

The Aramaeans and Aramaic from the Ancient Near East to the Roman Near East

13th – 15th July 2026, (University of Oxford)

ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies is organising its Sixtieth International Conference on “The Aramaeans and Aramaic from the Ancient Near East to the Roman Near East”, to be held at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Oxford, on 13th – 15th July 2026.

ARAM’s intention for this conference is provide a platform for scholars interested the history of the Aramaeans, from the Aramaean states in the Assyrian period to the role of Aramaic under the Achaemenid Persians and the continued existence in the Roman period of Aramaean- and Aramaic-dominated polities and religious traditions such as those at Palmyra, Hatra and Petra. The Jewish, Mandaean and Christian traditions have always have been well represented in ARAM conferences. On this occasion, it wants to devote a specialist conference to the “pagan” Aramaeans throughout their history.

The conference will start on Monday, July 13th at 9am, finishing on Wednesday 15th July at 6pm. Each speaker’s paper is limited to 45 minutes, with an additional 15 minutes for discussion. All papers given at the conference will be considered for publication in a future edition of the ARAM Periodical, subject to editorial review. If you wish to participate in the conference, please contact the ARAM Society, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Oxford, Pusey Lane, Oxford OX1 2LE, UK. Tel. 0044 (0)1865-514041 Email: aram@ames.ox.ac.uk