

Revised program

Cultural Evolution during the Middle-to-Upper Paleolithic Transition in the Levant and Surrounding Regions

11th (Wed) March

This is an open invitation (if it suits your travel schedule)

Reception commemorating Prof. Nishiaki's completion of full professorship at The University of Tokyo

Time: 17:00–18:30

Venue: Fukutake Hall, Learning Studio (B2F) in The University of Tokyo Hongo Campus

12th (Thu) March Workshop Day 1

10:30 Yoshihiro Nishiaki — Introduction

11:00 Kohei Tamura — Current developments and challenges in quantitative approaches on linking area studies and macroscopic comparative research

Southern Levant

11:30 Maya Oron — Lithic variability, mobility, and territorial behavior in the Late Middle Paleolithic: A view from the northeastern Negev

12:00 **Lunch**

14:00 Seiji Kadowaki — Re-investigations of late Middle Paleolithic remains at Tor Faraj and Tor Sabiha, southern Jordan

14:30 Masato Hirose — Paleolithic investigation in the western Hisma Basin: renewed excavations at Tor Sabiha and its Middle Paleolithic faunal records

15:00 Zeljko Rezek — Multicentric emergence of the Initial Upper Paleolithic in the Levant

15:30 **Break**

16:00 Exhibition of MP and UP artifacts collected by Japanese expeditions in the Levant

Free time

18:00 Dinner

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13th (Fri) March Workshop Day 2

Southern Levant

10:30 Maayan Shemer — Carinated typology in the Levantine Upper Paleolithic and its potential value for lithic comparative analyses

Northern Levant, Caucasus, Iran

11:00 Ismail Baykara — Behavioral characteristics during the late Middle Palaeolithic in the northern Levant from Üçağızlı II Cave, Hatay, Türkiye

11:30 Derya Silibolatlaz — Spatial analysis of the Late Middle Paleolithic layers of Uçağızlı II Cave (Hatay): Site-use patterns in light of zooarchaeological data

12:00 **Lunch**

13:30 Elham Ghasidian — Cultural and population dynamics during the Late Middle to Early Upper Palaeolithic: Regional variability across the Iranian Plateau

14:00 Saman H. Guran — Middle to Upper Palaeolithic transition in the Bawa Yawan Rockshelter, Kermanshah region, West Central Zagros Mountains

14:30 **Break**

European perspective

15:00 Armando Falcucci — Rethinking the Levantine-European connection: A quantitative perspective on the onset of the Mediterranean Upper Paleolithic

15:30 Gilbert Tostevin — Propriospic and the Knapper: the mathematics of individuals in MP-UP lithic assemblages

16:00 Discussion

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14th (Sat) March Public lecture

Zeljko Rezek — Biological and behavioral evolution of early *Homo sapiens* in northern Africa: New excavations and data from Morocco and Egypt

Time: 14:00–15:30

Venue: JP Tower Museum INTERMEDIATEQUE, Lecture room ACADEMIA

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