



Exploratory Workshop Scheme

Scientific Review Group for the Humanities

ESF Exploratory Workshop on

# The Sea Peoples Up-To-Date. New Research on the Migration of Peoples in the 12th Century BCE

Vienna (Austria), 03–04 November 2014

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In 2013 the only research instrument that will have a call for proposals is the Exploratory Workshops. The focus of the Exploratory Workshops scheme is on workshops aiming to explore an emerging and/or innovative field of research or research infrastructure, also of interdisciplinary character. Workshops are expected to open up new directions in research or new domains. It is expected that a workshop shall conclude with plans for follow-up research activities and/or collaborative actions or other specific outputs at international level.

ESF is also currently exploring new areas where we could serve the science community. Services we have identified that would leverage our expertise and experience and provide added-value to the science community are: peer review, evaluation, research conferences and career tracking.

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**Main Objectives and Agenda of the Workshop:**

In the 12<sup>th</sup> century BCE the s.c. Sea Peoples, starting their migration in south-eastern Europe, transformed the political landscape in the Eastern Mediterranean and affected the high cultures of Mycenae, Hatti, Cyprus, Levant and Egypt. The Hittite empire collapsed, Mycenae and Egypt weakened in the wake of their migration towards the Southern Levant (Palestine). The workshop's benefits are: 1. Highly-specialised ESF-teams and young scientists will discuss most recent research/new hypotheses on the Sea Peoples; 2. Gathering of scientists carrying out research in a political sensitive area (Eastern Mediterranean/Israel/Jordan/Palestine).

**Additional objectives:**

Planning of future co-research.

**Report publication and dissemination**

The organiser of the workshop will function as the editor of the workshop proceedings in cooperation with OREA at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. It is planned to publish the workshop volume within maximum one year after the gathering.



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## PROGRAMME

### Monday 3 November 2014

- 09.00-09.10 **Welcome by Convenor**  
**Peter Fischer** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- 09.10-09.20 **Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)**  
**Peter Funke** (Scientific Review Group for the Humanities)
- 09.20-09.30 **Presentation of OREA at the Austrian Academy of Sciences**  
**Barbara Horejs** (Director of OREA)
- 09.30-10.00 **Prologue 1 (Chair Manfred Bietak)**  
**The Troubled Waters of Sea Peoples Research – A Retrospective Presentation**  
**Sigrid Deger-Jalkotzy** (OREA, Vienna, Austria)
- 10.00-10.30 **Session 1**  
10.00-10.30 **The Appearance, Formation and Transformation of Philistine Culture: New Perspectives and New Finds**  
**Aren Maeir** (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel)
- 10.30-11.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*
- 11.00-12.30 **Session 2 (Chair Reinhard Jung)**  
11.00-11.30 **The Sea Peoples and the Collapse of Mycenaean Palatial Rule**  
**Helène Whittaker** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- 11:30-12:00 **The Destruction of Hala Sultan Tekke, Cyprus, in the 12th Century BCE**  
**Peter Fischer** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- 12.00-12.30 **Cyprus during the "Crisis Years": Examining the Case of the Paphos Region**  
**Artemis Georgiou** (University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus)
- 12.30-14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00-16.00 **Session 3 (Chair Barbara Horejs)**  
14.00-14.30 **The Sea Peoples Phenomenon in Cilicia**  
**Gunnar Lehmann** (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel)
- 14.30-15.00 **The Archaeological Ramifications of Hawkins' Philistines in Aleppo**  
**Diederik Meijer** (University of Leiden, Netherlands)
- 15.00-15.30 **Sea Peoples in Central and Northern Levant**  
**Francisco Núñez** (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain)
- 15.30-16.00 *Coffee / tea break*



