Reconsidering the Role of Nomads in Ancient Israel and Its World

June 17th, 2021 | 15:00-20:00
Live on Zoom, Physical Location to Be Announced

15:30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Prof. Oded Lipschits | Director of the Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University

Session 1 - New Archaeological Research on Ancient Nomadic Society and Its Context
15:40 The Archaeology of Nomads in the Aravah: A New Paradigm for the Place of Nomads in the World of Ancient Israel
Prof. Erez Ben-Yosef | Tel Aviv University
16:00 Purple-Dyed Textiles from Timna: Long-Distance Trade in a Nomadic Society
Dr. Naama Sukenik | Israel Antiquities Authority
16:20 Imported Pottery from the Hejaz
Mr. William Ondricek | Tel Aviv University

10 min break

Session 2 - Biblical and Historical Perspectives on Nomads in the Biblical World
16:50 Keynote: Nomads in Ancient Israel from the Perspective of the Kingdom of Mari
Prof. Daniel Bodi | University of Paris
17:30 Who Was Ishmael and Who Were the Ishmaelites?
Prof. Yairah Amit | Tel Aviv University
17:50 Nomads in the Early Islamic Empire
Prof. Gideon Avni | Israel Antiquities Authority / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

10 min break

Session 3 - Methodological Reflections on Nomads in the Biblical World
18:20 The Agency of “Invisible Peoples” in the Ancient Southern Levant
Prof. Oystein LaBianca | Andrews University
18:40 Respondent: Nomads and the Population of Ancient Israel
Prof. Avraham Faust | Bar-Ilan University
19:00 Concluding Remarks
Dr. Zachary Thomas and Prof. Erez Ben-Yosef
Tel Aviv University

19:15-20:45 Open discussion among presenters