

International Conference on the Economy and Society of Pre-Islamic Arabia
December 12-15, 2005

This conference is jointly organized by the German Orient Institute in Beirut and the American University of Beirut with the cooperation of the General Organization of Antiquities and Museums of the Republic of Yemen. It aims at presenting and at debating in a scholarly forum the epigraphic and archaeological evidence related to the economy and society of Pre-Islamic Arabia.

Contributions will focus on the following topics

Languages and scripts
Natural resources, agriculture and irrigation
Settlement patterns and urban structure
Economic institutions and transactions
Trade and trade institutions
Social Structure
Political and administrative organization
Religion and religious institutions.

The Organizing Committee is inviting scholars in the field of Pre-Islamic Arabian studies to cover all the topics listed above.

The Organizing Committee would like to invite you to speak on:

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and would be glad if you could confirm your participation within a period of two weeks. The Organizing Committee is of course open to any suggestion regarding the final title of your contribution and leaves it to you to focus on any specific issue you deem interesting within the general suggested topic.

If you agree to participate, you will be kindly asked to send the final title and a short abstract of your paper (200 words) before the end of April 2005.

English will be the conference language. Papers should be 20 minutes long and will be followed by a 10 minute discussion. The proceedings of the conference will be published in *Beiruter Texte und Studien*, a series of the German Orient Institute in Beirut.

The Conference will take place in the premises of the American University of Beirut and will cover round trip ticket, accommodation, and meals.

All the mail related to the conference should be sent to the following address:

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The following email address will be available for all queries regarding issues related to the conference.

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Awaiting your answer which we hope positive, we remain available for any further information.

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