

Heritage and Archaeology Diwan 10: Ancient Civilisations and Material Culture in Jordan

13–14 October 2026 | The University of Jordan, Amman

Day 1 – Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Time	Session / Moderator	Presentation Title	Presenter
09:30 – 10:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee		Event Host: Dr. Islam Athamneh
10:00 - 10:05	Opening Session	Welcoming remarks from the Dean of the School of Archaeology	Prof. Ismael Abu Amoud
10:05 - 10:10		Welcoming remarks from Diwan Organising Committee	Dr. Micheline Kurdy
10:10 - 10:15		Welcoming remarks from DoA Director	HE Prof. Fawzi Abu Danneh (TBC)
10:15 - 10:20		Welcoming remarks from JU President	HE Prof. Natheer Obiedat
10:20 - 11:00	Poster Gallery Opening and Coffeebreak		
11:00 – 11:15	Session 1: Archaeology, Material Culture and Ancient Technologies. Moderators: Dr. Fatma Marii, Dr. Islam Athamneh	Tracing Continuity and Change in Domestic Life through Cooking-Related Material Culture during the Late Bronze–Early Iron Age Transition in Jordan	Lana Jaber, the University of Jordan
11:15 - 11:30		Picturing the Mythology: Religious Iconography of the Iron Age in the Southern Levant	Zainab Hweij, the University of Jordan
11:30 - 11:45		The Modern Reference Animal Bone Collection: Description and Applications	Ayya Alshanawani (Independent Researcher) and Prof. Louise Martin (Professor of Zooarchaeology, UCL)
11:45 - 12:00		Roman Genius Acoustics Design: Restoration and Adaptive Reuse in Modern Times – The Case of Roman Gerasa South Theatre	Nour Alshalalfeh and Ladan Abdulrahman, the University of Jordan
12:00 - 12:15		معابد العصر البرونزي المبكر في الأردن: دراسة مقارنة	Hebah Almuhawesh, Yarmouk University
12:15 - 12:45		Discussion	
12:45 - 01:00	Coffee Break		
01:00 – 01:15	Session 2: Heritage Interpretation, Museums and Public Engagement Moderators: Dr. Micheline Kurdy, Dr. Ruba Seiseh	Transforming Jordanian Heritage Narratives into Short Storytelling Videos Using Artificial Intelligence for Children	Maria Abu Alrub, the Hashemite University
01:15 - 01:30		History Talks to You: How the Jordan Museum Engraves Heritage in the Mind	Geneen Abd Alqader, Independent Researcher
01:30 - 01:45		Tactile Models for Display and Interpretation in Jordan’s World Heritage Sites: Enhancing Accessibility for the Visually Impaired	Rund Fayad, the Hashemite University
01:45 - 02:00		Documenting and Safeguarding Petra’s Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage through Documentary Cinema: A Visual Anthropology Perspective	Taycir Nasraoui, Higher School of Audiovisual and Cinema of Gammarth
02:00 - 02:30		Discussion	
02:30 - 3:00	Lunch		
End of Day 1			

Day 2 – Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Time	Session / Moderator	Presentation Title	Presenter
10:00 – 10:15	Session 3: Heritage Conservation, Documentation and Adaptive Reuse. Moderators: Dr. Brita Jansen, Dr. Mahmoud Arinat	Commercial Digital Games as Platforms for Reconstructing Cultural Heritage and Historic Urban Landscapes	Hadeel Al-Wahish, the Hashemite University
10:15 – 10:30		Reusing Historic Buildings: Heritage That Serves Local Communities	Eman Al-Yousef, the Hashemite University
10:30 – 10:45		Restoration and the Local Community at Umm Ar-Rasas	Farah Aldahamsheh, Independent Researcher, affiliated with Calvin University (USA)
10:45 – 11:00		The Role of Participatory Management in the Sustainability of Archaeological Sites in Jordan	Hussein Zamel, the University of Jordan
11:00 – 11:30		Discussion	
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee Break		
12:00 - 12:15	Session 4: Epigraphy, Historical Sources and Cultural Exchange. Moderators: Dr. Adeeb Abushmais, Dr. Khaled Al-Jbour	نقوش صفوية جديدة من غدير الملاح: الرجوم 10–19	Sajeda Almomani, Yarmouk University
12:15 - 12:30		النقوش الصفوية من منطقة مرب الشرفات: دراسة لغوية أثرية	Shatha Alzyout, Yarmouk University
12:30 - 12:45		A Typological and Technological Study of Lithic Cores from Neolithic Tell Abu Suwwan	Roaa Jihad Alathamneah, the University of Jordan
12:45 - 01:00		Tell Abu Suwwan: Socio-Economic Study during the Neolithic Period	Qais Wedyan, the University of Jordan
01:00 - 01:15		الوثائق العثمانية وإعادة تفسير التراث المادي المرتبط بطريق الحج الشامي في الأردن: دراسة في المنشآت العمرانية والأوقاف	Ghina Mrad, Lebanon University
01:15 - 01:30		Transmission of Arabic Linguistic Heritage to Anatolia in the Ninth Century AH: Scholars, Scholarly Journeys, and Books	Hanadi Dib Amin, Lebanon University
01:30 - 02:00		Discussion	
02:00 - 02:30	Lunch		
02:30 - 03:30	Optional guided tour of the University of Jordan museums for participants		
End of Day 2			
	Session	Poster Title	Presenter
	Posters	Bridging the Material-Social Divide: An Applied Anthropological Framework for Living Heritage Conservation in Northern Jordan	Lana Alshorman, Yarmouk University
		Beyond the Matrix: A Reproducible Stratigraphic Framework for Interpreting Complex Multi-Period Urban Sites in the Levant	Hussein Zeaiter, Philipps-Universität Marburg
		The Material Footprint of the Nabataean Civilization in Jordan: A Geographic Analysis of Spatial Organization and Regional Connectivity	Hamza Ikhmaes, Haitham Al-Masri, Noor Bani Issa, Mohammad Al-Husban, Aya Alkousheh, Mohammad Noor Ananzeh, Osama Altawal, the University of Jordan
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