

# Ancient West Asian Seals and Sealings

Ongoing Projects, Current Research, Digital Perspectives



International conference organized by the BMBF-project  
**Annotated Corpus of West Asian Imagery: Cylinder Seals**  
(ACAWAI-CS) at Freie Universität Berlin

**Conference Venue:** Fachbereich Geschichts- und  
Kulturwissenschaften der FU Berlin, Fabeckstr. 23-25 (Holzlaube), Room -1.2009  
For more information and updates visit: <http://acawai.org/conference>

SPONSORED BY THE



Federal Ministry  
of Education  
and Research



## Monday, July 24, 2023: Ongoing Projects

- 14:00 **Elisa Roßberger** (FU Berlin): Welcome
- 14:05 **Elisa Roßberger, Anna Kurmangaliev & M. Andrea Valsecchi Gillmeister:**  
Three years of work on the 'Annotated Corpus of Ancient West Asian Imagery: Cylinder Seals'
- 14:45 **Christoph Uehlinger** (Universität Zürich): Stamp Seals from the Southern Levant: A progress report five months before closure—and thinking ahead
- 15:15 **Ariane Thomas** (Louvre Paris): A review and prospects on the Louvre's ancient Near Eastern glyptic collection
- 15:45 *Coffee break*
- 16:15 **Agnete Lassen & Elizabeth Knott** (Yale Babylonian Collection; presenting online):  
Update on Seal Digitization Efforts at the Yale Babylonian Collection
- 16:45 **Laurie Pearce** (UC Berkeley) & **Ron Wallenfels** (New York University; both presenting online):  
1) Achieving text and image integration: HBTIN and AUWE 19 2.o; 2) On the reuse of seals in the Hellenistic Near East
- 17:15 **Jacob Dahl** (Oxford; presenting online): Recent advances in the capture, storage, and dissemination of images and metadata of cylinder seals in the CDLI
- 17:30 *Coffee break*
- 17:45 **Oya Topçuoğlu** (Northwestern University Chicago; presenting online):  
Going once, going twice, sold! The online market in Mesopotamian cylinder seals
- 18:15 **Katrien de Graef** (Ghent University): Personal seals and sealing persons. Identifying seals, their owners and users on Old Babylonian Sippar tablets
- 19:00 *Dinner*

## Tuesday, July 25, 2023: Current Research

- 09:00 **Clélia Paladre** (Louvre Paris):  
Revisiting the Proto-Elamite phenomenon and its glyptic productions
- 09:30 **Adelheid Otto** (LMU München): More fragments of officialdom from Fara: The 2022 sealings from the Early Dynastic II 'Seal Pit'
- 10:00 **Rudi Mayr** (New York):  
Servant seals of the Akkadian and Neo-Sumerian periods: Typology and terminology

- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Zena Awad** (LMU München): The representation of the figure of the 'Suppliant Goddess' on Syrian cylinder seals in the second millennium B.C.: A new perspective
- 11:30 **Zsombor Földi** (LMU München): Seal inscriptions written on clay tablets: Drafts or something else?
- 12:00 **Elena Devecchi** (University of Turin): Sharing seals in Kassite Babylonia: Some case-studies
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 14:00 **Diana Stein** (Birkbeck London): Mittanian glyptic by any other name
- 14:30 **Marta Luciani** (Universität Wien): The Nuzi bullae collection at the Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East: Report on current research
- 14:45 **Ruben Davtyan** (Universität Halle): Mitanni Seals in South Caucasus: Image and Context
- 15:00 **Nedal Haj Darwich** (London): Hybrid beings in the glyptic of Syria, Upper Mesopotamia and Assyria in the Late Bronze Age
- 15:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:00 **Dominik Bonatz** (FU Berlin): The Imagery of Middle Assyrian Seals: A Semiotic Approach
- 16:30 **Zoltan Niederreiter** (ELTE Budapest): A Particular Group of Neo-Assyrian Cylinder Seals
- 17:00 **Tiffany Ftaimi** (Universität Heidelberg):  
Insights into Heaven: Deities and Ritual Scenes in the Iron Age
- 17:30 **Vanessa Boschloos** (Ghent University): Levantine and Egyptian stamp seals in Byblos: current research
- 19:00 *Dinner*

## Wednesday, July 26, 2023: Digital Perspectives

- 09:00 **Albert Dietz** (LMU München): Is Old School still the Best School? Analysing Picture Elements in Western Asian Seal Research the Traditional Way
- 09:30 **Alessandro di Ludovico & Sergio Camiz** (Rome):  
Attempt to Optimise Information through Quantitative Study of a Small Glyptic Dataset
- 10:00 **Silvana di Paolo** (CNR Rome):  
Image Recognition Tools and Seals: Seeking Knowledge and Meaning
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Yvonne Helmholtz** (FU Berlin): Sealing Practices in Archaic Uruk: 3-D-Modeling of a Broken Context
- 11:30 **Hubert Mara** (Universität Halle): 3D Forensic for Seal Imprints and Clay Tablets
- 12:00 **Martina Trognitz** (ÖAW Wien): Links everywhere: Linked Open Data for Aegean seals with Wikidata
- 12:30 *Round table discussion and lunch.*
- 14:00 *Conference ends.*

