

Crises in Ancient Highland Societies. Workshop March 7–9, 2024, University of Koblenz

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SPP 2176 The Iranian Highlands. Resiliencies and Integration in Premodern Societies

Thursday, March 7

18:30 Keynote lecture Matthew Reilly (New York)
Of crisis and catastrophe: archaeology's resiliency myth
followed by a reception

Friday, March 8

10:15 – 10:30		Welcome and introduction
Crises seen from the <i>longue durée</i>		
10:30 – 11:00		Martin Kehl (Koblenz) Natural hazards as environmental risk factors for premodern societies of the Iranian Highlands
11:00 – 11:30		Zahra Kouzehgari (Lyon) Warfare and social structures in the Iranian Highlands during the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45 – 12:15		Thomas Stöllner (Bochum) Metal and crisis: crisis phenomena in the production, distribution and utilisation of raw materials between the 4th and the late 2nd millennium BCE in West Asia
12:15 – 12:40	Lunch Break	
Reactions to crisis – structural and historical		
14:00 – 14:30		Moslem Mishmastnehi and Reinhard Bernbeck (Berlin) Iranian Seistan: a risk factor turned into a resource
14:30 – 15:00		Felix Riede (Aarhus) The climate of (pre)history – climate, crises, and eventful prehistory
15:00 – 15:30		Michael Brown (Heidelberg) Is this burning an eternal flame? Political crises and dynastic cults in Southwest Asia during early antiquity
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:30		Judith Thomalsky (Berlin) No risk, no neolithisation
16:30 – 17:00		Zohreh Zehbari (Marburg) Dehqāed's natural crisis and the challenge of flooding
17:00 – 17:30		Discussion
19:00	Dinner Addacio, Firmungsstr. 2, 56068 Koblenz	

Saturday, March 9

Perceptions of crises, past and present

10:00 – 10:30		Reinhard Bernbeck, Jana Eger, Susan Pollock (Berlin) Foreseeing crisis? Scales and perspective in two highland societies
10:30 – 11:00		Kristina A. Franke (Bochum) On the edge of crises – a view on crises via archaeometry
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:00		Barbara Hausmair (Innsbruck) Archaeologies of crises from an intersectional perspective
12:00 – 12:30		Sepideh Maziar (Frankfurt/Main) Are archaeologists crisis-philic? Exploring the nexus of climate change and migration
12:30		Final discussion and goodbye snacks