Peninsula: Direct and Indirect Modes of Control in the Historical and Archaeological Record
Q&A		
10:10-10:40	Julie Bonnéric (CEFREPA, CNRS)	Late Sasanian or Early Islamic? Reassessing the Foundation of Monasteries in Beth Qatraye
Q&A		
10:50-11:20	Jean-François Breton (UMR 7041 ArScAn–OrAM)	Parthian-Sasanian material culture in Southern Arabia
Q&A		
11:30-11:50	Break	
11:50-12:20	Marjan Mashkour, Karyne Debue, Azadeh Mohaseb (CNRS & MNHN), Homa Fathi (UTehran), Mark Jonathan Beech (NHM, Abu Dhabi), Wim Van Neer (RBINS Brussels; KU Leuven), Michel Mouton (CNRS, CEFREPA) and Seth Priestmann (ISAC-UChicago)	Animal remains from Late Pre-Islamic, Parthian–Sasanian contexts in the Arabian Peninsula. Local or Global?
Q&A		
12:30-12:50	All speakers	Concluding Roundtable Between Absence and Evidence: The Archaeology of the Partho-Sasanian Southern Frontier