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- 16.00-18.00 **Session 4 (Chair Diedrik Meijer)**
- 16.00-16.30 **The Northern Philistine Area in the Iron Age I and IIA**  
**Wolfgang Zwickel** (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany)
- 16.30-17.00 **On the Connection between the Phoenician Phenomenon and "Sea Peoples"**  
**Ayelet Gilboa** (University of Haifa, Israel)
- 17:00-17:30 **Contrasts, Contacts, and Interconnections – Tel Kinrot as an Early Iron Age Key Site in the Northern Jordan Rift Valley at the Dawn of the 1st Millennium BCE**  
**Stefan Mürger** (University of Bern, Switzerland)
- 17:30-18:00 **"Sea Peoples Phenomena" in Early Iron Age Tell Abu al-Kharaz, Jordan Valley?**  
**Teresa Bürge** (OREA, Vienna, Austria)
- 19.00 *Reception*

## Tuesday, 4 November 2014

- 09.00-09.30 **Prologue 2 (Chair Sigrid Deger Jalkotzy)**  
**The Sea Peoples after Three Millennia – Possibilities and Limitations of Historical Reconstruction**  
**Reinhard Jung** (OREA, Vienna, Austria)
- 09.30-10.00 **Session 5**
- 09.30-10.00 **The Impact of the Sea Peoples on the Egyptian Administration of Canaan**  
**Manfred Bietak** (OREA, Vienna, Austria)
- 10.00-10.30 **The European Background to the Sea-Peoples: The 13th Century Revisited**  
**Kristian Kristiansen** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- 10.30-11.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*
- 11.00-12.30 **Session 6 (Chair Kristian Kristiansen)**
- 11.00-11.30 **Rethinking Philistine Society: Aspects of Cultural Resilience**  
**Assaf Yasur-Landau** (University of Haifa, Israel)
- 11:30-12:00 **Sea Peoples, Philistines, and the Destruction of Cities: A Critical Examination of Destruction Layers 'Caused' by the 'Sea Peoples'**  
**Jesse Millek** (University of Tübingen, Germany)
- 12:00-12:30 **Anglo-Saxons and Sea Peoples: Comparing Similar Approaches for Tracking Ancient Human Migration**  
**Lorenz Rahmstorf** (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany)
- 12.30-14.00 *Lunch*



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14.00-15.30	<b>Session 7 (Chair Wolfgang Zwickel)</b>
14.00-14.30	<b>The Sea Peoples: a View from the Pottery</b> <b>Penelope Mountjoy</b> (British School at Athens, Greece)
14.30-15.00	<b>How Aegean is the Philistine Pottery? Practices with Aegean-type Pottery</b> <b>Phillipp Stockhammer</b> (University of Heidelberg, Germany)
15.00-15.30	<b>Exotics in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century BCE Mediterranean</b> <b>Gert Jan van Wijngaarden</b> (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>
<b>16.00-17.30</b>	<b>Session 8 (Chair Peter Fischer)</b>
16.00-16.30	<b>Weapons and Metals – Archaeometallurgical Research on Late Bronze Age Exchange between Italy and Greece</b> <b>Mathias Mehofer</b> (University of Vienna, Austria) & <b>Reinhard Jung</b> (OREA, Vienna, Austria)
16.30-17.00	<b>The 3.2 kyr BP Event and the Late Bronze Age Crisis, a Climate-induced Spiral of Decline</b> <b>David Kaniewski</b> (Paul Sabatier University, Toulouse, France)
17.00-17.30	<b>Determining the Arrival of the Sea People in the Southern Levant: Absolute Chronology and Cultural Changes based on a Micro-archaeological Approach</b> <b>Elisabetta Boaretto</b> (Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel)
17.30-19.00	<b>General discussion/follow-up activities/publication</b>
19.30	<i>Dinner</i>



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## **Objectives of the ESF Scientific Review Group for the Humanities**

The main tasks of the **ESF Scientific Review Group for the Humanities** are:

- to encourage interdisciplinary work through the independent evaluation of collaborative research proposals emanating from the scholarly community;
- to identify priority research areas and to play an integrative and co-ordinating role by creating links between research communities which in the Humanities are often small and fragmented.
- to provide expert advice on science policy actions at the European level in the field of its responsibilities.

The Scientific Review Group is well aware that the ESF is the only European Agency where the Humanities have a place next to the other sciences and where European projects are reviewed, developed and subsequently operated.

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