

The 2nd Berkeley Workshop on Middle Persian Documents and Sealings

October 10-11, 2024

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All sessions are online on Zoom. Registration is necessary: [click here to register](#)

First Day: Thursday, Oct 10, 2024

Starts at 14:00 GMT, 15:00 BST (UK time), 7:00am PDT/PST

Time GMT	Time PST	Presentation
14:00–14:15h	7:00–7:15am	Adam Benkato & Arash Zeini <i>Introduction and welcome</i>
14:15–15:00h	7:15–8:00am	Nima Asefi (University of Hamburg), Mohammad Reza Nemati (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research) & Esmail Sharahi (Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism of Markazi Province): <i>Hastijan Cave and Newly Found Middle Persian Documents and Bullae: Report on Recently Found Documents and Excavation Results</i>
15:00–15:45h	8:00–8:45am	Alireza Askeri Chaverdi (Shiraz University) & Aleksander Engeskaug (SOAS): <i>Middle Persian Ostraca from Sarvestān, Fārs: Archaeological Context and Preliminary Readings</i>
15:45–16:30h	8:45–9:30am	Tommy Benfey (University of Tübingen): <i>The Middle Persian and Arabic Ostraca from Chāl Tarkhān- 'Eshqābād: An Introduction to the Corpus</i>
		<i>break</i>
16:45–17:30h	9:45–10:30am	Hossein Sheikh (University of Isfahan): <i>The Inheritance of a Childless Man: A New Approach to Document 28 from Tabaristan</i>
17:30h–18:15h	10:30–11:15am	Iu Libin (Osaka University): <i>Study of Officers in Tabarestan Documents and Chinese Historical Sources on Tabarestan</i>
		<i>break</i>
18:30–19:15h	11:30–12:15pm	Martin Schwartz (University of California, Berkeley): <i>Pahlavi xarg, etc.: The History of an Economic Term</i>
19:15h–20:00h	12:15–1:00pm	Carlo G. Cereti (University of California, Irvine): <i>Some Notes on the Development of the Middle Persian Cursive Script</i>

Second Day: Friday, Oct 11, 2024

Starts at 15:45 GMT, 16:45 BST (UK time), 8:45am PDT/PST

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15:45–16:30h	8:45–9:30am	Adam Benkato (University of California, Berkeley): <i>Signing and Sealing in the Middle Persian Documents</i>
16:30–17:15h	9:30–10:15am	Alice Ziegler (University of California, Berkeley): <i>The Edward Gans Collection and its Relevance to Sasanian Glyptics</i>
	<i>break</i>	
17:30–18:15h	10:30–11:15am	Olivia Ramble (Oxford University): <i>Village buns in the Middle Persian Documents from the late- and post-Sasanian Periods</i>
18:15–19:00h	11:15–12:00pm	Arash Zeini (Oxford University): <i>On bun and xwēdōdah in the Pahlavi Documents</i>
19:00–19:45h	12:00–12:45pm	May Shaddel (Aga Khan University London): <i>A New Look at Khusraw I's Fiscal Reforms: Or, Why Historians of the Sasanian Empire Need to Know about Arabic Papyrology</i>