

FRIEDERIKE SCHÖPF

Biographical Note

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Friederike Schöpf studied Archaeology and Cultural History of the Near East, Assyriology, and Jewish Studies at the Goethe University Frankfurt/Main between 2010/11 to 2016. During her studies, she worked as a student assistant at the Institute for Jewish Studies. Moreover, she participated in several archaeological projects in Germany and Israel. Her Master Thesis (*Magistra Artium*) in Archaeology and Cultural History of the Near East was about the metal finds from Tall Chuera, Northern Syria, dating from the Early Bronze Age to the Iron Ages. After graduating, Friederike Schöpf worked from 2017 to 2020 at the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem and was co-responsible for the excavation project at the southwestern slope of Mount Zion, Jerusalem. Her main fields of work were the organization of the excavation, supervising the squares, and the identification and registration of the pottery. During her work stay in Jerusalem, she further collaborated with the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology in Amman on the excavation material from Tall Zirā'a, Northern Jordan. Due to this work, she was able to analyze the chalkstone vessels found at the site and developed her Ph.D. project on chalkstone vessel distribution in Transjordan and its implications for the understanding of purity practices outside *Eretz-Israel*. The Ph.D. project was accepted at Goethe University. Between 2020 and 2022, Friederike Schöpf was able to finish the written Ph.D. with the financial help of the Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk, Berlin. The Ph.D. was submitted to the Institute of Jewish Studies at the Goethe University. Her interdisciplinary work combines aspects of archaeology and Jewish studies.