

BERNBABYLON

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From Bern to Babylon and about everything in between and beyond.

1–2 October 2026, Bern, Switzerland

Call for Contributions

BERNBABYLON is a laid-back space where researchers from diverse areas and disciplines can mingle and share ideas. Whether you're a wordsmith, an archaeology enthusiast, or an art history buff working on Mesopotamia, Anatolia, the Levant, Egypt, the Arabian Peninsula, Iran, Central Asia, or the Aegean – your presence is eagerly awaited! Join us for a vibrant exchange of knowledge and experience. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to introduce new ideas and projects, regardless of their scale, and engage with experts from diverse fields. In order to stimulate exchange of ideas and benefit from personal interaction, BERNBABYLON is an on-site conference.

Talk

We welcome original research papers, case studies, and practical insights. We seek academic quality tailored for a non-specialist audience, presented in a concise and communicative manner. Please ensure that all citations and images in your PowerPoint are accurately and visibly referenced. It is crucial that the language used in your slides adheres to grammatical correctness and precision, following scientific standards.

Duration: 15 minutes

Book Presentations

Showcase your recently published scientific monograph or fiction literature in a casual ambience accompanied by a delicious cup of coffee.

Duration: 10 minutes

Workshop

Workshops should feature presentations, discussions, and hands-on activities, providing participants with an immersive experience. We invite researchers, practitioners, and enthusiasts to submit programmes for engaging and interactive workshops at BernBabylon. We welcome original research papers, case studies, and practical insights related to the workshop theme.

Duration: 3 hours

Submission Process

Authors may submit their proposals until 10 March 2026. Submissions by young academic talents are especially encouraged. All submissions will undergo a peer-review process, and accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings. Authors will be notified of acceptance at the beginning of May 2026.

- Proposals should include name and affiliation of authors and co-authors, a scientific abstract, and three keywords. Abstracts should not exceed:
 - 200 words for talks
 - 100 words for book presentations
 - 500 words for workshops
- Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF document
- Submit your proposal to: info-bernbabylon.iaw@unibe.ch

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: 10 March 2026
- Notification of acceptance: beginning of May 2026
- Conference date: 1–2 October 2026 in Bern, Switzerland

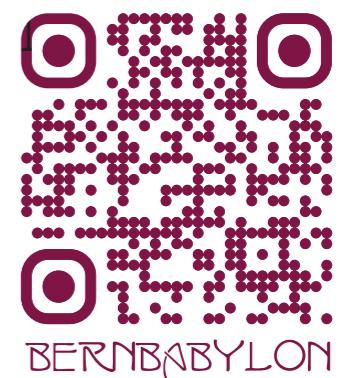
We look forward to your contributions and active participation in the third BERNBABYLON conference!

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