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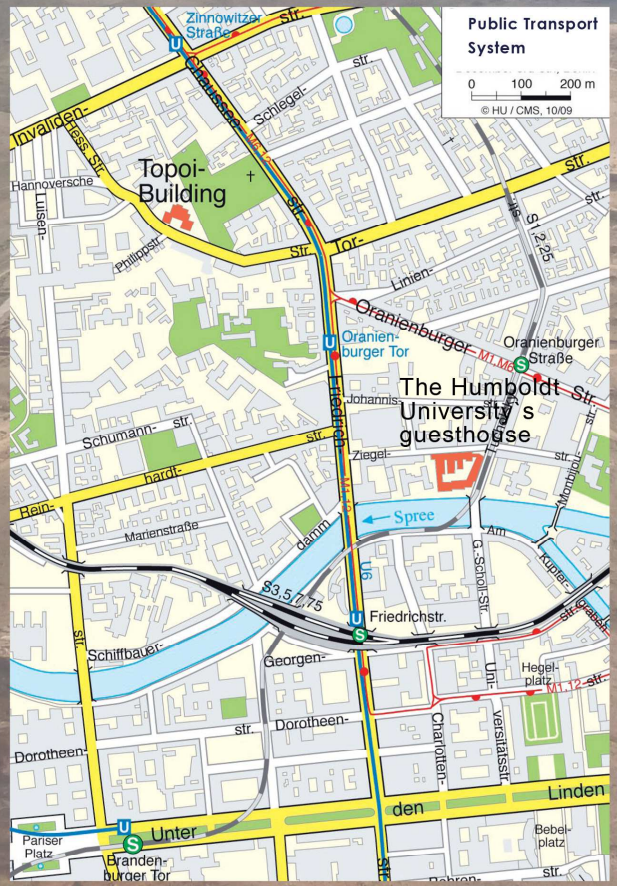

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Colloquium

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INTRODUCTION

From 2009 to 2011 a German-French research program, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) has made possible a series of projects in the enlarged frame of the "early" Nabataean settlement at Petra and in its surroundings.
The conference aims at bringing together people directly involved in the above mentioned research program with colleagues from abroad working on similar topics for a scientific exchange. Contributions shall deal directly and indirectly with the earliest traces of Nabataean presence in the Petra area, all over fields of research and across different genres (landscape archaeology, material culture, structures, texts etc.). Positive as well as negative results shall be presented and discussed, questions related to continuity and discontinuity, methodical and practical problems and others more

PROGRAM

The provisional time schedule is based on a 50 min unit for each paper (including 40 min for the paper and 10 min individual discussion) followed by a discussion of each session lead by the chair.

Friday, December 2nd:

15:30 Welcome address and introduction

16:00 L. GORGERAT (Basel):
- Feiern mit den Toten. Der Aslah-Komplex in Petra

16:50 C. DURAND (Lyon), L. THOLBECQ (Bruxelles):
- An early Nabataean gathering place on the Jabal Numayr: The first occupation phases of the 'Obodas Chapel' sanctuary

17:40 M. DEHNER (Berlin):
- Kontinuität oder Wandel in der Nutzung der Bankettträume des Soldatengrab-Komplexes

18:30 R. WENNING (Münster):
- Some thoughts on the early history of the Nabataeans and Petra

Saturday, December 3rd:

09:00 P. BIENKOWSKI (Manchester):
- The Iron Age in Petra and the issue of continuity with Nabataean occupation

09:50 U. HÜBNER (Kiel):
- Edomiter in der Region von Petra

10:40 S. ALCOCK (Rhode Island):
- Early Petra in a landscape framework

11:30 L. THOLBECQ (Bruxelles):
- The settlement of Petra's hinterland: The Jabal Shara survey into perspective

12:20 Break

14:20 Ch. HATTÉ (Paris):
- Early agricultural terraces around Petra

15:10 P. KOUKI (Helsinki):
- The intensification of the Nabataean agriculture in the Petra area in the first century AD

16:00 B. BECKERS (Berlin):
- On the chronology of Petra´s engineered landscape. Optical luminescence and radiocarbon dates from the terraced wadis of the Petra region

16:50 Break

17:40 J. F. SALIÈGE, C. GAUTHIER, Ch. HATTÉ, A. ZAZZO (Paris)
- Radiocarbon dating of early Petra: Interest and limits

18:30 M. MOUTON, F. RENEL (Paris)
- The early settlement in the urban centre of Petra

19:20 Y. GERBER (Basel) , Ch. SCHNEIDER (Basel), S. HOFFMANN (Berlin):
- Frühe Funde aus Petra

Sunday, December 4th:

09:00 Ch. AUGÉ (Amman)
- Coin-circulation in early Petra: A reassessment

09:50 L. NEHMÉ (Paris)
- The installation of tribal groups in Petra. Tracks of research based on epigraphic and archaeological material

10:40 T. KABS (Berlin):
- An attempt at dating the block monuments of Petra

11:30 M. MOUTON (Paris)
- Dating the monolithic funerary monuments

12:20 Break

14:20 L. WADESON (Oxford/Amman):
- The development of funerary architecture at Petra

15:10 S. G. SCHMID (Berlin):
- Foucault and the Nabataeans, or what space has to do with it

16:00 Break

16:50 W. KENNEDY (Berlin):
- The hills have eyes: GIS-based studies on a possible watchtower on Umm al-Biyara

17:40 R. WENNING (Münster):
- Theaterberg und Obeliskenberg: Survey in Petra

18:30 V. VAELSKE (Berlin):
- Chronologische und topographische Entwicklung der Verehrung ägyptischer Gottheiten in Petra