SIGN, SPEECH, AND SOCIETY IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST: 100 YEARS OF ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES IN PRAGUE

Conference Programme

Monday, 16 September

9:30-10:30   Registration (conference venue: Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Nám. J. Palacha 2, room #300, 3rd floor)
10:30-11:00  Opening Address

chair: J. Mynářová
11:00-12:00  P. Michalowski, Writing Origins, Literacy, and the Materiality of Communication in Mesopotamia and Beyond (keynote lecture)

12:00-14:00  Lunch

chair: E. von Dassow
14:00-14:30  Sh. Thavapalan, Crafting Speech Through Signs. The Semantics of Brick and Stone Markings in the Ancient Near East
14:30-15:00  K. Sieckmeyer, Narrative Imagery and Drafted Wedges: Communication at the Dawn of Writing
15:00-15:30  Ch. Tsouparopoulou, Connecting East and West: Common Mitanni Cylinder Seals in the Aegean

15:30-16:00  Coffee break

chair: P. Michalowski
16:00-16:30  E. von Dassow, Hurrian in the Mail
16:30-17:00  L. Wilhelmi, The Akkadian Grapholect of Hittite scribes at Ḫattuša/Boğazköy. Considerations on the Socio-Linguistic Realities of Peripheral Akkadian "Dialects“
Tuesday, September 17

chair: R.I. Kim
9:00-10:00 C. Melchert, The Anatolian Subgroup of Indo-European in Light of the “Minor” Languages (keynote lecture)
10:00-10:30 Z. Simon, Zur Datierung der Entstehung der hieroglyphen-luwischen Schrift
10:30-11:00 Coffee break

chair: P. Zemánek
11:00-11:30 M. Kilani, Loanwords of foreignisms? Developing a theoretical framework to analyse words of foreign origin in Egyptian
11:30-12:00 H. Harel, Scenarios of verb borrowing from Semitic into Late Egyptian: A sociolinguistic analysis based on the iClassifier database corpora
12:00-14:00 Lunch

chair: I. Yakubovich
14:00-14:30 R. Bjørn, Balcanic and beyond – Semitic and the formation of Proto-Indo-European
14:30-15:00 J. Bičovský, Indoeuropean fricatives and sonority
15:00-15:30 Coffee break

chair: C.H. Melchert
15:30-16:00 E. Rieken – I. Yakubovich, The Origin of Hittite Stem-forms
16:00-16:30 R. Lipp, Hittite katta, Cuneiform Luvian zanta and the conditions of the Luvo-Lycian dorsal palatalization
18:00 Reception

Wednesday, September 18

chair: Ch. Tsouparopoulou
9:00-9:30 A. Anderson, Talking Up and Down: How Social Hierarchy is Revealed in the Old Assyrian Introductory Formula
9:30-10:00 M. Adelhofer, On the Old Assyrian Letter Heading: Playing with Social Hierarchy for Rhetorical Effect
10:00-10:30 L. Fijałkowska, Talking to each other through a legal text. The juridical language and its patterns in LBA
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
chair: M. Kilani
11:00-11:30  J. Mynářová, “Mein Herr und König, lass dir melden …”. On Middle Babylonian Royal Letters
11:30-12:00  J. Tavernier, The egg of the feet? NUNUZ and its use in the Amarna Correspondence

12:00-14:00  Lunch

chair: J. Tavernier
14:00-14:30  N. Highcock, What do you do for a living? The importance of professional identities when communicating with the gods
14:30-15:00  N. Matuszewska, Divine message – omens for āšipu in The Diagnostic and Prognostic Handbook
15:00-15:30  M. Santini, Talking to the Stranger in the Ancient Near East: Success and Failure of Gyges and Ashurbanipal

15:30-16:00  Coffee break

chair: Z. Simon
16:00-16:30  R. Oreshko, Ethnocultural Interaction and Language Contact in Early Lycia
16:30-17:00  B. Donnelly-Lewis, Conscious and Unconscious Aramaisms: Language Contact and Language Ideology in the Hebrew of Daniel

Thursday, September 19

chair: L. Fijałkowska
9:00-10:00  J. Gippert, Early pioneers – “Digital Humanities” in the 20th century (keynote lecture)
10:00-10:30  R. Pirngruber, Astronomical Diaries Digital

10:30-11:00  Coffee break

chair: J. Gippert
11:00-11:30  M. Groß, Prosobab: An online prosopography of Babylonia in the Neo-Babylonian and Persian periods
11:30-12:00  A. Anderson, The Case for 3D Cuneiform Tablets
12:00-12:30  P. Zemánek – J. Milička, Digitizing Cuneiform: Remarks on the ICK 4 Old Assyrian Linguistic Corpus
12:30-13:00  Closing session