



Nahrein Network: Achievements and Ambitions

8–9 September 2021

Programme

Each session will begin with 20-30 minutes of short, recorded talks in Arabic and/or English with subtitles in the other language. This will be followed by a live panel discussion, during which presenters will compare their experiences and findings, and participants can ask questions.

The discussions will be recorded and shared on the Nahrein Network's YouTube channel afterwards, along with the video presentation.

Session 1: Plural heritage: documenting and celebrating diversity

6–7.30 pm UK = 8–9.30 Iraq, Wednesday 8 September

Chair:

- Dr Jaafar Jotheri, Al-Qadissiyah University, Co-Director of the Nahrein Network

Featured projects:

- *Babylon: modern heritage or ancient ruin?* — Dr Jasim Al-Janabi, University of Babil and Mr Ammar Altaee, Iraqi State Board of Antiquities and Heritage
- *Minority heritage of Baghdad* — Dr Zainab Alwaeli, Al-Mustansiriyah University, Iraq
- *Open educational resources for cultural heritage education in Iraq* — Professor Robin Shields, University of Bristol, UK
- *Owning the Past: rethinking and redisplaying Middle Eastern antiquity at the Ashmolean Museum* — Dr Paul Collins, Ashmolean Museum, UK
- *Plural heritage landscapes of Najaf: Christian heritage* — Dr Khalid Al-Hussainy and Mr Aqeel Jahil, University of Kufa, Iraq
- *The Shrine of the Prophet Uzayr* — Professor Abdulrahim H. Atia, University of Misan, Iraq

Session 2: Heritage in the landscape: marshes and deserts, villages and towns

8–9.30 pm UK = 10–11.30 Iraq, Wednesday 8 September

Chair:

- Dr Paul Collins, Ashmolean Museum Oxford, Co-Director of the Nahrein Network

Featured projects:

- *Creating an intangible cultural heritage module: Iraq's Bedouin* — Dr Salah Hatem, Al-Qadissiyah University, Iraq
- *Developing the Iraqi marshland tourist experience* — Dr Raheem Al-Abdan, University of Thi-Qar, Iraq
- *Dictionary of colloquial and Marsh Arabic dialects in southern Iraq* — Dr Hussein Ridha, University of Thi-Qar, Iraq
- *Living heritage of Diwanayah and Samawa* — Dr Jaafar Jotheri, Al-Qadissiyah University, Iraq



- *Post-conflict heritage recovery and development in Erbil's rural periphery* — Professor Howayda Al-Harithi, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Session 3: Heritage after conflict: remembering, regrouping, rebuilding

6–7.30 pm UK = 8–9.30 Iraq, Thursday 9 September

Chair:

- Dr Rozhen Mohammed-Amin, Sulaimani Polytechnic University, Co-Director of the Nahrein Network

Featured projects:

- *Documenting local archives on the British Colonial Period in Slemani* — Dr Shenah Abdullah, Kurdistan Institution for Strategic Studies and Scientific Research, KRI
- *Digital documentation of conflict-affected heritage sites in Anbar province* — Dr Abdul-azez Abbas, University of Al-Anbar, Iraq
- *Digital documentation of conflict-affected heritage sites in Tikrit province* — Dr Khalil Aljobory, University of Tikrit, Iraq
- *Historical memory and heritage amongst displaced communities in Cilicia* — Dr Emre Şerifoğlu, Koç University, Turkey
- *Post-ISIS identity in war-torn areas: Al-Karma as case study* — Dr Dhiaa Karim, University of Kufa, Iraq
- *The impact of armed conflicts on cultural heritage in Diyala province* — Dr Saif Tawfeeq Ibrahim, University of Diyala

Session 4: Heritage in partnership: from Visiting Scholarships to the next 10 years

6–7.30 pm UK = 8–9.30 Iraq, Thursday 9 September

Chair:

- Dr Mehiyar Kathem, University College London, Deputy Director of the Nahrein Network

Featured Visiting Scholarships:

- *Eco-museums for cultural heritage and sustainable tourism* — Dr Mustafa Doğan, Batman University, Turkey/University of Reading/BIAA
- *Emotions and storytelling with VR for Slemani Museum* — Dr Rozhen Mohammed-Amin, Sulaimani Polytechnic University, Kurdistan Region of Iraq/University of Glasgow/BISI
- *Intangible cultural heritage of Najaf* — Dr Ali Naji Attiyah, University of Kufa, Iraq/University College London/BISI
- *Mosul University Library* — Dr Mohammed Jasim, University of Mosul/British Library/BISI
- *Teaching medieval history in Iraq* — Prof. Maher Al-Helli, Al-Mustansiriyah University, Baghdad/University of Sheffield/BISI