



**WORLD
ARCHAEOLOGY
SEMINAR**

Every Friday from 16.00-17.00
Institute Lecture Room
In-person unless otherwise stated

Archaeology around the world from all regions and periods.

- Week 1, 24 January:** Tingting Wang (University of Oxford)
Life along the Silk Road: Isotopic Insights from the Yingpan Cemetery, Xinjiang, China
- Week 2, 31 January:** Narmin Ismayilova (University of Oxford)
Early Bronze Age Mortuary Landscape in the Caucasus: Life and death in Kura-Araxes Culture communities
- Week 3, 3 February:** Chiara Gasparini (University of Oregon)
Tuyuhun-Tibetan textiles and metalworks from Qinghai (preliminary topic)
- Week 3: 3 February** 17:30–19:30 at Leonard Wolfson Auditorium, Wolfson College
Kay Prag: Excavations at Iktanu in the South Jordan Valley, Jordan (details see poster)
- Week 3: 7 February:** Ruiliang Liu (Oxford and British Museum)
Highly Radiogenic Lead: Are We Witnessing the End of an Era or the Spark of a New Debate for Chinese Bronze Age archaeology?
- Week 4: 14 February:** Güneş Duru (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, İstanbul)
Central Anatolian Neolithic: Tracing the Emergence of Early Sedentary Communities
- Week 5: 21 February:** Edward Allen (Fudan University), **online 2pm**
Shimao from the Loess Outwards: Agropastoralism, Technology, Genetics
- Week 6: 28 February:** Pavlo Shydlovskiy (Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv), **online**
Mastering the Landscape in Upper Palaeolithic: Spatial patterns of Mezhyrichian
- Week 7: 7 March:** Jonathan Lim (University of Arkansas)
“Do-it-yourself” DEM’s: Making your own elevation models for remote, data-sparse study regions in the Global South using satellite imagery
- Week 8: 14 March:** Martin Michette (University of Oxford)
Cultural & natural heritage/Petra and other sites



Online Lectures Links

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Life along the Silk Road: Isotopic Insights from the Yingpan Cemetery, Xinjiang, China

Dr Tingting Wang
(*University of Oxford*)

Friday 24 January 2025



The Yingpan cemetery, situated in the Lop Nur region of Xinjiang, China, is believed to be capital of the Shan Kingdom during the Han (202 BC–220 AD) to Jin Dynasty (266–420 AD). As an important city along the Silk Road, Yingpan provides a unique lens to explore cultural and economic exchanges that shaped this Trans-Eurasian network. This talk presents findings from a comprehensive isotopic investigation of plants, animals, and humans recovered from the site. The analysis uncovers key aspects of life in this dynamic period, including agricultural management strategies, childhood nursing practices, seasonal dietary patterns, migration behaviours and cultural interactions. The results of this research are interesting given the enormous impact that the Silk Road had on the grave goods and burial practices at Yingpan, and it provides new information about the way in which this Trans-Eurasian network of globalisation operated during the 1st to the 4th centuries AD.

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SPECIAL LECTURE &
BOOK LAUNCH

17:30-19:30

Leonard Wolfson Auditorium,
Wolfson College

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Iktanu: the impact of change during sixty years of excavation and post-excavation of a 3rd millennium site in Jordan

Dr Kay Prag

Friday 3 February 2025

(Please see the [CBRL webpage](#) to register/rsvp)



"Iktanu (Zoar?, Bethharam/n?) is a large double site in the southeast Jordan Valley which was occupied during the late fourth/ early third, the late third, and the first millennia BC, with long periods of abandonment. Excavation was concerned with archaeological assemblages and chronology, and the complex evidence for the establishment, abandonment, nature, scale, and wider relationships of settlement in each period, from small agro-pastoral village, to a larger scale, possibly transhumant population, to a Persian period fort, in a hinterland impacted by the convergence of diverse geological and geographical zones.

The lecture (and the volume) discuss the results of four seasons of excavation, starting in 1966 and ending in 1990, and the subsequent research."