



The Times They Are a-Changin': West Asia in Transition from Middle to Late Bronze Age

International Workshop

Friday, March 13, 2026

Zoom link: <https://univr.zoom.us/j/89976542245>

- 14:30 *Greetings*
Federico Giusfredi (University of Verona)
- 14:40 *Introduction*
Fiammetta Gori (Ludwig-Maximilians-University, München)
- Chair: *Simonetta Ponchia*
- 15:00 **Annunziata Rositani (University of Messina)**
Tell Mohammad and the Collapse of the Old Babylonian Kingdom: Rethinking Old Interpretations in Light of New Evidence
- 15:45 *Coffee Break*
- Chair: *Federico Giusfredi*
- 16:15 **Gojko Barjamovic (Yale University)**
Before Assyria
- 16:45 Felix Höflmayer & Susan L. Cohen (Austrian Archaeological Institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences & Montana State University)
The "expulsion of the Hyksos": debunking a fraught historical narrative
- 19:30 *Conference Dinner*

Saturday, March 14, 2026

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- Chair: *Alvise Matessi*
- 9:30 **Luca Peyronel (University of Milan)**
Material Culture and Figurative Communication during the Second Millennium BCE in Anatolia and the Northern Levant
- 10:15 Simon Zsolt (University of Barcelona)
Why Huzziya? On the Origins of the Hittite Kingdom
- 10:45 *Coffee Break*
- Chair: *Luigi Turri*
- 11:15 Federico Giusfredi (University of Verona)
On King Anitta: an exercise in critical historiography
- 11:45 Gonca Dardeniz (Istanbul University)
Continuity Amidst Collapse? Rethinking Regional Dynamics in 16th century BCE Southcentral Anatolia
- 12:15 *Lunch*
- Chair: *Fiammetta Gori*
- 14:30 **Yoram Cohen (Tel Aviv University)**
What Remained of Amorite Traditions and Institutions in LBA Syria and the Levant?
- 15:15 Alvise Matessi & Giacomo Casucci (University of Pavia)
The Middle to Late Bronze Age transition in the Southern Anatolian Plateau: New Evidence from Türkmen-Karahöyük
- 15:45 *Round Table* (Discussant: Fiammetta Gori)

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