



Call for Doctoral and Early Career Participants: Minerva School

TEMPLE AND CULT IN THE IRON AGE – RESUMING THE DISCUSSION CONSIDERING THE ONGOING DISCOVERIES AT TEL MOZĀ, ISRAEL, SEPTEMBER 18–22, 2023

Aims

The program aims to stimulate the much-discussed topic of the development of temples and cult in the Iron Age southern Levant considering the new discoveries and current research such as at Tel Moza, Abel Beth Maacha, and the study of residue analysis on the altars from the temple at Arad. It incorporates a variety of disciplines and is structured as a progression that traverses theoretical discussions that contextualize the discussion of temples and cult in the Iron II and patterns of ritual activity that encompass aspects such as iconography, the relationship between cult/religion–industry/economy, the formation of priestly hierarchies, the development of cultic traditions, architecture, and paraphernalia, together with textual (biblical and extra-biblical) sources relating to the southern Levant. The program combines presentations with tours to some of the main sites and museums and facilities that house cultic remains and allows time for comprehensive discussions.

We encourage participants to present a short paper relating to the topic based on their own research. All papers should be presented in English.

Scholarships

Nine scholarships are available for participation. For the workshop dates, room, board, and group transportation will be covered for all participants and travel costs will be covered for international participants. Insurance and other personal costs are not included.

We welcome doctoral students and early career researchers to participate. Applicants must be affiliated with either a German or Israeli academic institution.

Eligibility

- Actively enrolled doctoral student, post-doctoral, or early career scholar
- Affiliated with either an Israeli or German academic institution
- Valid passport for international participants (expiry no earlier than April 2024)
- Must comply with Covid regulations as mandated by the Israeli Health Ministry at the time of the workshop

Application Documents

- Personal statement of up to 500 words (one page) describing your academic/research and relevant experiences, why you would like to participate in the workshop, and how this would benefit your research. If you wish to present a short paper, provide a title and short abstract.
- Concise and relevant CV
- Letter of recommendation from an academic advisor/mentor

Applications must be sent to templeworkshop2023@gmail.com by **January 15, 2023**, in PDF form. Recipients will be notified by February 1, 2023.

For further questions please contact us at templeworkshop2023@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Tel Moza Expedition Project visit telmoza.org.

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