

conference programme

15.00 - 15.30

A rock crystal workshop from Cologne
Thomas Höltnen, Köln & Manfred Burianek, Bremen

15.30 - 15.45

Summary »Gemstone Working«
Elke Nieveler & Judith Jordan, Bonn

THE VALUE AND THE SYMBOLIC MEANING(S) OF GEMSTONES

Chair: *Jörg Gengnagel & Kerstin Sobkowiak, Heidelberg*



15.45 - 16.00

Introduction
Jörg Gengnagel & Kerstin Sobkowiak, Heidelberg

16.00 - 16.30

Archaeogemology and ancient literary sources on gems
Lisbet Thoresen, Beverly Hills



16.30 - 17.00

COFFEE BREAK

17.00 - 17.30

Gemstones in Indian Religions
James McHugh, Los Angeles

17.30 - 18.00

Gems and precious stones from the Bible to the Liber Pontificalis. Their combination, colours and contexts
Michelle Beghelli, Mainz



19.00

DINNER in the Restaurant
 »Proviant-Magazin«

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Thursday, October 22nd

Chair: *Jörg Gengnagel & Kerstin Sobkowiak, Heidelberg*

9.30 - 10.00

Gemstones in pre-Islamic Persia: Selection and meaning of material and shape of Sasanian seals
Nils Ritter, Berlin

10.00 - 10.30

The meaning of colour and material for Graeco-Roman magical gemstones
Christopher A. Faraone, Chicago



10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 11.30

Symbolism of precious stones in Byzantium
Antje Bosselmann-Ruickbie, Mainz

11.30 - 12.00

The use and meaning of gemstones in medieval treasury of the church
Bernadette Burchard, Düsseldorf

12.00 - 12.30

Summary »Value and Symbolic Meanings«
Jörg Gengnagel & Kerstin Sobkowiak, Heidelberg



12.30

FINAL LUNCH & GOODBYE



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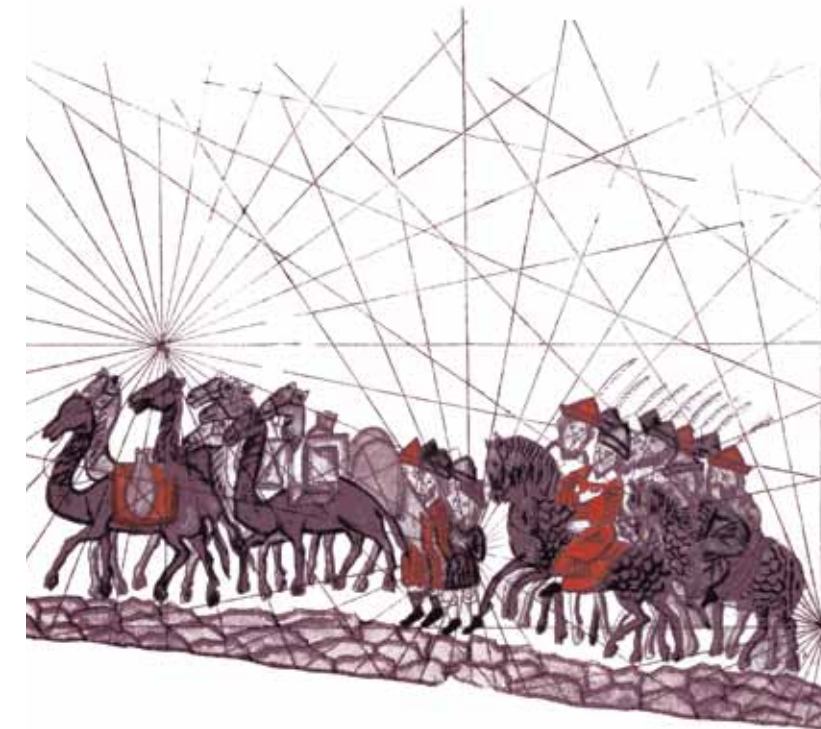


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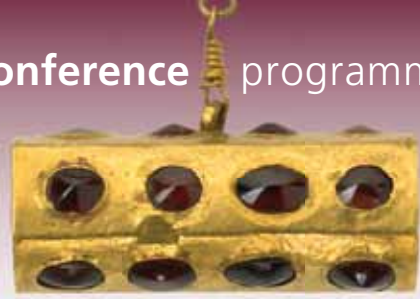
Gemstones in the first Millennium AD

Mines, Trade, Workshops and Symbolism



International Conference
October 20th - 22nd, 2015
 Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum, Mainz

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The conference »**Gemstones in the first Millenium AD**« is organised within the scope of the project »*Universal Framework – Changes in the cultural significance of early medieval gemstone jewellery considered against the background of economic history and the transfer of ideas and technologies.*«



Tuesday, October 20th

14.00 - 14.15

Welcome
*Falko Daim, General Director
Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum*

