



*The Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus (NIASD) and the Archaeology Department of the Faculty of Arts of Damascus University have the pleasure to invite you for the lecture*

## ***“The role of technological ceramic research in archaeology”***

*by Dr. Bram van As who is lecturer in material culture studies, specializing in the technological analysis of pottery. He studied prehistory and Near Eastern Archaeology in Leiden and wrote his PhD thesis on pottery traditions in North West Syria.*

*His research, in cooperation with the ceramist Loe Jacobs, is focused on the linkage of laboratory analysis with production studies, the use of ethnographic and ethnoarchaeological observation and experimental archaeology. Dr. van As is active in archaeological research projects in Western Asia, the Balkans and the Caribbean. He is editor of the Leiden Journal of Pottery Studies, coordinator of the International Working Group on Mesopotamian Pottery and member of ROCT (Roman Crafts and Trade) and SRAP (Southern Romania Archaeological Project). He will give his lecture at:*

**Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2007, 10:00h at the Department of Archaeology**



*Technological ceramic research has a theoretical base, which includes the proposition that the ‘genesis’ of pottery is important in order to be able to make full use of this form of material culture. The research comprises the interpretation of technological characteristics, laboratory analysis (archaeometry), experimental archaeology and ethnographic and ethnoarchaeological observation. It places the technology in a social, economical and cultural framework and considers the typo-chronological consequences of technological pottery analysis.*

*The technological ceramic research of the Ceramic Laboratory of the Leiden Faculty of Archaeology looks both at on-site or period specific issues and at the broader issues of the development of ceramic technology over time. Current investigations are, among others, focused on the archaeology of Syria.*

*An overview of the various aspects of technological ceramic research will be presented.*

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