



Detailed representation of Nabonidus.

Large photo: Jebel Quwaydiyat outside of Thaj.

# ANCIENT ARABIA SYMPOSIUM 14-12-2016

## Crossroads Arabia: Perspectives on cultural exchange between pre-Islamic Arabia and the outside world

Recent archaeological and epigraphic missions to the Arabian Peninsula have revealed far-reaching cultural interactions between its inhabitants and the great civilizations of the Fertile Crescent. This workshop will gather prominent scholars on the epigraphy and archaeology of Arabia to put into perspective these interactions in an attempt to better integrate Arabia into the history of the Ancient Near East. Talks will focus on South Arabia, the Central Arabia 'Arab tribes', and the great oases of North Arabian, Taymā' and Dadān.

Featuring lectures by:

- Caroline Waerzeggers (Leiden University)
- George Hatke (University of Vienna)
- Michael Macdonald (Oxford University)
- Alessia Priolella (CNRS)
- Fokelien Kootstra (Leiden University)

Ahmad Al-Jallad will also present the results of the first season of the Leiden-CNRS-SCTH *Thaj Archaeological Project*, the excavation of the largest pre-Islamic site in eastern Arabia.

Registration and attendance are free.

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### Crossroads Arabia Symposium

14 December 2016,  
10.00-15.00 hrs

Leiden University Library,  
Heinsius Room

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