

**The Agricultural Origins of Urbanization: ‘Intensification’ in Late
Prehistoric Western Eurasia and Beyond
18 – 20 March 2016**

Final Programme

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, University of Oxford

FRIDAY 18 MARCH

15.00 – 16.45 ***Arrival and registration***
16.45 – 17.00 ***Welcome***

Keynote lecture

17.00 – 18.00 Paul Halstead, University of Sheffield
*Feeding farm, village and city in ancient Greece: intensification,
extensification and mobilisation*

18.00 – 20.00 **Reception**

SATURDAY 19 MARCH

9.00 – 9.30 Amy Bogaard
Overview of the AGRICURB project

Session I – The Aegean

Chaired by Irene Lemos, University of Oxford

9.30 – 10.00 Todd Whitelaw, University College London
*The nature, development and sustainability of urban communities in the
prehistoric southern Aegean*

10.00 – 10.30 Valasia Isaakidou, Erika Nitsch & Petra Vaiglova, University of Oxford
AGRICURB results: Southern Greece

10.30 – 11.00 ***Coffee break and poster session***

11.00 – 11.30 Stelios Andreou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
*Alternative paths to urbanization in the Aegean: small-scale societies and the
landscapes of settlement in Neolithic and Bronze Age Macedonia*

11.30 – 12.00 Erika Nitsch & Petra Vaiglova, University of Oxford
AGRICURB results: Northern Greece

12.00 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 ***Lunch and poster session***

Session II – Northern Mesopotamia and Central Anatolia

Chaired by Jacob Dahl, University of Oxford

- 13.30 – 14.00** Augusta McMahon, University of Cambridge
The challenges of early urbanism: excavations at 4th millennium BC Tell Brak, northeast Syria
- 14.00 – 14.30** Amy Styring, Laura Green & Charlotte Diffey, University of Oxford
AGRICURB results: Northern Mesopotamia
- 14.30 – 15.00** ***Coffee break and poster session***
- 15.00 – 15.30** Ulf Schoop, University of Edinburgh
From Çatalhöyük to Hattuşa: Settlement complexity and settlement simplicity in Anatolian prehistory.
- 15.30 – 16.00** Elizabeth Stroud, Petra Vaiglova, Laura Green & Charlotte Diffey, University of Oxford
AGRICURB results: Central Anatolia
- 16.00 – 16.30** Discussion
- 16.30 – 17.00** ***Coffee and poster session***

Keynote lecture

Chaired by Lisa Bendall, University of Oxford

- 17.00 – 18.00** Eleni Hatzaki, University of Cincinnati
Fluidity and stasis in the cityscape of Late Bronze Age Knossos
- 18.00 – 20.00** **Reception**

SUNDAY 20 MARCH

Session III – Beyond Western Eurasia

Chaired by Peter Mitchell, University of Oxford

- 9.00 – 9.30** Kevin MacDonald, University College London
Notes on proto-urbanism, urbanism and subsistence in arid west Africa (c. 2000 BC - AD 1800)
- 9.30 – 10.00** Cameron Petrie, University of Cambridge
Feeding Indus urbanism: adapting to variable environments in ancient South Asia
- 10.00 – 10.30** Margareta Tengberg, National Museum of Natural History, Paris
The role played by urbanised societies of the Middle East in the emergence of agriculture in Bronze Age Arabia
- 10.30 – 11.00** ***Coffee break and poster session***

- 11.00 – 11.30** Dorian Fuller, University College London
Agricultural diversification and intensification in the rise of monsoon riverine civilizations: a comparative archaeobotanical perspective on the Indus, Ganges, Yangtze and Yellow river prehistories
- 11.30 – 12.00** Jed Kaplan, University of Lausanne
Quantifying the intensification of land use in prehistoric Eurasia
- 12.00 – 12.30** Discussion
- 12.30 – 13.30** ***Lunch and poster session***
- Session IV – Central Europe**
Chaired by Barry Cunliffe, University of Oxford
- 13.30 – 14.00** Rüdiger Krause, Goethe Universität Frankfurt
Centralisation and concentration processes at the transition of the Bronze Age to the earlier Iron Age in Central Europe
- 14.00 – 14.30** Manuel Fernández-Götz, University of Edinburgh
Framing early urbanization in central Europe: the Fürstensitze phenomenon revisited
- 14.30 – 15.00** ***Coffee break and poster session***
- 15.00 – 15.30** Amy Styring, University of Oxford
AGRICURB results: Southwest Germany
- 15.30 – 16.00** Discussion
- 16.00 – 16.15** ***Coffee and poster session***
- 16.15 – 16.45** Amy Bogaard
AGRICURB comparative summary
- 16.45 – 17.30** ***Final discussion***
Chaired by Jason Ur, Harvard University