

APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF KUWAIT'S PAST: Archaeology, Cultural Heritage, Memory

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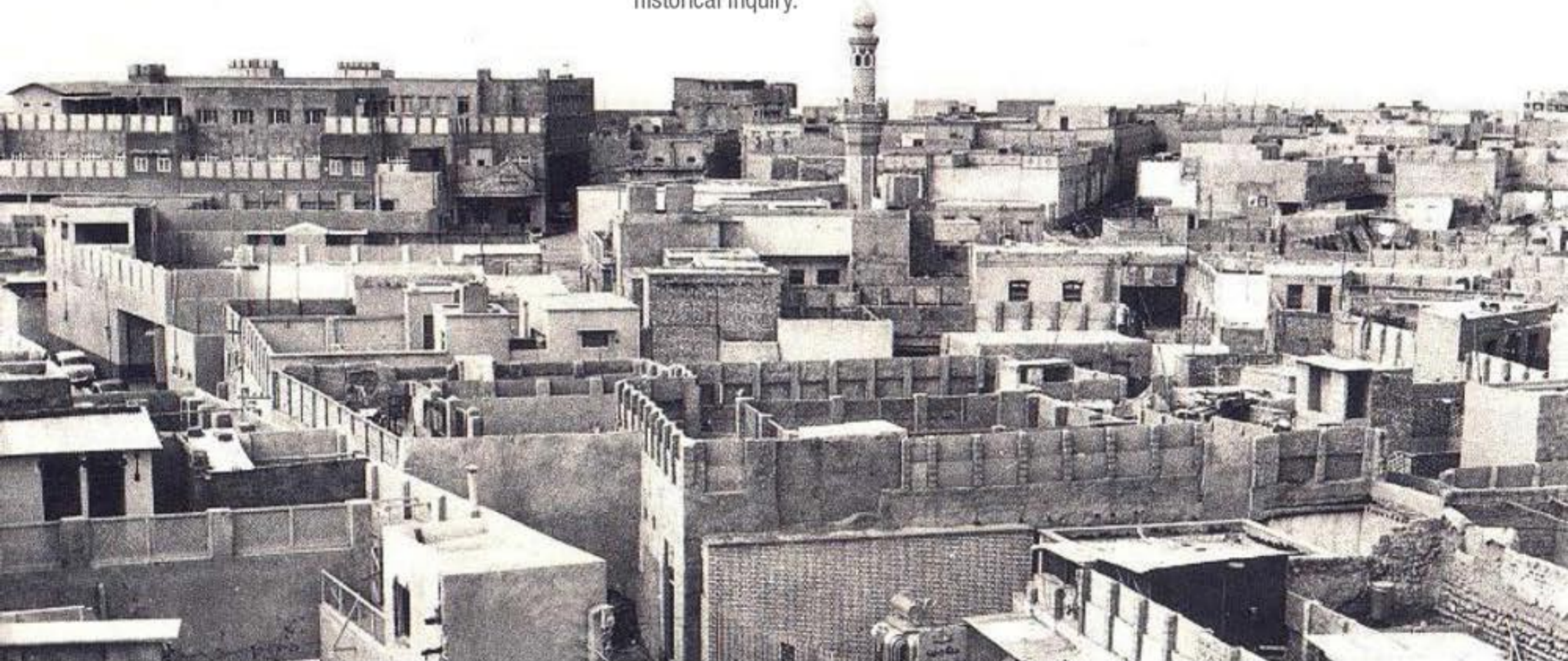
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"History" generally refers to the whole series of past events that have occurred since the appearance of recorded writing systems. In other words, history is the study and interpretation of the past that is recorded in written documents. The traditional discipline of history thus defined—with its privileging of the archive—is relatively distinct from, though not unrelated to, the fields of archaeology (the excavation and analysis of material culture), cultural heritage (the study of ways of living passed down from generation to generation), and memory studies (the analysis of personal and collective reminiscences) as approaches to understanding and interpreting the past and its relationship to the present.

In this panel, three scholars who currently write about Kuwait within these three fields of study discuss how their research contributes to our understanding of Kuwaiti history and, in so doing, contest the privileging of written sources in conventional methods of historical inquiry.



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