

"Reading" Ancient Landscapes

The workshop is about our three-year-long, DFG-funded project "TERRSOC: 'Reading' ancient landscapes". In cooperation with our partners from Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University, the present project focuses on the social backdrop of peasant decision-making in a deep-time perspective in historical Palestine by adopting a "bottom - up" approach, examining this process in rural societies in their immediate context, and evaluating the processes of intensification and abatement of local fields. In this context, several terraces throughout Israel are being analyzed and sampled while one particular site is being excavated. In April 2023, the cooperation partners excavated for a first time at Khirbet Beit Loya, and among other topics, the first results of the excavation will be presented and discussed. Two further excavation season will happen in the next two years. This workshop is a good opportunity to get to know more about this project and its people.

Workshop schedule

Time	Topic
10:00 - 10:30	Introduction of project members
10:30 - 12:30	Preliminary results of the Beit Loya 2023 season
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch break
1:30 - 4:30	TERRSOC meeting (with coffee breaks)
2:30	1st coffee break
3:30	2nd coffee break
4:30	Closing and dinner in the city

1st TERRSOC Workshop

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About us

The Islamic Archaeology Research Unit of the University of Bonn is part of the Department of Islamic Studies in the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies. Its focus is the archaeological study of Islamic societies and societies under Muslim hegemony, from the 7th century CE until the end of WWI. Our library and lab, with its study collection of ceramics, metal objects, lithics, and glass, have strengths in the Early Islamic (Umayyad/Abbasid), Middle Islamic (Mamluk), and Ottoman periods, particularly in Jordan. It is the research arm of the MA and PhD programs in Islamic Archaeology at the University of Bonn and welcomes visiting scholars from other institutions.

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