

- 14:50 Opening
- 15:00–16:30 **Session 1: Human–Non-Human Animal Bodies and Substances**
Chair: **Lidar Sapir-Hen**
- The Sacrificial Animal in Mesopotamia
Yoram Cohen | Tel Aviv University
- Animal Sacrifice in First-Millennium Babylonian Religious Contexts
Rocío Da Riva | University of Barcelona
- From Animal to Animal: Ritual Spitting and the Absorption of Evil in Hittite Anatolia
Romina Della Casa | Tel Aviv University
- 16:30 Break
- 16:45–18:45 **Session 2: Human–Non-Human Animal Conceptualizations**
Chair: **Romina Della Casa**
- Domestication and the Flattening of the Wild in the Ancient Near East
Benjamin S. Arbuckle | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- The Hermeneutics of Human-Non-Human Interactions in Ancient Mesopotamian Divinatory Texts
Nicla De Zorzi | University of Vienna
- Acting as Animals: Hybrids in Hittite Cultic Festivals
Alice Mouton | Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris
- “Do Not Muzzle an Ox while It Is Treading Out the Grain” (Deut. 25:4): Animal Ethics as a Unique Phenomenon in the Biblical Law
Idan Breier | Bar-Ilan University & Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics
- 18:45 Break
- 19:00–20:30 **Session 3: Human–Non-Human Animal Materializations**
Chair: **Abra Spiciarich**
- Habits and Habitats: Animal “Vignettes” in Neo-Assyrian Reliefs
Allison Thomason | Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Animal Materializations as a Window into Social Bonds at Çatalhöyük
Lindsay Der | The University of British Columbia
- “Urban-Rural,” “Producer-Consumer,” “Public-Private,” and “Continuity-Discontinuity” Binaries and Their Utility in Zooarchaeological Research: Case Studies from Central Anatolian Bronze Age
Levent Atici | University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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