



ALI-ASGHAR PAYRAVI symposia and publications at UC Irvine Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture

Mr. Payravi was an enthusiast and lover of ancient Iranian history who collected and read many books on ancient Iran. Previously, the Payravi Family provided two graduate fellowships for foreign students interested in pursuing ancient Iranian history at UC Irvine.

Through the generosity of the late Mr.

Ali-Asghar Payravi and his family the Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies at the University of California, Irvine will host a conference and subsequent publications which will cover five periods in Iranian history: The Iranian Plateau and its Histories, Achaemenid; Hellenistic; Arsacid; and Sasanian Empires. The fifth conference is organized by Professor Touraj Daryaee, Director of Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies & Culture at University of California, Irvine, Professor Robert Rollinger of the Institute für Alte Geschichte und Altorientalistik at the University of Innsbruck, and Professor Matthew Canepa, Elahe Omidyar Mir-Djalali Presidential Chair in Art History and Archaeology of Ancient Iran at University of California, Irvine.



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FIFTH PAYRAVI CONFERENCE

Contextualizing Iranian History

The

Sasanians

(ca. 224-650 CE) – Aspects – Tendencies – Trajectories

Convened by Touraj Daryaee, Robert Rollinger, and Matthew Canepa

UC Irvine, Jordan Center for Persian Studies & Culture
March 27-28, 2023 | HG 1030

■ MARCH 27TH ■

9:45-10:00 Welcoming & Introductory Remarks
Robert Rollinger (*University of Innsbruck and Wrocław*) &
Touraj Daryaee (*UC Irvine*)

10:00-12:00 Panel I. Art & Archeology of the Sasanian Empire

Chair: Layah Bigdeli (*UC Irvine*)

Landscape Archaeology of Northern Mesopotamia in the Sasanian Period

Jason Ur (*Harvard University*)

The Legacy of Sasanian Visual Culture in the Early Islamic Period

Alexander Brey (*Wellesley College*)

A Palace for the Christian God: Shared Architectural Vocabulary between Christians and the Sasanian Aristocracy

Johnathan W Hardy (*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*)

The Archaeology of a Shared Borderland: The Sasanians and Rome in Mesopotamia

Rocco Palermo (*University of Pisa*)

12:00-2:00 LUNCH BREAK

2:00-4:00pm Panel II. Economy & Cities of the Empire

Chair: Alka Patel (*UC Irvine*)

The Formation of the Empire - Reflections on Ardašīr-Xwarrah and Bīšāpūr

Anahita Mittertrainer (*Museum Fünf Kontinente, Munich*) (zoom)

The Maritime Silk Roads in Sasanian times

Christoph Schäfer (*Trier University*)

The Sasanians, their Imperial Economy, and the Changes in the Structure of Afro-Eurasian Long-Distance Trade in the Third and Fourth Centuries CE

Kai Ruffing (*University of Kassel*)

Nine Kabiz of Barley and 15 Bales of Lucerne: What Microhistories Contribute to the Study of Economy and Society in the Late Antique Iranian World

Mark K. Gradoni (*UC Irvine*)

■ MARCH 28TH ■

9:30-12:30 Panel III. Rome, Egypt, Caucasus and the East
Chair: Robert Rollinger (*University of Innsbruck and Wrocław*)

The Sasanians and Egypt: A papyrological perspective

Bernhard Palme (*University of Vienna*)

The Spaces and Spectacles of Sasanian Hegemony in Armenian Representations of Conflict and Cooperation

Arnold Alahverdian (*UC Irvine*)

Georgia, Albania, and the Sasanians

Steve Rapp (*Sam Houston State University*)

The Sasanian conquest of the Kušānšahr

Stefan Härtel (*Freie Universität Berlin*) (zoom)

The Sasanian Empire and the Caucasus: Aspects of Relations between Empire and Borderland

Clemens Steinwender (*University of Innsbruck*)

From Peroz to Firouz: The Sasanian Grand Strategy between Kushanshahr and Byzantium, 488-663 CE
Khodadad RezaKhani (*Leiden University*)

12:30-2:00 LUNCH BREAK

2:00-4:00 Panel IV. The King and Religions of the Empire

Chair: Touraj Daryaee (*UC Irvine*)

Christian Other in the Sasanian Empire

Ani Honarchian (*St. Louise University*)

Empire of the Zoroastrians: Entanglement of Religions in Sasanian Iran

Shervin Farridnejad (*University of Hamburg*)

The Royal Body and the Sasanian monarchy

Henning Börm (*University of Rostock*) (Zoom)

King Narseh and the Paikuli Monument

Carlo G. Cereti (*UC Irvine & Sapienza, University of Rome*)

4:00-4:15 COFFEE BREAK

4:15-4:30pm Concluding Remarks
Matthew Canepa (*UC Irvine*)