

Presentation

The **Centro Superior de Estudios Oriente Próximo y Egipto (Centre for Near East and Egypt)** was set up by the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid following approval from the University's Board of Directors at a meeting on 30th April 1998. It is the result of the University's pioneering work, begun in the 1980's, which supported the implementation and diffusion of two branches of scientific research which had no academic tradition in Spain.

Origin

The origins of the Centre and its activities go back to 1986. At that time, the **Area of Ancient History (Área de Historia Antigua)** of the **Department of Ancient and Medieval History and Paleography (Departamento de Historia Antigua, Medieval y Paleografía)** of our **Arts Faculty (Facultad de Filosofía y Letras)** began archaeological projects in the Near East. It also started to organize specific teaching activities through exhibitions, to assemble a collection of teaching materials, audiovisual media of its own and publications specially aimed at University students. All this information constituted the core collection of the "**Antonio Blanco Freijeiro hall**" ("**Aula Didáctica Antonio Blanco Freijeiro**"), and is accessible to everyone as working material¹.



View of the exhibition about the VI. Series (Malatya), March-April, 1992



Lecture of Prof. Dr. Horst Klengel (27th of April, 1993)



Partial view of the exhibition about the VII. Series (German tradition and the Museum in Berlin), April-May, 1993

At that time, thanks to financial support under the Erasmus scheme shared by our University, **Rome's La Sapienza (P. Matthiae)** and the **Friedrich Alexander University in Erlangen-Nuremberg (K. Kessler)**, supplemented by scholarships granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, many graduates and students specializing in the Near East were able to pursue specialist studies in these and others prestigious institutions in a discipline which was not yet available at their own academic institutions.

This training and development finished in December 1996 when we held the **1st International Symposium** at our university. "**Una década de estudios sobre el Oriente Antigo (1986-1996). Perspectivas, desarrollo y estrategias futuras de la investigación.**" [A Decade of Studies of the Ancient Near East (1986-1996). Prospects, Developments and Future Strategies for Research.] From 2nd to the 4th of December 1996 all colleagues who had supported our project, both from Spain and abroad, met at our University.

¹ Those "**Series of Studies about the Ancient Near East**" gave birth to a number of publications, photographs, plans and archaeological and audiovisual materials. They have been updated and are now available for study at: http://www.uam.es/ciclos_oriente.

UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE MADRID

-FACULTAD DE FILOSOFIA Y LETRAS-

1^{er} Symposium Internacional

Una década de estudios sobre el Oriente Antiguo
(1986-1996)

Perspectivas, desarrollo y estrategias futuras de la Investigación

2 al 4 de Diciembre de 1996



I. Siria durante el II^o y I^{er} milenio A. C.: Prof. Dr. H. Klengel (Freie Universität, Berlín), Prof. Dra. S. Mazzoni (Università di Pisa), Dra. F. Baffi (Università degli studi di Roma-"La Sapienza"), Prof. Dr. J. L. Cunchillos (CSIC, Madrid).

II. Dilmun y Magán: la cultura de la costa árabe del Golfo Pérsico: Prof. Dr. S. Cleuziou (CNRS, Paris), Dr. M. Mouton (Maison de l'Orient, Lyon), Prof. Dr. J. M^o. Córdoba Zoilo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), Doña M^o. C. del Cerro (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid).

III. Vida cotidiana y cultura de las primeras ciudades: Prof. Dr. M. Liverani (Università degli studi di Roma-"La Sapienza"), Prof. Dr. J. Sanmartín Ascaso (Universidad de Barcelona), Dra. M. Frangipane (Università degli studi di Roma-"La Sapienza"), Prof. Dr. F. Lara Peinado (Universidad Complutense de Madrid).

IV. Irán y el mundo exterior: Prof. Dr. J. Perrot (CNRS, Paris), Prof. Dr. M. Salvini (CNR, Roma), Prof. Dr. R. Bouchariat (Institut Français, Teherán), Prof. Dr. J. García Recio (Instituto de Filología Oriental "San Justino", Madrid).

V. Subarta, Asiria y Babilonia. La dinámica de la investigación: Prof. Dr. K. Kessler (Friedrich Alexander Universität, Erlangen), Dra. E. Klengel-Brandt (Directora del Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlín), Prof. Dr. M. Molina (CSIC, Madrid), Prof. Dr. R. Jiménez Zamudio (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), Doña J. García Lemberg (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid).

VI. Ebla. Novedades y perspectivas: Prof. Dr. P. Matthiae (Università degli studi di Roma-"La Sapienza"), Prof. Dr. A. Archi (Università degli studi di Roma-"La Sapienza"), Dra. M^o. G. Biga (Università degli studi di Roma-"La Sapienza"), Don Ignacio de Urioste Sánchez (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid).

VII. Egipto y el Próximo Oriente: Prof. Dr. H. de Meulenaere (Fondation Reine Elisabeth, Bruxelles), Dra. M^o. C. Pérez Die (Directora del Museo Arqueológico Nacional, Madrid), Prof. Dr. R. Tefnin (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Prof. Dr. A. Pérez Largacha (Universidad de Alcalá de Henares), Prof. Dra. Covadonga Sevilla Cueva (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid).

VIII. Las ciencias experimentales y la investigación en el Oriente Próximo: Prof. Dr. A. Morales Muñiz (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), Prof. Dr. H. Sainz Olleros - Prof. Dra. M. García Antón (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), Prof. Dr. M. Farjas - Doña M. T. Fernández - Prof. Dr. A. Llanos (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid), Prof. Dr. M. Pozo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid).

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Audience at the Symposium in Madrid
(December, 1996)



Partial view of the exhibition about
the ten years work

Poster announcing the 1st International Symposium



Closing act with the chairpersons of the different sessions.

From left to right,
Prof. Dr. Arturo Morales (Madrid),
Prof. Dr. Paolo Matthiae (Rome),
Prof. Dr. Jean Perrot (Paris),
Prof. Dr. H. de Meulenaere (Brussels),
Prof. Dr. Horts Klengel (Berlin),
Prof. Dr. Mario Liverani (Rome),
Prof. Dr. Karlheinz Kessler (Erlangen-Nürnberg)
and the coordinator



Handing over of commemorative plaques to the bachelors,
who had finished their specialization under the guidance
of the professors, who were chairpersons
of the different sessions.

On the picture, Prof. Paolo Matthiae
presents the commemorative plaque
to Mr. Ignacio de Urioste.

At the table, the professors J. Perrot,
H. De Meulenaere and H. Klengel

From that moment we began the process of opening up the University to specialised studies on the Near East and Egypt. Our efforts were finally rewarded when our project gained the approval of the Board of Directors.

Aims

Its main aim is to teach since the lack of specialised teaching of these disciplines at university-level has been an obstacle in developing these studies in Spain. Studies at the centre will lead to the conferring of degrees from the Universidad Autónoma, Madrid. The Centre will pursue both teaching and active research in the form of various projects and will constantly promote academic encounters, organising meetings, seminars and conferences.

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