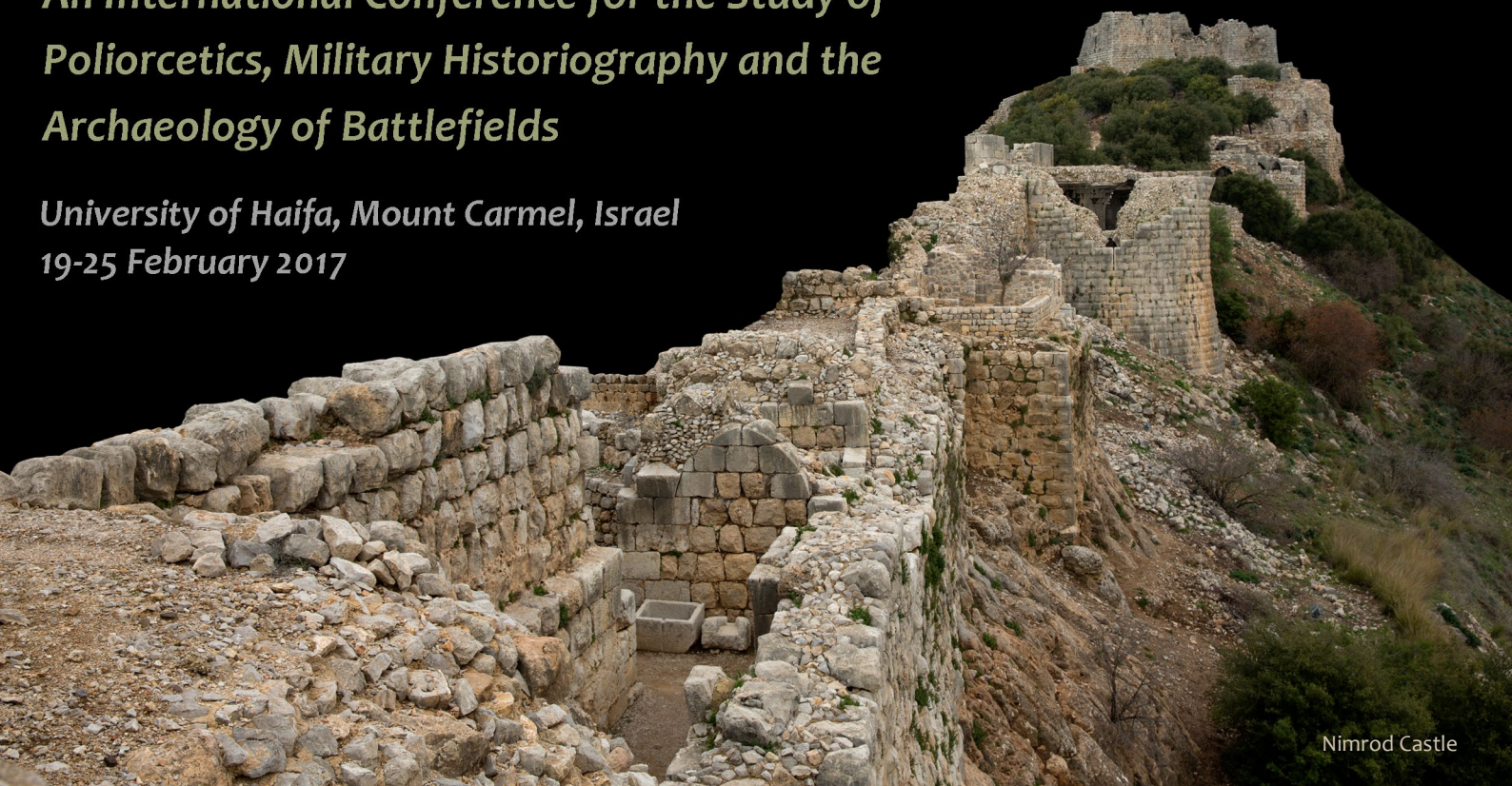


The Art of Siege Warfare and Military Architecture from the Classical World to the Middle Ages

An International Conference for the Study of Poliorcetics, Military Historiography and the Archaeology of Battlefields

University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Israel
19-25 February 2017



Nimrod Castle

Conference Program

Goals – The conference is an international gathering for researchers to present and discuss recent studies in the historiography and archaeology of siege warfare, battlefields and military architecture from the Classical Period (5th century BCE) until the Middle Ages (15th century CE). Such a span of time will make possible a fruitful discussion of the continuous narrative of poliorcetics.

