

## International Conference on 'The World of Herods and Nabataeans' (British Museum London, 17-19/4/2001)

A unique international conference was held at the British Museum from 17-19 April 2001 on Herodian and Nabataean history, archaeology and art. It was organised by Drs Nikos Kokkinos, Konstantinos Politis and Mr Sam Moorhead. The conference was supported by the HSNES along with the Palestine Exploration Fund (London), the Kress Foundation and the Karim Sa'id Foundation (London). It is planned that the conference proceedings be published by Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart, and edited by N. Kokkinos and K. D. Politis. To place a pre-publication order [contact us](#).

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The conference programme was as follows:

### 17 April – The World of the Herods

Welcome by Robert Anderson, the Director of the British Museum  
Introduction: Overview of the Herodian World: Fergus Millar (Oxford)

#### Session 1 - Chair: Martin Goodman (Oxford)

Josephus as Historian of the Herods: Tessa Rajak (Reading)  
The Royal Court of the Herods: Nikos Kokkinos (London)

#### Session 2 – Chair: Jonathan Price (Tel Aviv)

Inscriptions and the History of the Herods: Rudolf Haensch (Cologne)

Coins of the Herodian Dynasty: The State of Research: Alla Kushnir -Stein (Tel Aviv)

#### Session 3 – Chair: Gideon Foerster (Jerusalem)

Herodian Building Projects and the Romanisation of Judaea: Yoram Tsafir (Jerusalem)

Architecture of Herod the Great: Duane Roller (Ohio)

The Jerusalem Temple of Herod the Great: David Jacobson

(London)

#### Session 4 – Chair: Amélie Kuhrt (London)

Public and Private Decorative Art during the Reign of Herod the Great: Sarah Japp (Berlin)

The Warren Cup: Dyfri Williams and Susan Walker (London))

### 18 April - The World of the Nabataeans

Welcome by John Curtis, Keeper of the Department of the Ancient Near East (London)

Short Addresses by Sam Moorhead (London) and Konstantinos Politis (Athens)

#### Session 1 – Chair: Konstantinos Politis (Athens)

Petra Discovered, Petra Depicted, 1812-1847: Norman Lewis (Oxford) and Bryony Llewellyn (Newmarket)

The Nabataeans in History - Before CE 106: Robert Wenning (Bonn)

- Session 2** – Chair: Konstantinos Politis (Athens)  
 Nabataean Inscriptions: Language and Script: John Healey (Manchester)  
 Nabataean Religion: John Bartlett (Dublin)
- Session 3** – Chair: Judith McKenzie (Oxford)  
 Nabataean Monumental Architecture Laurent Tholbecq (Louvain)  
 Nabataean Dwellings: Domestic Architecture and Interior Decoration: Bernard Kolb (Basel)  
 A Herodian-style Garden and Pool-Complex at Petra: Origins and Meaning Leigh-Ann Bedal (Philadelphia)  
 Nabataean Art between East and West: Joseph Patrich (Haifa)
- Session 4** – Chair: St. John Simpson (London)  
 The Nabataeans under Roman Rule - After CE 106: David Graf (Miami)  
 Nabataean Cultural Continuity into the Byzantine Period: Konstantinos Politis (Athens)  
 Special viewing of Cleopatra: from History to Myth

### **19 April - The World of the Herods and the Nabataeans**

- Session 1** – Chair: Israel Roll (Tel Aviv)  
 The Agrarian Economy in the Herodian Period: Shimon Dar (Ramat-Gan)  
 Funerary Practices in Judaea during the Times of the Herods: Rachel Hachlili (Haifa)
- Session 2** – Chair: Sean Freyne (Dublin)  
 Ossuaries of the Herodian Period: Tal Ilan (Jerusalem)  
 Papyri of the Herodian Period: Hanah Cotton (Jerusalem)
- Session 3** – Chair: Joseph Sievers (Rome)  
 Greeks and Romans on the Herods: David Braund (Exeter)  
 Jewish Sources on the Herods: Daniel Schwartz (Jerusalem)  
 Christian Sources on the Herods: William Horbury (Cambridge)
- Session 4** – Chair: Nikos Kokkinos (London)  
 The Formation of the Herodian Army Hasmonaean Tradition and Roman Influence: Israel Shatzman (Jerusalem)
- Session 1** – Chair: Jonathan Tubb (London)  
 Textiles of the Graeco-Roman Period from the Dead Sea Region: Hero Granger-Taylor (London)  
 The Nabataeans as Pastoral Nomads: An Archaeological Perspective: Steven Rosen (Beersheva)
- Session 2** – Chair: Jonathan Tubb (London)  
 Nabataean Water Supply, Irrigation and Agriculture: John Oleson (Victoria)  
 The Trade of Aromatics in Nabataea and Judaea: Fawzi Zayadine (Amman)
- Session 3** – Chair: Judith McKenzie (Oxford)  
 The Urban Growth of Petra: Peter Parr (London)  
 The Date of the al-Khasneh at Petra: A New Approach: Karl Schmitt-Korte (Frankfurt)

Cultural and Heritage Management at Petra: Zaki Aslan  
(Amman)

- Session 1** – Chair: Konstantinos Politis (Athens)  
Nabataean Pottery: Stephan Schmid (Athens)
- Session 2** – Chair: Konstantinos Politis (Athens)  
Conservation of the Textiles and Leather from Khirbet Qazone,  
Jordan: From Excavation to Display: Pippa Cruikshank, Anna  
Harrison and John Fields (London)
- Session 3** – Chair: Sam Moorhead (London)  
Demonstration of Herodian Coins: Andrew Burnett (London)  
Demonstration of Nabataean Coins: Andrew Meadows (London)  
Monetary Interchange in Nabataean Petra: Julian Bowsher  
(London)
- Session 4** – Chair: Andrew Burnett (London)  
A Group of 120 Clay Bullae from Petra with Titles of the City:  
Haim Gitler (Jerusalem)  
Demonstration of Nabataean Pottery Making: James Mason (Isle  
of Wight)  
**Conclusion:** Final Remarks on Nabataeans: Glen Bowersock  
(Princeton)