



# NABATAEANS ON THE SHORES OF THE DEAD SEA

## An ACOR Public Lecture by Dr. Konstantine Politis

*Woolen Mantle dyed in red with dark blue arrowhead designs. Khirbet Qazone Textile 14 (DoAJ 2503) in Jordan Museum, Amman.*

Ancient sites which have recently come to light on the Dead Sea littoral reveal what life was like for the average Nabataean some two thousand years ago. Ancient texts also refer to these communities and the close relations which they had with their immediate neighbors to the north-west, even to the extent of intermarriage. The Dead Sea region will be discussed in the larger context of the evolving Nabataean realm. The site of Khirbet Qazone will be given special attention as it is the focus of K.D. Politis' current research supported by an ACOR CAORC fellowship. The cemetery at Khirbet Qazone included well preserved textiles along with other objects dating from the 1st to 3rd centuries A.D. There is also an early Christian phase (4th to 6th century) which includes a church.



**Tuesday March 10 at 6 pm  
at the American Center of  
Oriental Research (ACOR)  
Reception to Follow**

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### **About the Speaker:**

Dr. Konstantine Politis is an archaeologist educated in Greece, the United States, Britain and Belgium. His early fieldwork was in Greece and Liechtenstein. From 1988–2011, he was based at the British Museum, which was the principal sponsor of his excavations. The focus of his work is the Late Antique and early Islamic periods in the east Mediterranean and Arabia. Dr. Politis has worked in Jordan for over 35 years, and his main archaeological projects include the Sanctuary of Lot at Deir 'Ain 'Abata, the Masna al-Sukkar and Khirbat ash-Sheikh 'Isa at Ghawr as-Safi, and Khirbet Qazone. Currently he is on a second ACOR-CAORC Fellowship to conclude the studies of that site for publication. As chairperson of the Hellenic Society for Near Eastern Studies, Dr. Politis initiated the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth in Jordan, led excavations at Ra's al-Hadd in Oman, and coordinated a documentation training program for mosaics in Syria, as well as an exhibition on Hellenistic Syria in the Hama Museum.

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## Other Announcements

### **ACOR Board of Trustees Announces New Director, Arriving March 2020**

The ACOR Board of Trustees has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Pearce Paul Creasman to the position of ACOR Director beginning March 2020. Dr. Creasman comes from the University of Arizona where he has been a professor since 2009, focusing on the heritage, archaeology, and environment of the Middle East and North Africa. Please refer to the ACOR website for the formal announcement and more information.

### **Save the Date: Tuesday April 8, 2020, ICCROM-Getty Joint Lecture at ACOR**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2020 at 6pm, representatives of ICCROM (the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) and the Getty Conservation Institute will join us at ACOR for a public lecture about sheltering archaeological sites. Details will soon be available on the ACOR website and via ACOR's mailing list. We hope to see you there!

### **User Experience Survey: The ACOR Photo Archives Database**

Regardless of your field and whether or not you have used our database before, ACOR encourages anyone interested in archival materials or photography to explore the ACOR Photo Archives database and provide feedback via this short, 4-minute user experience survey. Thank you in advance for your time. Questions may be directed to [archives@acorjordan.org](mailto:archives@acorjordan.org). <http://bit.ly/survey20arch>

### **"Open Jordanian Heritage" Wikipedia Editing Group**

Wikipedia is the largest open-access encyclopedia in the world. This year, volunteers in the ACOR Library are supporting efforts to improve content on the site related to Jordanian Heritage, in both English and Arabic. Among collaborators, we have set a goal to add 20,000 words, including ACOR's open-access resources, to Wikipedia articles by the end of 2020. Will you join us? Learn more and explore participation opportunities by visiting the corresponding Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/HeritageJO/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HeritageJO/)



*Image: Ghors Mazra'a and Haditha with bay and Lisan, aerial view from the East, 3-5-1999. The site of Khirbet Qazone is visible on the lower left. Photo courtesy of Konstantinos Politis.*



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