



# Poles in the Near East

Archaeological conference

2022

**For the sixth time we invite you to participate in the archaeological conference "Poles in the Near East". This year's edition, like last year's, will be held on-line. It will take place from 8th to 10th June.**

The conference is co-organized by the Polish Centre for Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw, and the Department of Oriental Archaeology, Faculty of Archaeology, University of Warsaw.

The conference, which was from the onset a revue of Polish archaeological research in South-West Asia, and neighboring regions, gained a new, more international dimension last year when it was held online, with most papers presented in English. This way, for results could reach a larger audience within the international scholarly community. Therefore, we are staying with the online option and encourage all speakers to present in English.

We invite you to present topics related to archaeological research, conservation work and the protection and promotion of cultural heritage in an area stretching from Cyprus to Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Persian Gulf.

Many expeditions have had a chance to return to fieldwork in 2021 and we look forward to a large portion of new data. We encourage you to submit proposals for papers by both Polish researchers and scientists from abroad collaborating with Polish projects. The invitation is also extended to researchers whose scientific activities are not directly related to field projects, who can present a synthetic view of research issues in the areas mentioned above.

As before, we propose two types of presentations: a paper (20 minutes) and a communiqué (10 minutes - instead of a poster session). Accepted presentations will be grouped into thematic sessions.

A special panel on marbles is planned for this year's conference: "Marble use, trade and distribution in the Eastern Mediterranean during Late Antiquity". Its organizers invite all interested parties to send their applications in English (details below).

Articles based on conference presentations may be submitted for publication in the journal "Polish Archaeology in the Mediterranean".



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## **Panel: Marble use, trade and distribution in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Late Antiquity**

Organizers: Dr Mariusz Gwiazda (PCMA UW) and Dr Dagmara Wielgosz-Rondolino (FA UW)

The main goal of the panel is to determine the importance of marble use in the eastern parts of the Late Antique Mediterranean world (4th–7th century AD), with special focus on the Levant. In the ancient world “marble” was a much broader term denoting not only metamorphic but also sedimentary and magmatic rocks. This precious sculptural and building material did not occur naturally everywhere, so it had to be imported, sometimes even from very distant areas of the Mediterranean world. Several crucial questions are therefore connected to the use of marble in Late Antiquity. The most evident is why it was being imported? Then, what were the mechanisms of distribution, what was the character of orders (private or imperial), and what was the nature of the places of display (public, e.g., baths, or private, e.g., residential buildings). Eventually, one should ask about the impact of the large-scale building activity (churches) in the eastern Mediterranean in Late Antiquity on the import, or local production, of specific marble items such as liturgical equipment and architectural details. Although marble was one of the most expensive building materials in Antiquity, the issue of its use between the 4th and 7th century is still largely unrecognized. Filling this research gap is important for understanding the significance of this material and trading it in Late Antiquity.

Geographical scope of the panel:

- Levant, Asia Minor, Balkans, Egypt, Cyrenaica, and Cyprus.

Themes of the panel:

- new discoveries,
- archaeometric provenance studies,
- social dimension,
- distribution of marble and marble artefacts.

Papers from this panel will be published in 2023 as a special thematic fascicle of the journal “Polish Archaeology in the Mediterranean” vol. 32/1.



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## Conference: *Poles in the Near East 2022*

Please send your submission via Google form: <https://forms.gle/L1SkX2HgyTuz26py5>

The organizing committee will notify the speaker about the acceptance of paper and attribution to session by April 1st, 2022.

Each submission must include:

- title of the paper;
- information on the language of the paper;
- information about the corresponding author, including his/her e-mail address;
- name, surname, academic degree and affiliation of each of the authors;
- abstract (up to 1500 characters with spaces);
- keywords: 4–8 terms that will help to group the papers into sessions.

Date:

8th–10th June, 2020

Contact:

[konferencja.PnBW@uw.edu.pl](mailto:konferencja.PnBW@uw.edu.pl)

Place:

on-line (technical details  
in the next circular)

About the conference:

Previous programs, abstracts, circulars  
on PCMA UW website ([link](#))

Length of presentations:

Presentation: 20 minutes  
Communiqué: 10 minutes

Organizing committee:

Coordinator: Agnieszka Szymczak (PCMA UW)  
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Submission deadline:

15th March, 2022

Acceptance deadline:

1st April 2022