

Ancestral Stones: Reimagining the significance of stone from the Paleolithic to the Present

September 12–15, 2022

Room 496, Gilman Building, TAU



Stone: Dov Ganchrow, Photography: Dan Perez

September 12, Monday

- 9:00** Short opening remarks
- 9:10** **Joshua (Shuky) Borkovsky**
Dream stones, landscape stones
- 9:30** Stone stories: Personal insights round table (part one)
- 11:30** Break
- 12:00** **First session** | Moderator: Leore Grosman
Kathryn Weedman Arthur | University of South Florida
Ontologies and assemblages: Knappable bodies and their offspring
Meir Finkel and Ran Barkai | Tel Aviv University
Interpreting Paleolithic flint extraction and reduction sites in the Upper Galilee, Israel: Human-stone interactions in light of relevant insights from indigenous groups
- 13:30** Lunch break
- 15:00** **Second session** | Moderator: Ella Assaf Shpayer
Lambros Malafouris | University of Oxford
The unspeakable becomes spoken: On the dialogue between maker and material
Bar Efrati | Tel Aviv University
Standing on the shoulders of giants: Understanding Palaeolithic human-tool encounters and interactions using Readymade concepts and techniques
- 16:30** Break
- 17:00** **Third session** | Moderator: Steve Brown
Miguel Astor-Aguilera | Arizona State University
Maya lithic ontologies: Cosmological embodiment and materiality
Marlize Lombard | University of Johannesburg
Bored stones, lithic rings and the concept of holes in hunter-gatherer shamanism
- 18:30** **Clive Freeman and Peter Markovic**
Assistant Director National Heritage
Department of Environment Commonwealth Government Australia
Stories of Yuni stones; a southeast costal Aboriginal Australian story collection part I

September 13, Tuesday

- 9:00** **First session** | Moderator: Marlize Lombard
Stone stories: Personal insights round table (part two)
Catherine Allen | George Washington University
Don't fall asleep by a boulder: Time, communication, and consciousness in relation to Andean stone
- 10:30** Break
- 11:00** **Second session** | Moderator: Rachel Horowitz
Erica Hill | University of Alaska Southeast
Stone acting like people in the North American Arctic: Inuksuit as polysemic features
Ella Assaf Shpayer | Tel Aviv University
When human-animal relations are set in stone: the case of stone balls and horses
- 12:30** Lunch break
- 14:00** **Third session** | Moderator: Bar Efrati
François B. Lanoë and Maria Nieves Zedeno
University of Arizona
The petroformed landscape of the Blackfoot
Steve Brown | University of Canberra
Talking with stones: Indigenous stone artefacts, material memory, and rights-based futures
- 15:30** Break
- 16:00** **Forth session** | Moderator: Ed Swemson
Dov Ganchrow | Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
To computational archaeology and back: The round-trip journey of stone artifacts between a physical and a digital existence, is leveraged for the creation of new design works
Leore Grosman and Keren Nebenhaus
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Curiosities from a 12,000-year-old ritual context
- 17:30** Break
- 18:00** **Clive Freeman and Peter Markovic**
Stories of Yuni stones; a southeast costal Aboriginal Australian story collection part II

September 14, Wednesday.

Excursion

September 15, Thursday

- 09:00** Stones and the Ontological turn: personal insights round table
- 10:30** **First session** | Moderator: Miguel Astor-Aguilera
Paul Sillitoe | Durham University
Known & unknown stone: A Papuan petrological heritage
Lia Genovese | Thammasat and Silpakorn Universities Bangkok
The rock-solid powers of ancestral stone
- 12:00** Lunch break
- 13:30** **Second session** | Moderator: Erica Hill
Rachel Horowitz | Washington State University
Symbolic trash: Lithic debitage, ritual, and political power among the Preclassic and Classic period Maya
Ed Swenson | University of Toronto
Fluid rocks: The (de)territorializing power of sacred stones
- 15:00** **Clive Freeman and Peter Markovic**
Stories of Yuni stones; a southeast costal Aboriginal Australian story collection part III
- 15:30** Break
- 16:00-17:30** Get together and a discussion
- 19:00** Finger food party under the sky

**Free attendance
everyone is welcomed!**