Aramaean Borders
Defining Aramaean Territories in the 10th – 8th Centuries BCE

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Conference Program

Friday, April 22

9:00 – 9:15  Introduction

9:15 – 10:00 Hartmut W. Kühne, “Borders” of Aramaean polities and the Assyrian expansion of the 10th-8th century BCE

10:00 – 10:45 Ariel M. Bagg, At the limit of Historical Geography: Reconstructing Aramaean territories in the West according with the Neo-Assyrian written sources

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 Mikko Luukko, Gurreans and Itu’eans in the Service of the Neo-Assyrian Empire

11:45 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:45 DLshad A. Marf, Aramean presence in the northern Zagros during the Neo-Assyrian period

14:45 – 15:30 Alexander Johannes Edmonds, A people without borders? The shifting identities and territorialities of the ahlamû

15:30 – 16:15 Jan Dušek – Jana Mynářová, Tell Fekheriye inscription and the western Assyrian border in the late 9th century BCE

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break


17:15 – 18:00 John Gee, The Geography of Aramaean and Luwian Gods
Saturday, April 23

9:00 – 9:45  Maria Giulia Amadasi Guzzo, What do we know about the borders and exchanges between Aram and ‘Phoenicia’ in the IXth-VIIth Centuries B.C.?
9:45 – 10:30 Matthieu Richelle, The Fluctuating Borders of Hamath (10th-8th centuries BCE)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30 Jan Dušek, Borders of Arpad/Bīt Agūsi
11:30 – 12:15 Gaby Abou Samra, Biblical Ṣoba: A Location Attempt

12:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 André Lemaire, The Border between the Aramean Kingdom of Damascus and the Kingdom of Israel
15:15 – 16:00 Alessia Venanzi, Boundaries as “exchange area” between Israelites, Arameans in Southern Syria and Transjordan populations
16:00 – 16:45 Wolfgang Zwickel, Wars and changing borders: The Golan and the Huleh valley in the 10th-8th c. BCE

16:45 – 17:00 Conclusion