14.15 - 14.25

A very short introduction to the conference
Susanne Greiff & Dieter Quast, Mainz

14.25 - 15.10

The BMBF Project »Universal Framework- Changes in the cultural significance or early medieval gemstone jewellery considered against the background of economic history and the transfer of ideas and technologies« – a short introduction
*Susanne Greiff / Alexandra Hilgner
Dieter Quast / Elke Nieveler / Jörg Gengnagel & Kerstin Sobkowiak*

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MINES AND TRADE

Chair: Susanne Greiff, Mainz

15.10 - 15.20

Introduction
Susanne Greiff, Mainz

15.20 - 15.50

Elusive gemstone mines: The red garnet industry in contemporary Rajasthan
Borayin Larios, Heidelberg



15.50 - 16.20

COFFEE BREAK & POSTER SESSION

16.20 - 16.50

Gemstones from Tillyatepe (Bactria, Afghanistan) – trade connections and art traditions between Central Asia, India and Iran in the Parthian period
Marek Jan Olbrycht, Rzeszów

16.50 - 17.20

Gemstones in Southeast Asia and beyond: Trade along the maritime networks
Brigitte Borell-Seidel, Heidelberg

17.20 - 17.50

Minerals, and the Red Sea trade in the pre-Islamic period
Eivind Heldaas Seland, Bergen



18.30

DINNER
Exhibition Hall of the Department for Roman Archaeology of the RGZM

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Wednesday, October 21st

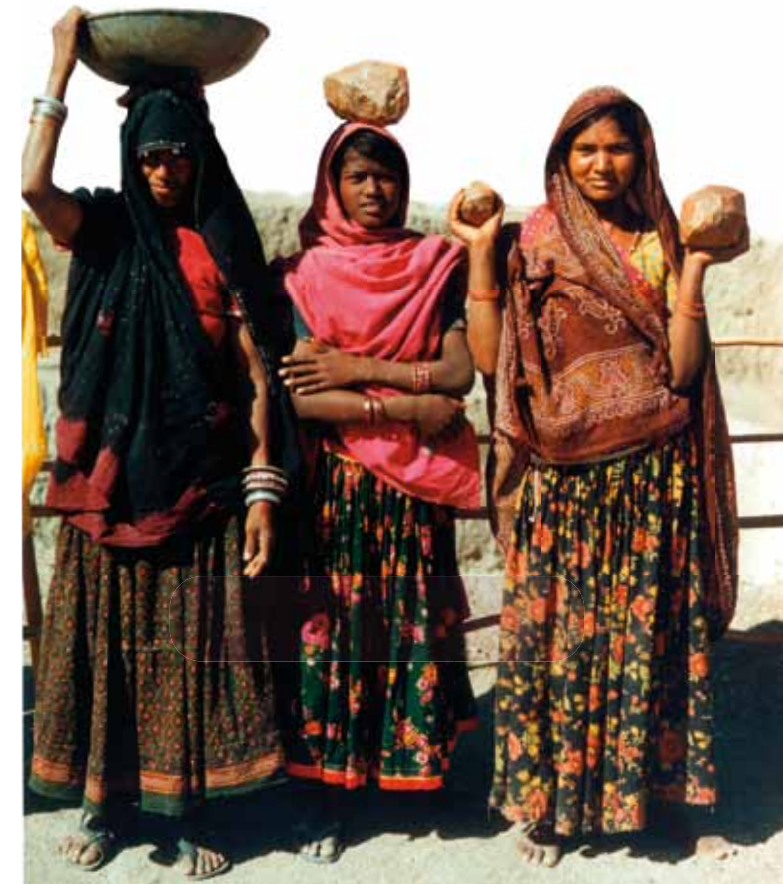
Chair: Jörg Drauschke, Mainz

9.30 - 10.00

Amber and beaver furs: Trade with raw material for the production of luxury goods
Dieter Quast, Mainz

10.00 - 10.30

Before the Emporia: The circulation of garnets in the North Sea Zone, c. 400-700
Helena Hamerow, Oxford



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10.30 - 11.00

Cross-cultural diamond and gemstone trade. The Armenian diaspora in Venice and their global networks (1650-1750)
Evelyn Korsch, Venedig



11.00 - 11.30

COFFEE BREAK & POSTER SESSION

11.30 - 11.45

Summary »Mines and Trade«
Alexandra Hilgner, Mainz



GEMSTONE WORKING

Chair: Michael Schmauder, Bonn

11.45 - 11.55

Introduction
Elke Nieveler & Judith Jordan, Bonn

11.55 - 12.30

An early medieval garnet workshop in Gamla Uppsala, Sweden
John Ljungkvist, Uppsala

12.30 - 13.00

East Africa as a source of Fatimid Crystal? Workshops from Kenya to Madagascar
Mark Horton, Bristol



13.00 - 14.30

LUNCH & POSTER SESSION

14.30 - 15.00

Fatimid rock crystal carving techniques (10th -12th century AD)
Elise Morero, Oxford