

The objective of this workshop is to confront our interpretations of the various transitional phases across the late 4th-3rd Millennium (Late Chalcolithic to Early Bronze I, EB I to EB II, and EB III to EB IV/Intermediate Bronze Age) in the southern Levant. The focus is on the nature of the cultural-period-defining traits and their value for distinguishing between changes related to endogenous or exogenous evolution, cultural or demic diffusion. These traits will include material culture, architecture, mortuary practices as well as patterns of relationships between sites and subsistence strategies. Invited papers address aspects of periods of transition in the Early Bronze Age, especially those that consider the complexities of method and interpretation of social change within a rigid chronological framework.

# Transitions during the Early Bronze Age in the Levant

Methodological Problems and Interpretative Perspectives

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## Wednesday, 16 May 2018

18:00 Welcome Reception [Centre de recherche français à Jérusalem \(CRFJ\)](#)

## Thursday, 17 May 2018

8:30-9:00 Arrivals and Coffee [Albright Institute](#)

9:00-10:40 **Session 1: Late Chalcolithic/EB Transition**

- 9:00-9:25 Alex Joffe: "New Models for the End of the Chalcolithic"
- 9:25-9:50 Eliot Braun: "They Seek It Here, They Seek It There, 'That Demned Elusive' Late Chalcolithic to Early Bronze 1 Transition of the Southern Levant"
- 9:50-10:15 Susanne Kerner: "Transition between the Late Chalcolithic and the Early Bronze Age – Just a Question of 14 C Data?"
- 10:15-10:40 Ian Cipin: "Does the Late Chalcolithic to Early Bronze Age Transition in the Southern Levant Actually Exist?"

10:40-11:10 **Coffee Break**

11:10-12:50 **Session 2: Late Chalcolithic/EB Transition in Regions**

- 11:10-11:35 Sonia Pinsky, Shay Bar, and Danny Rosenberg: "Anachronism or Reality? The Late Chalcolithic Blade Industries of Fazael (Jordan Valley)"
- 11:35-12:00 Amir Golani: "The Early 4th Millennium BCE – A Transitional Phase after the End of the Chalcolithic or the Beginning of the EB I in SW Canaan?"
- 12:00-12:25 Valentine Roux: "How to Fill the Gap? Technological Links between LC and EB IA Ceramic Assemblages in the Northern Regions of Southern Levant"
- 12:25-12:50 Yuval Yekutieli: "Alternative Ways of Reading the Chalcolithic – Early Bronze Age Transition"

12:50-13:50 **Lunch (provided)**

13:50-15:30 **Session 3: EB I Transition**

- 13:50-14:15 Felix Höflmayer: "The Radiocarbon Chronology of the Early Bronze Age: Past, Present, Future"
- 14:15-14:40 Ianir Milevski, Nimrod Getzov, and Yitzhak Paz: "Uneven and Combined: The Synchronization of the EB I and the Urbanization in the Southern Levant"
- 14:40-15:05 Discussion
- 15:05-15:30 Francesca Manclossi, Steve Rosen: "Transitions, Truncations, Correlations, and associations in EB Lithic Systems of the S. Levant: Issues of Process"

15:30-16:00 **Beer and Wine Break**

16:00-17:40 **Session 4: EB I Transition in Regions**

- 16:00-16:25 Aaron Greener and Matthew J. Adams: "A Rich Early Bronze Age I Ground-stone Assemblage from Tel Megiddo East"
- 16:25-16:50 Martin David Pasternak: "Tel Erani and Egypt in the Early Bronze Age I: Trade Colonialism or Egyptian Expansion?"
- 16:50-17:15 J.P. Dessel: "Commerce, Conquest, and the Rise of the State: Modeling 4th Millennium Egypto-Canaanite Relations"
- 17:15-17:40 Hani Nur el Din: "Re-Excavations at Tell et-Tell (Ai): Discovery of New Evidence of EBIB"

17:40-18:30 **Beer and Wine Hang Out Time**

## Friday, 18 May 2018

8:30-9:00 Arrivals and Coffee

9:00-10:40 **Session 5: The EB I – EB II Transition**

- 9:00-9:25 Pierre de Miroschedji: "The EB I-II Transition in the Southern Levant: Questions of Periodization and Chronology"
- 9:25-9:50 Yitzhak Paz and Itai Elad: "New Vistas on the Transition between EB IB-EB II in the Coastal Plain: A View from Ein Esur, a Proto-Urban Settlement"
- 9:50-10:15 Marcin Czarnowicz: "EB Urbanization and the Role of Egypt: New Evidence from Recently-Studied Sites"
- 10:15-10:40 Yael Rotem: "Set Your House in Order": Changes in the Economy of EB I House Society in the Transition to the EB II Period"

10:40-11:10 **Coffee Break**

11:10-12:50 **Session 6: The Transition EB I-EB II in Regions**

- 11:10-11:35 Matthew J. Adams and Israel Finkelstein, "Reassessing Arad and the Problem of the EB II"
- 11:35-12:00 Erez Ben-Yosef and Uri Davidovich: "Transitions during the Early Bronze Age in the Levant: A View from the Arabah and the Negev"
- 12:00-12:25 Liora Kolska Horwitz: "The Dynamics of Caprine Herding Strategies during the Bronze Age in the Arid Regions of the Southern Levant: Insights from Development/Underdevelopment Theory"
- 12:25-12:50 Israel Finkelstein, Matthew J. Adams, Zachary C. Dunseth, and R. Shahack-Gross: "The Archaeology and History of the Negev and Neighboring Areas in the Third Millennium BCE: A New Paradigm"

12:50-13:50 **Lunch (provided)**

13:50-15:30 **Session 7: The EB III-IBA Transition**

- 13:50-14:15 Mark Iserlis: "The Impact of EB III Reorganization on the Pottery Industries at Tel Bet Yerah"
- 14:15-14:40 Ron Lev and Elisabetta Boaretto: "Intermediate Bronze Jars – Computerized 3D Morphology Analysis: Is There a Pattern?"
- 16:40-15:05 Naama Walzer: "The Early Bronze Age – Intermediate Bronze Age Transition, the 'Syrian Connection', and New Chronology"
- 15:05-15:30 Omer Shalev, Naama Walzer, and Yitzhak Paz: "The EBA – IBA Transition in the Judean Shephelah: A View from the IBA"

15:30-16:00 **Beer and Wine Break**

16:00-17:00 **Session 8: Moderated Discussion**

17:00 **The End**