



Middle Persian ostracon dealing with bread rations from Chāl Ṭarkhān-Eshqābād, photograph courtesy of ISAC Museum, Chicago

# Land and Power in the Sasanian Empire

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**Friday, October 25, 2024**

9:00 Welcome and introduction

**Panel 1 (9:15–11:15): Landowning and Landholding**

Chair: Becca GROSE (St Andrew's)

Discussant: Sebastian SCHMIDT-HOFNER (Tübingen)

Alireza SHAHMOHAMMADPOUR (Iranian Research Institute of Cultural Heritage and Tourism), *Architectural Evidence for Religious Control over Land in Sasanian Society*

Nima JAMALI (Chicago), *Establishing Titles: What is Land and How to Own One in the Sasanian Empire*

Olivia RAMBLE (Oxford), *Non-human legal entities, landownership and land management in Sasanian Iran*

11:15 Coffee break

**Panel 2 (11:30–13:30): Networks**

Chair: Dominik DELP (Tübingen)

Discussant: Hugh KENNEDY (SOAS)

Sarvenaz PARSA (Konstanz), *Fire Temples, Land, and Power: Economic Schemes for Funding and Upkeep of Fire Temples*

Aleksander ENGESKAUG (SOAS), *Where did crops go after harvest? Agricultural production for the market, state granaries and the village bun in the Sasanian empire*

Anahita MITTERTRAINER (Museum Fünf Kontinente, Munich), *Urban Hubs in an Agrarian Empire: Re-evaluating the Role of Cities in Early Sasanian Economic and Political Structures*

13:30 Lunch

**Panel 3 (14:30–16:30): Landed Estates**

Chair: Anna SITZ (Tübingen)

Discussant: Federico MONTINARO (Tübingen)

Nima ASEFI (Hamburg), *New Information on the Governor's Estates, Gardening, and the Shipment of Agricultural Products to Yazdānābestān: An Examination of Three Pahlavi Documents from Hastijan*

Alexander TAMM (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), *Gird-i Qalrakh – An archaeological view on daily life in an early Sasanian manor house*

Stefan HAUSER (Konstanz), *Dynamics of Development and Transformations of Ownership in Southern Fars: The dastgerd phenomenon*

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 Closing discussion