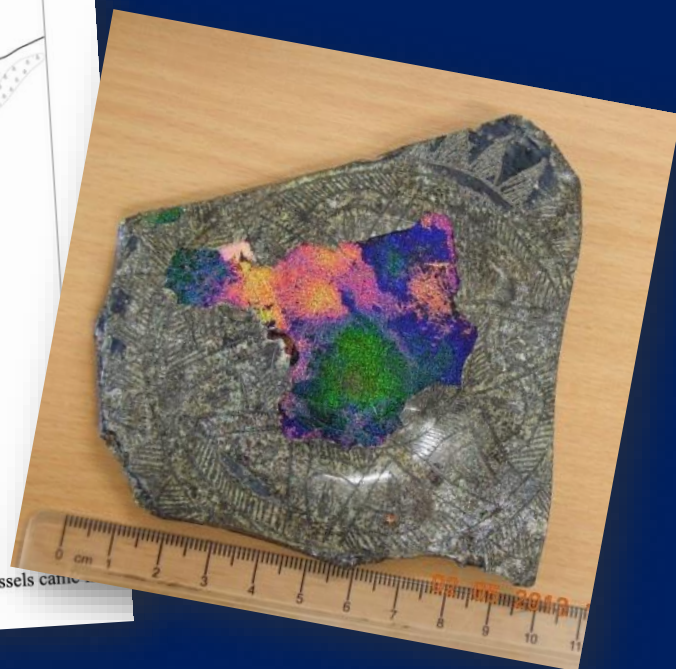
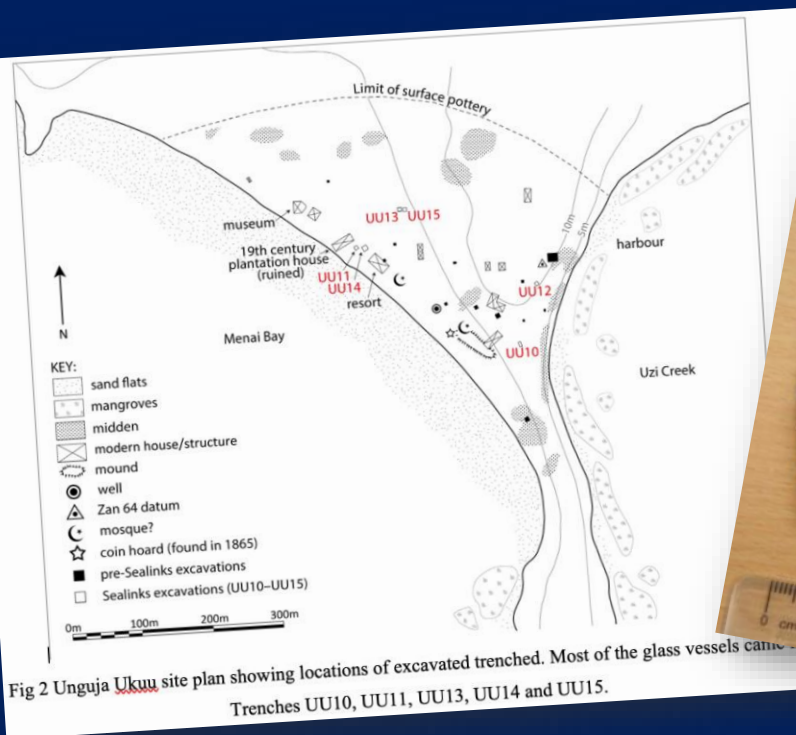
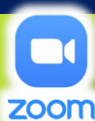


Early Islamic glass (7th -10th centuries AD) in Unguja Ukuu, Zanzibar: a microcosm of a globalised industry in the early 'Abbasid period



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In the study of early Islamic glass (8th – 10th centuries AD), typological analysis has often been employed to investigate different forms of glass vessels and their evolution across space and time. With the use of advanced scientific techniques, such as laser ablation-inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS), it has become possible for archaeologists to discover the technology of early Islamic glassmaking, glass compositional groups, and the types of raw materials used to make Islamic glass. Combined with archaeological evidence, we begin to understand the organisation of early Islamic glass production and the global trading networks of Islamic glass. This seminar will look at the benefits of using a multidisciplinary approach— a combination of archaeological and scientific analyses— to study early Islamic glass in Unguja Ukuu (Zanzibar) and what it can tell us about the provenance and trading networks of Middle Eastern glass in the early Islamic period.

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