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On the Edge of Empires

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"On the Edge of Empires" explores the mixed culture of North Mesopotamia in the Roman period. This volatile region at the eastern edge of the Roman world became the theater of confrontation for multiple political entities: Rome, Parthia, Sasanian Persia. Roman presence is only barely recognizable through military installations – fortified cities, barracks, military camps – and yet these fascinating lands tell a story of frontier people and soldiers, of trade despite war, and daily life between the Empires. This book combines archaeological and historical, literary and environmental evidence in order to explore this important borderland between east and west.

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Guest speakers are Dr Lidewijde de Jong, archaeologist of the Near East in the Roman period (University of Groningen); and Dr Lucinda Dirven, lecturer in Ancient History (University of Amsterdam).

19 March 2019, 15:00-17:00 hrs

National Museum of Antiquities (RMO, Leiden): Leemanszaal

Program:

- 15:00 Welcome
- 15:10 "Past, Present, and Future in the Archaeology of North Mesopotamia", Lidewijde de Jong
- 15:20 Short lecture, Lucinda Dirven
- 15:30 "Landscape, Cities, and Empires on the Border: Rome in Mesopotamia", Rocco Palermo
- 16:00 Drinks

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