



Call for Papers:
Islamic Archaeology Conference 2025
5-8 November

Institute of Mediterranean
and Oriental Cultures
Polish Academy of Sciences
Warsaw



Islamic Archaeology as a discipline has seen a spectacular growth in complexity and amount of themes in the last two decades. After a long period, in which Islamic Archaeology and Art History in Middle Eastern and North African countries were entangled, the discipline has found a new life in the 21st century by adopting new perspectives and expanding to new research areas. The materials that constitute its subject of study and the groups of researchers that address it are spread worldwide, and therefore a range of points of view and expectations from different archaeological traditions have been developed. It is a good time now to address this variety in the discipline in search of common trends and interests.

Islamic Archaeology Conference 2025 invites researchers and professionals worldwide to comprehensively explore the Islamic material culture and analyse historical narratives and syntheses that the discipline contributes to. The committee welcomes abstracts from scholars of all nationalities. We particularly encourage submissions from graduate students and early career researchers. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by a committee of international experts and accepted or rejected solely on the basis of academic merit.

We welcome paper submissions on a wide range of topics related to the archaeology of the Islamic world of all periods, including but not limited to:

1. Archaeological Fieldwork: recent archaeological results.
2. Urban and Rural Landscapes: the organisation and development of cities and rural settlements.
3. Built Environments: structures, water installations, and architectural elements.
4. Burial and Off-Site Archaeology.
5. Artifacts: studies on ceramics, metalwork, glass, textiles, and other objects and raw materials.
6. Trade, Exchange and Networks.
7. Cultural Interactions.
8. Methodological and Theoretical Advances: New approaches and technologies in Islamic archaeology.

We also invite pre-arranged panels dedicated to well-defined themes in Islamic archaeology.

Submission Guidelines

Papers: 150-250 word abstract outlining the research objectives, methodologies, and preliminary findings. Please note that each conference presentation will be 20 minutes long maximum.

Panels: 300 word abstract including:

- Introduction to the topic;
- The envisioned structure of the panel: the number of speakers, and length of particular presentations and discussions. We encourage formats that promote a vigorous exchange of ideas;
- Short information on the convenor (the person submitting the proposal);
- Provisional list of participants.

Formatting: Abstracts should be submitted in Times New Roman, 12-point font, and include a title and the author's names and affiliations. The conference's language is English.

Speakers fees:

25€ for Professionals

Free of charge for students

Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 31 March 2025

Notification of acceptance: 31 May 2025

For questions and submissions please contact Karol Juchniewicz and Agnieszka Lic at isac2025@iksio.pan.pl. We look forward to your participation in this exciting and intellectually stimulating event on Islamic Archaeology.

ISAC 2025 Organizing Committee

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