

Memory and Memories of Palmyra

Saturday 26 March – 11:00am-12:45pm

Registration [here](#)

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A Swissnex-Université de Lausanne Event at the Swiss Pavilion, under the High Patronage of the Swiss Embassy in the UAE

The Institute of Archaeology and Classical Studies of the **University of Lausanne**, who has the custody of the Collart archives (Temple of Baalshamin of Palmyra) and is implementing a [project for their digitization](#), has also been carrying activities with the local communities, and will provide a feedback on their work.

Dr. Patrick Michel, the Scientific Director of the project, who was invited by the Swiss Pavilion in November 2021, will come to close with us the Pavilion activities. This event will be the occasion to present the 4th edition of an **Arabic Booklet on Palmyra**. This booklet aims to develop a social program for local communities, especially for refugees in Azraq Camp in Jordan. By telling the history of Palmyra, the booklet insists on the multicultural aspects of this city on the Silk Road. By taking into consideration the importance of textile and fashion in the iconography of Ancient Palmyra, the members of the Project have produced canvas for embroidery workshops whose designs are inspired by or take up adornments from the destroyed temple of Baalshamin.

This 4th edition also includes a special section with the results of others workshops on digital art called «Zoom around Palmyra», carried out with the **IULM University - Milan** in the Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan, in collaboration with the **InZone** Learning Centre of the University of Geneva.

The presentation of the project will also introduce a larger dialogue on heritage and memory for educational purposes thanks to the participation of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property - **ICCROM**, the GeCo Laboratory of the **Università degli Studi di Firenze** and the **International Committee of the Red Cross**.

Agenda

11h00 UAE time (08h00 CET)

Opening Remarks

11h05 (08h05 CET)

Introduction: Why is the Collart-Palmyre Project Relevant?

- **Dr. Patrick Michel**, University of Lausanne

11h15 (08h15 CET)

Memory and Memories of Palmyra: Heritage for displaced populations

(Presentation of the new Arabic booklet on Palmyra)

- **Dr. Patrick Michel**, University of Lausanne
- **Dr. Gioia Zenoni**, IULM University of Milan (online)

11h30 (08h30 CET)

Implementation of the Project with the Azraq refugee camp

- **Mr. Omran Mansour & Mr. Malik Abdeen**, Care international
(*Live from the Azraq refugee camp*)
- **Mrs. Emanuela Sebastiani**, InZone - University of Geneva (online)
- **Dr. Jenny Maggi**, University of Geneva (online)

12h00 (09h00 CET)

Wider discussion: Heritage and Memory for Education

- **Prof. Grazia Tucci**, Università degli Studi di Firenze
- **Dr. Zaki Aslan**, Director, ICCROM-Sharjah Regional Office
- **Mrs. Esra Sayhi**, Delegate in charge of Partnerships, ICRC mission in the UAE

12h30 (09h30 CET)

Q&A

12h45 (09h45 CET)

Networking lunch