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70th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale

From Cradle to Grave. Everyday Life in the Ancient Near East

Second Circular

The Institute of Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Charles University, and the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences are pleased to invite you to the 70th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, to be held in Prague from 7-11 July 2025.

Submission for Paper and Poster Abstracts

The submission for **paper and poster abstracts** (maximum 300 words) **will open on 1 January** and will close on **15 February 2025**. In addition to sessions aligned with the main conference theme, specialized workshops will focus on various aspects of Near Eastern cultures. For detailed descriptions of the individual workshops and contact information for the respective organizers, please visit the 70th RAI website.

All applicants will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their submissions by **1 March 2025**.

List of approved workshops (<https://rai70.ff.cuni.cz/program.php>):

- 01 City and Country in the Geography of Late Bronze Age Anatolia
- 02 E.L.A.M.: Elamite Languages, Arts and Material Cultures
- 03 Everyday Life in the Ur III Period
- 04 Botanical Heritage: The Role of Plants in Mesopotamian Daily Life
- 05 Letters – Beyond Editions
- 06 Redefining Social Complexity in the Late 4th millennium BC
- 07 Current Research on Mesopotamian Magic
- 08 Upper Mesopotamia in the 2nd and 1st Millennia BC: New Research and Perspectives
- 09 The Forgotten City of Kish: Local Perspectives
- 10 “Kings Born to Be Wild”: Current Research on Sumerian Royal Panegyrics

- 11 100 Years of Nuzi: A Workshop Celebrating a Century of Discovery
- 12 Writing the Dawn of the Anthropocene
- 13 Society, Geography, and Chronology through Prosopography
- 14 Mesopotamia in Jordan
- 15 Divination and Daily Life
- 16 Daily Mathematical Life in Mesopotamia
- 17 Local Power and Urban Institutions in Ancient Western Asia during the 2nd Millennium BCE
- 18 Everyday Life in the Late Babylonian Period
- 19 Intertextuality in Cuneiform Literature and Beyond
- 20 Cultural Memory in the Ancient Near East
- 21 Religion and Economy in Ancient Mesopotamia
- 22 Archaeology of Texts
- 23 Akkadian Linguistics
- 24 Daily Life in Uruk in the First Millennium BCE

Presentation Policy

Each participant may present only one talk during the conference. However, it is possible to be listed as a non-presenting co-author on additional talks.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Keynote Speakers

We are delighted to announce that **Manuel Molina Martos** (CSIC Madrid), **Marc Van De Mierop** (Columbia University, New York) and **Shana Zaia** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) will join us as keynote speakers at the 70th RAI.

Remote Attendance

The 70th RAI will primarily be an in-person conference. However, we are committed to making key parts of the event accessible to those unable to attend in person. A free live stream of the opening session and all keynote talks will be provided. Further details regarding remote access will be shared closer to the event.

Registration

Registration opens on **1 March 2025** with an early bird rate available until 15 April 2025. Regular rates apply from **16 April to 15 May 2025**, and late registration will be open from **16 May to 15 June 2025**. Please note that accepted speakers must complete their registration by 15 May 2025, as late registration is not available for presenters.

Members of the International Association for Assyriology (IAA) and students enrolled in BA, MA, or PhD programs are eligible for discounted registration fees.

Registration Fees

Category	1 March – 15 April	16 April – 15 May	16 May – 15 June
IAA Member	€140	€180	€200
IAA Student	€70	€80	€100
Regular (non-IAA)	€170	€210	€230
Student (non-IAA)	€80	€90	€110
Accompanying person	€90	€130	€150

Registration fees include: access to all lectures, coffee breaks, and a reception.

Book sellers and publishers are invited to participate by reserving book tables for a fee of **€100 per book table** in addition to registration (as IAA member or Regular non-IAA member, depending on their status). Book tables will be located in the main corridors of the conference venue, ensuring high visibility and significant foot traffic from participants.

Website and contact information

Conference website: <https://rai70.ff.cuni.cz>

Organizing committee contact: rai70@ff.cuni.cz

We look forward to welcoming you in Prague and celebrating the 70th RAI together!

Best regards,

The Organizing Committee