



# Local and Regional Perspectives on Nomads in the Biblical World

June 13th, 2022 | 13:45-19:45

Gilman Building 458, Tel Aviv University

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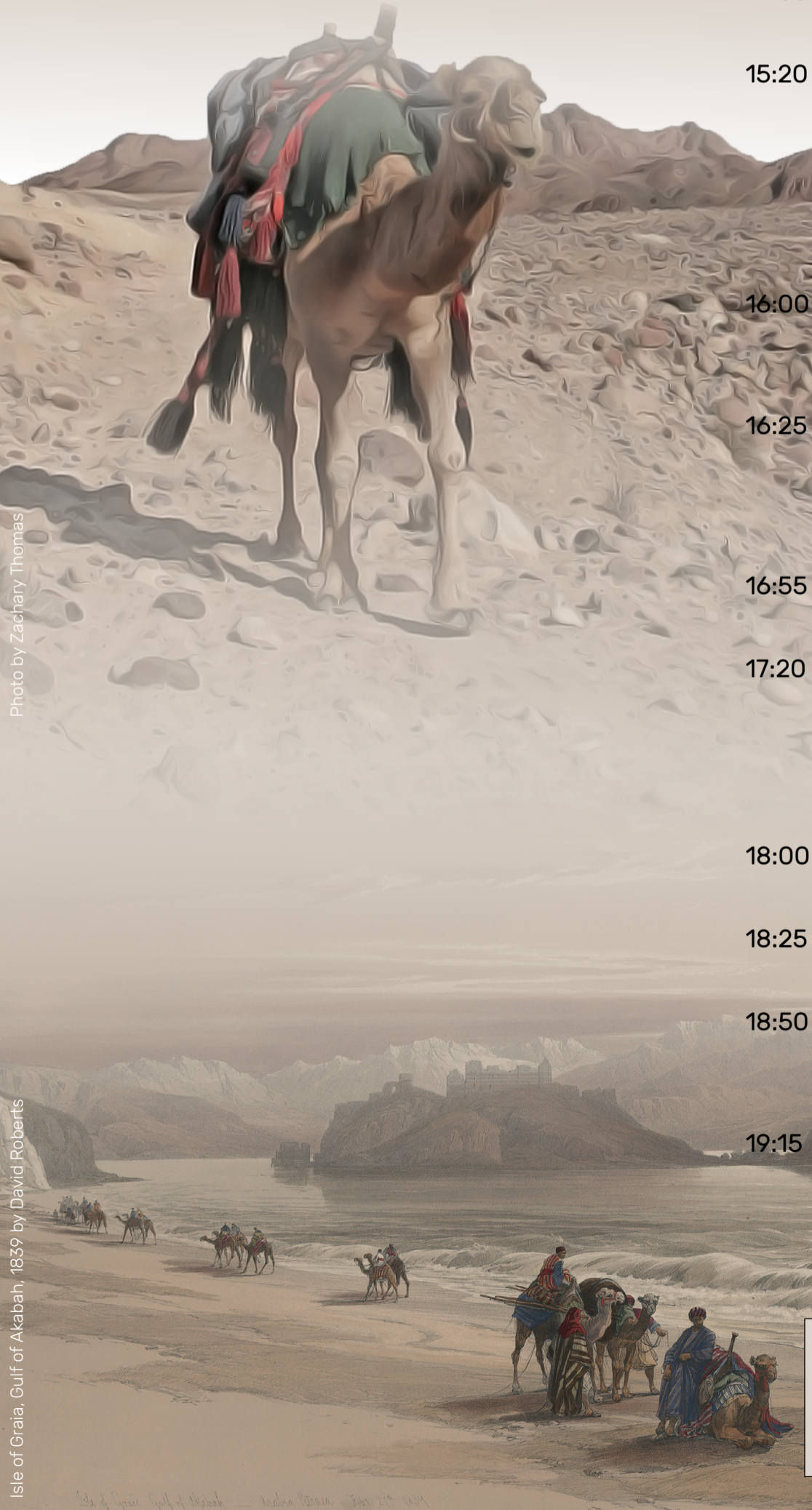


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Isle of Graia, Gulf of Akabah, 1839 by David Roberts

13:45 **Gathering and Refreshments**

14:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Prof. Rachel Gali Cinamon** | Dean

The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities,  
Tel Aviv University

**Prof. Youval Rotman** | Chair

The Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies and Archaeology,  
Tel Aviv University

14:10 **Introduction: Putting Nomads of the Biblical World in Perspective**

**Dr. Zachary Thomas and Prof. Erez Ben-Yosef** |

Tel Aviv University

## **Session 1 Nomads and Tribes in the Modern Middle East**

14:30 The Middle East in the 21st Century – the Return of the Tribe

**Prof. Eyal Zisser** | Vice-Rector, Tel Aviv University

14:55 Nomads in the 19th Century: Power Games

**Dr. Eveline van der Steen** | Independent Scholar (via Zoom)

15:20 Tribes and State Builders: The Case of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**Prof. Yoav Alon** | Tel Aviv University

## **Session 2 Nomads and Society in the Ancient Near East**

16:00 Nomads and Nomadic Polities in the Nilotic World

**Dr. Julien Cooper** | Research Centre for History & Culture, United International College & Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai (China)

16:25 This Mortal Coil: The Impact of Nomadic Societies on the Political Scene of Mesopotamia in the Amorite Age

**Dr. Yigal Bloch** | Bible Lands Museum

**Prof. Nathan Wasserman** | Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:55 Nomads, Non-State Actors, and Seafaring Cultures

**Prof. Louise Hitchcock** | University of Melbourne

17:20 Issues in the Historical Geography and Ethnolinguistic

Composition of Upper Mesopotamia in the 13th-9th centuries BCE

**Prof. Ran Zadok** | Tel Aviv University

## **Session 3 Nomads in the Unfolding Biblical World**

18:00 Remembering the Copper Trade—Biblical Archives and Oral Traditions

**Prof. William Schniedewind** | University of California, Los Angeles

18:25 Early Edomite Identity and Resource Control

**Prof. Aren Maeir** | Bar-Ilan University

18:50 Revealing Iron Age Nomadic Pastoralists Through Faunal Isotopic Approaches in the Greater Hesi Region

**Ms. Kara Larson** | University of Michigan (via Zoom)

19:15 Rethinking Cultic Complexity without Monumentality: Sacrifice, Sacred Space, and Priestly Ritual Texts in the Hebrew Bible

**Prof. Jonathan Greer** | Grand Rapids Theological Seminary (via Zoom)



The organizers are planning an overnight trip to the biblical copper mining region of the Timna Valley on the 15th-16th of June. Those interested are asked to contact:

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