

From Prehistoric Villages to Early States: The Chalcolithic Period in the Ancient Near East

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- Monday, 4 March **Lecture** (8.20-10.45)
Topic 1: Ubaid period: culture-historical overview
Topic 2: Ubaid period: politically and socially egalitarian or hierarchical?
- Seminar** (11.40-14.05)
 general discussion
- Tuesday, 5 March **Lecture** (8.20-10.45)
Topic 2 (continued): Ubaid period: politically and socially egalitarian or hierarchical?
Topic 3: Ubaid period: localized economies and inter-regional interactions
- Seminar** (11.40-14.05)
 presentations on Topic 2
- Wednesday, 6 March **Lecture** (8.20-10.45)
Topic 3 (continued): Ubaid period: localized economies and inter-regional interactions
Topic 4: Uruk period: culture-historical overview
- Seminar** (11.40-14.05)
 presentations on Topic 3; summary of Ubaid period
- Thursday, 7 March **Lecture** (8.20-10.45)
Topic 5: Uruk period: tributary economies, specialization, and the growth of dependent labor
- Seminar** (11.40-14.05)
 presentations on Topic 5
- Monday, 11 March **Lecture** (10.00-12.25)
Topic 6: Uruk period: 'Uruk expansion' and long-distance exchange
Topic 7: Recording, accounting, and the invention of writing

Seminar (11.40-14.05)
presentations on Topics 6-7

Tuesday, 12 March **Lecture (8:20 – 10:45)**
Topic 7 (continued): Recording, accounting, and the invention of writing

Seminar (11.40-14.05)
presentations on Topic 7; summary of Uruk period

Wed., 13 March **Lecture (8:20 – 10:45)**
Topic 8: Chalcolithic in the Levant: culture-historical overview
Topic 9: Chalcolithic in the Levant: growth of metallurgy
Topic 10: Chalcolithic in the Levant: cult, sanctuaries, and hoards

Seminar (11.40-14.05)
presentations on Topics 9-10

Thursday, 14 March **Lecture (8:20 – 10:45)**
Topic 11: Representation of people in durable media: figurines, stelae, and seals
Topic 12: Food and commensality

Seminar (11.40-14.05)
presentations on Topics 11-12; final discussion