



**November 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> , 2014, Ceremonial Hall, Main Building, University of Copenhagen**

The symposium is a cross-disciplinary event with focus on the use and meaning of water in human adaptation to the environment in the Near East and Northern Africa from the earliest traces of human activities to modern times. The symposium brings together scientists of culture and nature in order to shed light on the most crucial challenge for survival, access to and use of water - physically as well as metaphorically.

Key note speakers are Prof. emer. Hans J. Nissen (Freie Universität Berlin) and Prof. Zheng-Tian Lu (University of Chicago)

Twenty invited experts present their papers followed by questions and comments.

[See list of speakers and titles here.](#)

The symposium is open to the public, but because of a very limited number of seats pre-registration is required before November, 7th. Confirmation will be sent a few days later.

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After the symposium the papers are expected to be published for a broad audience in the series Proceedings of the Danish Institute in Damascus.

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