



Camels in Asia and North Africa Interdisciplinary workshop on their significance in past and present

Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 October, 2010

Austrian Academy of Sciences, AAS
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für Wildtierkunde
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Scope and Aims of the workshop

This workshop aims at a comprehensive discussion on Old World camels (Dromedary and Bactrian camel) including the following topics:

- Origin and domestication
- Conservation of the wild Bactrian camel
- Veterinary folk medicine
- Socio-economic significance: Breeding, caring, trading
- Art: Petroglyphs, poetry and music
- History and Symbolism of camels in Asia and Austria

These issues will be addressed by scholars from the natural sciences as well as from the social sciences and humanities

Preliminary time schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 2010

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 18:00 Workshop

18:30 Reception

Wednesday, Oct. 6th, 2010

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 17:00 Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 7th, 2010 - after workshop program

9:00 - 12:00 Excursion to Vienna Zoo (optional)

Welcome: Helmut Denk (President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Introduction: Eva-Maria Knoll

Keynote: Benefits of Inter/trans-disciplinary Natural/socio-scientific Collaboration:
Ulrike Felt (Department of Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna)

Old World Camels (*Camelini*)

- **Into Old World Camel Genetics:** Pamela Burger (Institute of Population Genetics, Vetmeduni Vienna)
- **Genetic Origin and Domestication of Old World Camels:** Pauline Charruau (Institute of Population Genetics, Vetmeduni Vienna)
- **Camels of Arabia and Camels of Turan: Two Distinctive Pathways to Domestication and Two Different Types of Impact:** Maurizio Tosi (Institute of Archaeology, University of Bologna)
- ***The Importance of the Camel for the Traffic on the Silk Road - the Chinese View:***
Ralph Kauz (Institute of Iranian Studies, AAS; to be confirmed)
- **References to Camels in Africa and the Near East in Traditional Chinese Sources:**
Roderich Ptak (Institute of Sinology, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich)

Bactrian Camel in Mongolia and China

- **Conservation Management of the Wild Bactrian Camel in Mongolia:** Enkhbileg Dulamtseren & Adiya (Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Wild Camel Protection Foundation, Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia)
- **The Camel in Mongolian History:** Lkhamsuren Munkh-Erdene (Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS)
- **Coalescent-based Simulations of Population Ancestry of the Two-humped Camel (*Camelus bactrianus*):** Alexandra Trinks (Palaeogenetics Group, Institute for Anthropology, University of Mainz)
- **Hybridization Between Wild and Domestic Bactrian Camels:** Katja Silbermayr (Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetic, Vetmeduni Vienna)
- **Genetics of Chinese Bactrian Camels:** Han Janlin (Gansu Agricultural University, PRC)
- **In-situ Conservation of the Wild Bactrian Camel in Mongolia and China:** Chris Walzer (Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology, Vetmeduni Vienna)
- **Room and Habitat Use of Wild Bactrian Camels in Mongolia and China:** Petra Kaczensky (Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology, Vetmeduni Vienna)
- **Beyond the Weeping Camel:** Nina Lang (Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS)
- **The camel and its symbolism in folk songs of Mongolia:** Otgonbayar Chuluunbaatar (Inst. for Folk Music Research & Ethnomusicology, Univ of Music & Performing Arts, Vienna)

Dromedary Camel in the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa

- **Evolutionary History of Indigenous Arabian Peninsula Camel (*Camelus dromedarius*) Populations** Faisal Saleh (Institute of Population and Conservation Genetics, Univ. Nottingham)
- **Ancient distribution and potential centres of domestication of the Old World camels:** Hans-Peter Uerpmann (Institute of Pre- and Protohistory and Mediaeval Archaeology, University of Tübingen)
- **Cultural History of Camel Breeders in the Arabian Peninsula: Some Considerations:** Walter Dostal (Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS)
- **Camels in the archaeological record of ancient Mesopotamia:** Cornelia Becker (Institute for Pre-historic Archaeology, Freie Universität Berlin):
- **Palaeogenetic Analysis into Phylogeography and Domestication of the Dromedary:** Eva-Maria Geigl (Institute of Epigenomics and Paleogenomics, Institute Jacques Monod, CNRS, Paris)
- **Camel Herds in Southern Saudi Arabia: Petroglyphs and Ethnographic Observations from the 1980s on Feeding, Veterinary Folk Medicine, and Commerce:** Andre Gingrich (Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS)

Preliminary Workshop Program - cont'

Dromedary Camel in the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa - cont'

- **Archaeozoology of camels in SE-Arabia:** Margarete Uerpmann (Institute of Pre- and Protohistory and Mediaeval Archaeology, University of Tübingen):
- **Organization of a Camel Caravan:** *Johann Heiss (Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS; to be confirmed)*
- **What Camels Eat: A Study in Arabic Ethnobotany:** Daniel Varisco (Hofstra University Hempstead, USA)
- **Milk Hygiene:** Dagmar Schoder (Institute of Milk Hygiene, Vetmeduni Vienna)
- **Between Myth and Reality: Camel-specific Terminology in Arabic:** Stephan Procházka & Veronika Ritt-Benmimoun (Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Vienna)
- **The Saharan Dromedary as a Symbol - A Semiotic Analysis:** Anja Fischer (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna)
- **Camel-Trekking: The ‚Authentic‘ Tourist Experience in the Sahara:** Ines Kohl (Institute for Social Anthropology, AAS)

