



Classical Antiquity and its Heritage

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New Research in Late Antique Archaeology

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The Caliph as a Late Antique Sovereign: Pre-Islamic Iconographic Motifs in Umayyad Visual Culture (7th/8th century)

The Umayyads, Islam's first dynasty (CE 661-750), were a global player at the crossroads: On the threshold between Antiquity and the Middle Ages, they ruled a vast empire which reached from Spain in the West to the Indus and the border of China in the East. The extent of their empire is reflected in their visual culture: Characteristic is the appropriation and juxtaposition of iconographic motifs from both the Greco-Roman-Byzantine Mediterranean and the Sasanian East. This lecture will focus on the appropriation of pre-Islamic motifs in Umayyad visual culture from a global perspective.

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Colchis after the Golden Fleece. Preliminary Results of the First Season of Excavations at Machkhomeri – Western Georgia

This paper will present the preliminary results of a newly established fieldwork project at Machkhomeri (western Georgia) conducted by the speaker in collaboration with the Georgian Museum (Rezo Papuashvili) and Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Davit Naskidashvili). The 2019 excavations, which ended in August, have brought to light a late antique/early medieval multi-burial chamber and an exceptional number of Greek inscriptions and carved gravestones. National

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