

Humans in Deserts – Stories of Exploitation and Survival

Symposium

November 7th–8th 2020

Hosted online by the Centre for Ancient Cultural Heritage and Environment, Macquarie University

Day 1: Saturday November 7th 2020

AEDT		Presenter	Affiliation	Title
9:00	Opening	Uncle Phil Duncan	Macquarie University	Acknowledgement of Country
		Ronika Power		CACHE Introduction
		Frederick Hardtke		Symposium Welcome & Overview
9:30	Keynote	Mike Smith	National Museum of Australia	Modes of adaptation: The long history of foraging societies in Australia's drylands
10:30	Break			
11:00	Paper	Ginger-Rose Harrington	Macquarie University	Is the price really what you pay? The psychology of resource unavailability during the First Intermediate Period
11:30	Paper	Michael Westaway	University of Queensland	Investigating Aboriginal trade, food production and village settlements in Channel Country, Central Australia
12:00	Lunch			
13:00	Paper	Alison Betts	University of Sydney	Game drives and the communal hunt across the Asian Steppes

13:30	Paper	Paul Hesse	Macquarie University	Ten thousand years of human–environment interaction in a high altitude desert in the Southern Andes
14:00	Networking			
14:30	Close			

Day 2: Sunday November 8th 2020

AEDT		Presenter	Affiliation	Title
8:45	Opening	Frederick Hardtke	Macquarie University	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome & Overview
9:00	Paper	John Darnell	Yale University	Mineralogical religiosity in the ancient Egyptian deserts
10:00	Paper	Justin Pargeter	New York University	Population size and connectivity do not correlate with increased technological complexity in Late Glacial (~18-12 kcal BP) South Africa
10:30	Break			
11:00	Paper	Alex Mackay	University of Wollongong	Arid areas as innovation engines in human behavioural evolution: Evidence from Varsche Rivier 003
11:30	Paper	Joseph Lehner	University of Sydney	Strategic resources and large-scale industry in arid environments: Archaeometallurgical survey and excavation in Oman
12:00	Lunch			
13:00	Paper	Amir Zaribaf	University of Sydney	Using archaeological field survey and satellite remote sensing to understand anthropogenic deforestation in ancient southeast Arabia
13:30	Paper	Lloyd Weeks	University of New England	Understanding seasonal desert sites in SE Arabia's late prehistoric settlement systems: Insights from Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai

14:00	Break			
14:30	Paper	Susanne Binder	Macquarie University	From the Nile Valley into the deserts: Max Weidenbach's diary as it documents the Lepsius Expedition (1842-1845)
15:00	Paper	John Burn	Macquarie University	The A.R.I.D. hypothesis: A river in drought
15:30	Networking			
16:00	Close			