After Workshop Program

Excursion to Vienna Zoo Schönbrunn

Thursday, 6th Oct 2010 (9-12:00)



This excursion is
optional, entry free, registration required

Workshop location

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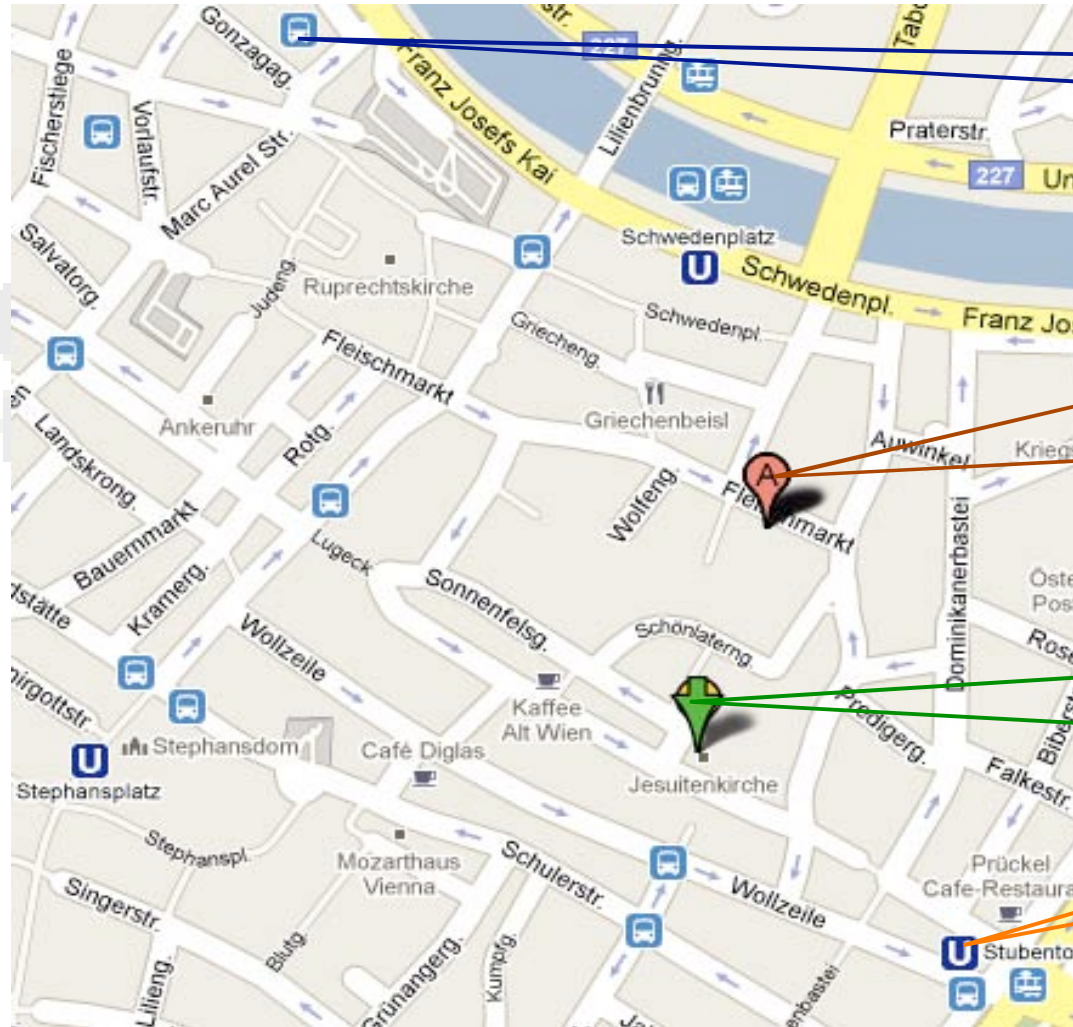


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The workshop will take place in the club-room of the AAS in the middle of the beautiful Vienna Inner City.

http://www.oeaw.ac.at/home/vermietung/ver_club.html

How to get there



Vienna Airport Lines
Morinplatz

Accommodation
HotelPost****
Fleischmarkt 24
1010 Vienna

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Dr.-Ignaz-Platz 2
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U3 Stubentor

How to get there

To the Workshop

From Vienna airport:

- CAT cityairport train or S7 to Wien Mitte (www.cityairporttrain.com)
- U3 to Stubentor, 5 min walk to Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel Platz 2

From Westbahnhof:

- U3 to Stubentor, 5 min walk to Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel Platz 2

From Vetmeduni Vienna:

- Bus 27A to Kagran
- U1 to Schwedenplatz
- U3 to Stubentor, 5 min walk to Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel Platz 2

To the Hotel Post

From Vienna airport:

- Vienna airport line (bus) to Morinplatz, 10 min walk to Fleischmarkt 24

From Westbahnhof:

- U3 to Stubentor, 5 min walk to Fleischmarkt 24

Accommodation

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**We are looking forward
to welcoming you
in Vienna!**

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