

Anatolian Rivers between East and West Axes and Frontiers

Geographical, economical and cultural aspects of the human-environment interactions
between the Kızılırmak and Tigris Rivers in ancient times

A series of three Workshops

Second Workshop

The Exploitation of the Economic Resources of Rivers

4th-7th May 2017

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First Workshop

The Connectivity of Rivers

November 17th – 20th, 2016
Bilkent University, Ankara

Third Workshop

The Cultural Aspects of Rivers

September 28th – October 1st, 2017
French Institute for Anatolian Studies, Istanbul



Thursday 4th May 2017 - Arrival of the participants

19:50 Departure from the hotel – 20:00 Dinner – 22:30 Return to the hotel

Friday 5th May 2017

Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Faculty of Humanities, Room #37

1st Day of Workshop: Historical and Archaeological Approaches

09:30 Departure from the hotel

10:00 Welcoming speeches on behalf of the co-organising institutions

Merab Khalvashi, Rector of the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University

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10:45 1st Working Session – Ancient Colchis

Moderator & Discussant: Anca Dan and Giorgi Tavamaishvili

10:45-11:05 David Braund, Nino Inaishvili, Dominique Kassab Tezgor: *The Akampsis - Tchorokhi - Çoruh: A Frontier and a Navigation Road*

11:05-11:25 Rezo Papuashvili, Nino Kobalia: *Ancient Colchian Gold*

11:25-11:45 Discussion

11:45: Coffee break

12:00 2nd Working Session – Southern Caucasus

Moderator & Discussant: Nino Inaishvili and Ruslan Baramidze

12:00-12:20 Hasmik Simonyan: *Between the Rivers and over the Mountains. Comparative Analyses of the Diet among the Population of the Iron Age in Armenia*

12:20-12:40 Farhad Guliyev, Valech Alakbarov: *Traces of Anatolian Cultures according to the Recent Neolithic Investigations in Azerbaijan (On the Basis of the Archaeological Sites of the Mid Kura Valley)*

12:40-13:00 Discussion

13:00: Batumi Art Teaching University "Along the Rivers"

Undergraduate Students Exhibition (curators: Ketevan Vacheishvili and Marina Giorgadze)

13:30: Lunch

14:30 3rd Working Session – Tigris-Euphrates

Moderator & Discussant: Dominique Kassab Tezgör and Marina Giorgadze

14:30-14:50 Ségolène de Pontbriand: *The Euphrates Valley: A Brilliant Cradle of Millenary Civilizations and a Secular War Zone*

14:50-15:10 Jean-Claude Cheynet: *The Byzantine Euphrates: Real Border, Imaginary Border*

15:10-15:30 Martine Assénat: *Amida ad Tigrem (Diyarbakır – Turkey)*

15:30-16:00 Discussion

16:00: Coffee break

16:15 4th Working Session – Syria

Moderator & Discussant: Anca Dan and Emzar Kakhidze

- 16:15-16:35 Komait Abdallah: *The Iconography of Fluvial Gods on Roman-Era Syrian Mosaics*
16:35-16:55 Hatice Pamir: *The Orontes River as a Crossroad between the Regional Cultures in the Geographical and the Cultural Context*
16:55-17:15 Discussion

17:15 Visit of the banks of the river Chorokhi and of the Apsaros Museum

19:40 Departure from the hotel – 20:00 Dinner – 22:00 Return to the hotel

6th May, 2017

Fieldtrip to Rioni. Conference hall of Kolkheti National Park, Poti

2nd Day of Workshop: Geoscientific Approaches

08:00 Departure from the hotel

10:00 5th Working Session – Geoarchaeology: A Georgian-German Collaboration

Moderator & Discussant: Mamuka Gvilava and Izolda Machutadze

10:00-10:45 Helmut Brückner, Mikheil Elashvili, Hannes Laermanns, Daniel Kelterbaum: *Holocene Sea-Level Rise, Palaeoenvironmental Evolution and Their Influence on Human Occupation on the Colchian Plain (Western Georgia)*

Poster. Hannes Laermanns, Daniel Kelterbaum, Mikheil Elashvili, Simon Matthias May, Levan Navrozashvili, Helmut Brückner: *Sea-Level Rise and Coastal and Palaeoenvironmental Evolution in the Surroundings of the Rioni Delta (Kolkheti Lowlands, Western Georgia)*

Poster. Hannes Laermanns, Daniel Kelterbaum, Simon Matthias May, Giorgi Kirkitadze, Mikheil Elashvili, Helmut Brückner: *Dikhagudzuba – A Geoarchaeological Perspective on Bronze Age Settlement Mounds on the Colchian Plain (Western Georgia)*

10:45-11:00 Discussion

11:00: Coffee break

11:15 6th Working Session – Ecology and Hydrology

Moderator & Discussant: Helmut Brückner and Mikheil Elashvili

- 11:15-11:35 Mehmet Özalp, Saim Yıldırım: *A Decade of Change: Ecological and Social Outcomes of Constructing Large Dams between 2005 and 2015 within the Çoruh River Watershed*
11:35-11:55 Izolda Machutadze: *Unique Habitats of the Rivers Khobistskali and Chorokhi (Central and South Colcheti) Mouth: Threats, Conservation and Wise Use*
11:55-12:15 Mamuka Gvilava: *Remote Sensing of River Discharges – The Case of Rioni Catchment*
12:15-12:45 Discussion

12:45-13:00 Final discussion & the conclusion of the organizers

13:00: Lunch

14:00-16:00 Tour by pontoon “Paliastomi-Pichori”

16:00 Departure from Poti

17:30 Arrival to the hotel – 19:45 Departure from the hotel – 20:00 Dinner – 22:30 Return to the hotel.