Merchants, Trade, and Exchange in the Pre-Columbian World

Friday, 8 October 2010

8:30 am  Coffee on the Terrace

9:00 am  Welcome (Music Room)
Jan Ziolkowski, Dumbarton Oaks
Joanne Pillsbury, Dumbarton Oaks

Session I: Highland Mesoamerica
Moderator: Joanne Pillsbury

9:15 am  Kenneth G. Hirth, Penn State University & Joanne Pillsbury, Dumbarton Oaks
_Framing the Economic Picture_

Richard E. Blanton, Purdue University
_Cooperation and the Moral Economy of the Marketplace_

Deborah L. Nichols, Dartmouth College
_Merchants and Merchandise: The Archaeology of Aztec Commerce_

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Kenneth G. Hirth, Penn State University
_The Merchant’s World: Commercial Diversity and the Economics of Interregional Exchange in Highland Mesoamerica_

David M. Carballo, Boston University
_The Social Organization of Craft Production and Interregional Exchange at Teotihuacan_

12:45 pm  Lunch in the Orangery

Session II: The Maya
Moderator: Barbara Arroyo

Marilyn A. Masson, University of Albany, SUNY & David A. Freidel, Washington University
_Wide Open Spaces: A Long View of the Importance of Maya Market Exchange_

Patricia A. McAnany, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
_Artisans, Ikats, and Conflict at Classic Maya Courts_

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Brigitte Kovacevich, Southern Methodist University
_Craft Production and Distribution in the Maya Lowlands_

Alexandre Tokovinine, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University & Dmitry Belyaev, Russian State University for the Humanities
_Prehispanic Maya Merchants in Texts and Images_

5:15 pm  Discussion & Announcements

5:30–7:00 pm  Reception in the Orangery
Saturday, 9 October 2010

9:00 am  Coffee on the Terrace

Session III: The Andes  
Moderator: David Webster

9:30 am  Tom D. Dillehay, Vanderbilt University  
*Andean Mobility, Economy, and Political Order*

Paul S. Goldstein, University of California, San Diego  
*Autonomous Ayllus and States Without Markets? Embedded Andean Economic Systems and the Expansive Tiwanaku State*

Coffee on the Terrace

Axel E. Nielsen, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina  
*Circulating Objects and the Constitution of South Andean Society (500 BC–AD 1535)*

Richard Burger, Yale University & Enrique Mayer, Yale University  
*A Reconsideration of Household Exchange, Long-Distance Trade, and Marketplaces in the Prehispanic Central Andes*

12:45 pm  Speakers’ Photograph (Speakers meet by the podium in the Music Room)

12:45 pm  Lunch in the Orangery

Session III (continued): The Andes  
Moderator: Kenneth G. Hirth

John R. Topic, Trent University  
*Exchange on the Equatorial “Frontier”: A Comparison of Ecuador and Northern Peru*

Charles Stanish, Cotsen Institute, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Barter Markets in the Prehispanic Andes*

3:30 pm  Coffee on the Terrace

Session IV: Ancient American Trade and Exchange in Perspective  
Moderator: Kenneth G. Hirth

Barry Isaac, University of Cincinnati  
Discussion

4:30 pm  Discussion & Concluding Remarks  
Kenneth G. Hirth, Penn State University & Joanne Pillsbury, Dumbarton Oaks

5:15–6:15 pm  Cocktails on the Terrace