Language – English will be the principal language of the conference, but presentations may also be delivered in French, Italian, German or Spanish.

Proposed Sessions:

- Urban Fortifications from the Classical to the Byzantine Periods
- Urban Fortifications from the Early Islamic Period to the Mamluk Period
- The Geo-spatial Military-based Analysis of Outworks and Watchtowers
- Siege Engines, Projectiles and Experimental Archaeology
- Military Historiography and Epigraphy
- The Archaeology of Battlefields
- Arms and Armor
 - In Classical and Hellenistic Times
 - Of the Roman Armies
 - Of the Crusader Armies
 - Of the Ayyūbid and Mamluk Armies
- Military-related Burials

Conference Schedule:

- 19th February – Arrival and gathering
- 20th February – A day-tour to the north of Israel to visit Nimrod Castle, The Sea of Galilee and the polis of Antiochia Hippos (Sussita)
- 21st February – Conference Day One
- 22nd February – Conference Day Two including an afternoon tour to Akko
- 23rd February – Conference Day Three
- 24th-25th February – A two-day tour southward will be conducted to: Caesarea Maritima, The Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran and local fortlets

Following the conference, a peer-reviewed monograph will be published.

Conference Location

The conference will take place at the University of Haifa campus atop Mount Carmel. The city of Haifa is renowned for its ethnic diversity and liberality, where Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze and Bahá'ís, from all sects and beliefs live together. Haifa is the third largest city in Israel, overlooks the Mediterranean, is blessed with beautiful sandy beaches and offers a wide range of culinary cuisines.

Costs

- **Three-day conference including:**
 - Full participation in all conference sessions
 - Buffet in-between sessions
 - Two lunches and one dinner at the University of Haifa
 - A half-day excursion to Akko including dinner
 - Daily transport from a centrally-located hotel to the university

Regular participants –115 Euros; Students – 90 Euros

- **Preconference excursion to the north of Israel including:**
 - Transport from the hotel to Nimrod Castle and a tour of the site
 - A tour of the polis of Antiochia Hippos (Sussita)
 - The Sea of Galilee
 - Light lunch (including wine) by the Sea of Galilee
 - Dinner

All participants – 35 Euros

- **The two-day excursion following the conference includes:**

- Departure from Haifa for Caesarea Maritima and a tour of the site
- Desert forts
- Qumran
- A full tour of Masada including cable car transportation and a visit to the museum
- The Dead Sea
- Belvoir Castle (if time permits)
- Full board
- Lodging at a pleasant hostel nearby Masada in the Judean desert with billions of stars in the nighttime sky

Regular participants – 160 Euros; Students – 140 Euros

All costs are payable in your own currency.



Schedule

In order to review as many submitted abstracts as possible in preparation for the conference, we ask that participants adhere to the following schedule and guidelines.

New session proposals - The committee will consider proposals for new sessions submitted no later than **31 May 2016**.

Abstracts - Abstracts must be received by the committee no later than **31 July 2016**.

Abstract Guidelines

Please follow guidelines listed below and submit the abstract via email. The organizing committee welcomes fresh ideas and insights and the results of new research related to the main conference theme, whether from the field or laboratory. We aim that, at any given time, there will be no more than three sessions running in-parallel.



- Abstracts must be no longer than 225 words. Font size 12 point, typed in one of the following font styles: Times New Roman / Calibri / Arial
- Abstracts must be written in English (The actual paper for submission and delivery in the conference may be in English, French, Italian, German or Spanish).
- The Abstract must include: The first and last names of presenters, institute affiliation, email address, full paper title and for which session, from the sessions listed above, is the paper being suggested.
- File – Please attach the abstract as a MS Word (2007-2013) or PDF file. The file name should include your full name (first author only) and date (day_month_year), i.e. “Josephus_Flavius_23_05_16”.



Poster Session

During the conference several poster sessions will be held, including a 5-minute introduction to each poster. Please apply for a poster session no later than **1 November 2016**.

Posters must be relevant to the sessions listed above and conference goals. Ongoing research, new approaches or a thesis, for example, may be introduced by a poster.

Please apply for a poster session via email including: Your full name, email address, affiliation, poster title and a short paragraph (up to 100 words) describing it.

Please send all correspondence to the conference email: poliorcetics@staff.haifa.ac.il

The conference website, with full details and payment options, will be available shortly on-line: <http://poliorcetics.haifa.ac.il>

We look forward to your participation

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Our conference slogan is:
*Strip off your armor, make friends
 and don't skimp on the wine*

