



The 8th International Conference on Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt “Egypt at its Origins” (Kraków, 16-20 September 2024)

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We are very pleased to announce that the 8th International Conference “Egypt at its Origins” on Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt” will be held in Kraków again from the 16th to 20th September 2024. The conference will be hosted at Jagiellonian University, in the Auditorium Maximum (33 Krupnicza street, Kraków), in the very centre of the city.

This international conference series is now the most important international meeting for archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, art historians, and epigraphists working on Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt. The 8th International Conference on Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt marks the continuation of previous successful conferences, which, in general, happen every three years: Kraków (2002), Toulouse (2005), London (2008), New York (2011), Cairo (2014), Vienna (2017), and Paris (2022). With the organisation of the 8th meeting in Kraków, we intend to make a memorable circle and gather a much expanded network of experts from different countries than in the first conference.

The experts will present and discuss their respective research relating a significant range of themes within the broader subject of the origins of the Egyptian State (from the Predynastic period to the beginning of the Old Kingdom). Origins 8 aims to provide a forum to bring together the latest studies on the periods from a wide range of perspectives, based on field discoveries, material analyses, theoretical considerations, etc. Following the success of the Paris meeting, papers and posters will be presented in the sessions listed below:

- Archives and museums studies
- Cult, ideology and social complexity
- Egypt in context
- Funerary archaeology
- Iconography
- Lithic studies
- Lower Egypt

- Material, technology and craft specialisation
- Pottery studies
- Rock art
- Textual evidence
- Upper Egypt

Abstracts

The official language of the conference is English. Authors are invited to submit abstracts for full oral presentations (20 min), announcements (10 min), and poster presentations within the proposed sessions. Abstracts must be submitted by email at the address: origins8@uj.edu.pl no later than **15th June 2023**. Proposals should not exceed the length of 500 words and use the attached form. No figures and no references are to be included in the abstract.

Please save your abstract submission form in Word (.docx, .doc or .rtf formats). The file should be named as the following: 'author.doc' or 'author_et_al.doc'.

Abstracts that do not meet the requirements stated above will be rejected.

Due to the expected large number of proposals, if you wish to make multiple presentations, please limit yourself to one oral presentation and submit posters for any other presentations.

The abstracts will be evaluated by an international Scientific Committee that will determine the final list of selected papers. Organisers reserve the right to change oral presentations into posters and *vice versa* or to move presentations to another session. The authors will receive an acknowledgement of receipt after submission of their abstract and will be informed about the acceptance of their proposal no later than the **end of November 2023**.

Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Accommodation

The Organisers may provide reasonable low-cost accommodation in the [Nawojka](#) and [Zaczek](#) Student Hotels of Jagiellonian University for 60 people in double rooms with a private bathroom and free wi-fi. Both hotels are less than 10 minutes walk from the venue. The accommodation is to be paid extra, the estimated fee is 160PLN room per night (fixed prices will be available in January 2024). If you were interested, please notify us when submitting your abstract.

Information on conference fees, social events, and other details will be published in the second circular (September 2023) to those who submit the registration form. The conference website, which is currently under construction, will also contain more information on registration, accommodation, and schedule. The abstract submission form will also be available there.

We kindly ask that you send the completed registration form to the following address: origins8@uj.edu.pl

We encourage you to visit our website: origins8.confer.uj.edu.pl

We hope to welcome you to Kraków in September 2024,

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