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# Waters from the Margin

*Strategies of Water Management in Dry  
Regions and Marshy Environments in the  
Ancient Near East*

Venerdì 18 novembre: ore 9.30-19  
Odeion, Museo dei Gessi,  
Facoltà di Lettere  
Sapienza Università di Roma

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## Programma:

**9.30-10.00:** Saluti delle autorità e introduzione al convegno:

**E. Janulardo** (Referente Settore Archeologia MAECI DGSP-VI),  
*Per un'archeologia del moderno*

**L. Mori** (Sapienza Università di Roma), *Watering the dry regions of the ancient Near East: an introduction*

**SESSION 1: STRUGGLING AGAINST THE SEA: THE MARSHES OF LOWER MESOPOTAMIA** (CHAIR: M. LIVERANI)

**10.00-10.30 - Francis Joannès** (Sorbonne, Université de Paris I),  
*La navigation fluviale en Mésopotamie néo-babylonienne*

**10.30-11.00 Ariel Bagg** (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg),  
*The unconquerable country: the marshlands of lower Mesopotamia from the Assyrian sources*

**11.00-11.15** - Coffee break

**11.15-11.45 - Davide Nadali** (Roma Sapienza), *“Once there was the sea”. The case of Tell Surghul/Nigin in the ancient State of Lagash*

**11.45-12.15 - Angela Greco** (Roma Sapienza) - *The taming of wilderness: Marshes as an economical resource in the III millennium Mesopotamia*

**12.15-12.45 - Lorenzo Verderame** (Roma Sapienza), *Waterscapes of ancient Sumer: marshes and lagoons in literary and administrative sources*

**12.45-13.15 - Franco D'Agostino** (Roma Sapienza) - *Water for Life, Water for Culture. The Marshlands today*

**13.15-15.00** - Lunch break

**SESSION 2: FLOWING UNDER: THE TECHNOLOGY OF CANALS, TUNNELS AND QANAT IN THE NEAR EAST AND SURROUNDING REGIONS** (CHAIR: M. FRANGIPANE)

**15.00-15.30 - Frederick Mario Fales** (Università di Udine), *From Sargon to Sennacherib: wondrous waterworks abroad and at home*

**15.30-16.00 - Daniele Morandi Bonacossi** (Università di Udine),  
*Irrigating the Assyrian countryside. New evidences from the Iraqi Kurdistan*

**16.00-16.30 - Massimo Vidale** (Università di Padova) *Irrigation in ancient Iran and the role of the qanat technology*

**16.30-17.00 - Mauro Cremaschi - Andrea Zerboni** (Università di Milano) - **Michele Degli Esposti** (Università di Pisa), *The qanat/falaj (underground channels) of the Arabian Peninsula: the case study of the Salut plain (Sultanate of Oman)*

**17.00-17.15** - Coffee break

**SESSION 3: WATERING THE DRY LANDS: THE EXPLOITATION OF SPRINGS, MARSHES, LAKES AND WELLS IN ANCIENT SYRIA** (CHAIR: A. VANZETTI)

**17.15-17.45 - Maria Giovanna Biga** (Roma Sapienza), *Wells, rivers, lakes in the region around Ebla (Syria XXIV cent. BC.)*

**17.45-18.15 - Francesca Baffi** (Università del Salento), *Tell Tuqan: sulle rive di un lago*

**18.15-18.45 - Marco Bonechi** (Istituto di Studi sul Mediterraneo Antico, CNR) – **Luca Peyronel** (IULM, Milano), *Syrian Steppe and Amorite Hydraulics, Between Mari and Ebla: An Integrated Archaeological and Philological Perspective.*