



# Call for Papers

## Global Islamic Archaeology Showcase

A **FREE** online postgraduate and early-careers research event

hosted by the

Centre for Islamic Archaeology (CfIA),  
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS),  
University of Exeter  
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**ABSTRACT DEADLINE: 22 August 2020**

GIAS invites early-careers researchers working within the field of Islamic archaeology and material culture to submit papers to our first virtual showcase—an opportunity to present current research to a global audience. We are particularly keen to encourage researchers based in Africa and Asia who may not ordinarily have the means to attend a conference in Europe. We welcome papers from Ph.D. students and early career researchers, as well as those studying a Master's by Research, whose focus is Islamic archaeology and material culture in the broadest sense: we embrace a wide chronological range and geographical focus, from Brazil to Azerbaijan, Mali to Japan.

**Your participation as speaker or audience is welcome.**

The summer of 2020 has seen many changes to academia, not least with the impact of COVID-19, growing environmental concerns and recently intensified decolonisation movements. These issues are particularly relevant to the discipline of archaeology and especially its application on the African and Asian continents. Prompting us all to think differently, they present an opportunity to change how we do conferences for the better by using technology to widen participation and increase inclusivity in this growing and dynamic field of archaeological enquiry.

## The format

GIAS is a one-day online conference, divided into sessions, with a keynote event and a relaxed virtual social event to be held afterwards. Whether presented live or pre-recorded, each 15 minute presentation will be followed by a live, five-minute Q&A with the speaker(s). The presentations will be recorded<sup>1</sup> and we intend to upload them to the conference website after the event. To improve accessibility, participants are encouraged to submit two recordings of their presentation for upload—one in English and another in a language of their choice—although only the English version can be presented on the day. The chatbox and breakout rooms will be utilised to facilitate discussions.

## Apply to present a paper

If you'd like to present your work at the GIAS, please submit a 200–300 word abstract by 22<sup>nd</sup> August to [globalislamicarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:globalislamicarchaeology@gmail.com). Be sure to include the title of the paper, your full name, your contact details, the name of your institution, and your current position/level of study. You can also submit your abstract through the conference website at: <https://www.islamicarchaeology.co.uk/>

## Registration

Registration is **FREE** for all. All welcome!

## Enquiries

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to speaker consent.