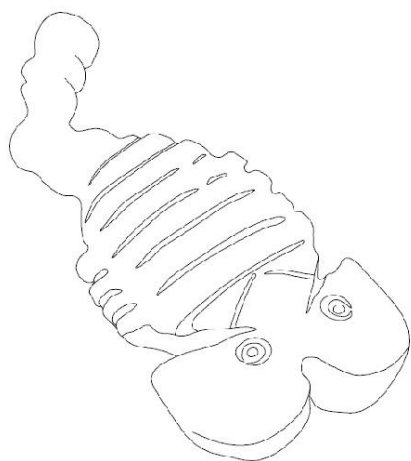




ORIGINS 8

Kraków, 16-20 September 2024

The 8th International Conference
"Egypt at its Origins"
Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt

Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Auditorium Maximum

33 Krupnicza street

Preliminary programme

The conference guide

	Morning	Coffee break	Noon	Lunch break	Afternoon	Coffee break	Evening	Special events
	9-10.30	10.30-11	11-12.30	12.30-14.30	14.30-16	16-16.30	16.30-18	From 18
Monday	Opening <i>In memoriam</i>	Coffee break	Egypt in Context		Rock Art			Welcome reception
Tuesday	Iconography	Coffee break	Lower Egypt		Free time to explore the city (our recommendations TBA)			
Wednesday	Cult, Ideology and Social Complexity	Coffee break	Archive and Museum studies		Pottery studies			Banquet
Thursday	Funerary archaeology I	Coffee break	Funerary archaeology II		Funerary archaeology III	Coffee break	Funerary archaeology IV	
Friday	Material, Technology and Craft Specialisation	Coffee break	Varia Closing					

*Events in the blue boxes take place at the main venue, those marked in orange in other locations (for details, consult the programme below).

Programme in detail

Monday, 16.09.2024

From 8.30 Registration of participants (the venue hall)

Opening session

- 9.30-10 Official opening of the conference
10-10.30 Béatrix Midant-Reynes, *In memoriam Stan Hendrickx*
10.30-11 **Coffee break** (served in the venue hall)

Session I, *Egypt in Context*

- 11-11.20 Harvey Weiss, *Synchronous urbanization and state formation processes in Southern Mesopotamia and Upper Egypt at the ~5.2 ka BP (3200 BCE) megadroughts*
11.20-11.40 Jacek Karmowski, *The emergence of urbanization in the second half of the 4th Millennium BC: A comparative study of domestic and public architecture in the Nile Delta and Southern Levant*
11.40-12 Nadia Ben-Marzouk, *Mobility and the manufacture of power in the early Egyptian state: Rethinking the nature of contact with the Southern Levant during the fifth and fourth Millennium BCE*
12-12.20 Maria Carmela Gatto, *Burial practices in the region of the First Nile Cataract in the 5th and the 4th millennia BCE*
12.20-12.30 Discussion
12.30-14.30 **Lunch break**

Session II, *Rock Art*

- 14.30-14.50 Francis David Lankester, *Regional style in Egyptian Predynastic rock art: The role of 'Froned Boats' in explaining Valley-Desert relationships at Egypt's Origins*
14.50-15.10 Paweł Lech Polkowski, *Searching for links: An attempt at defining the Sheikh Muftah rock art tradition*
15.10-15.30 András Zboray, *Rock art of the Sahara through Egyptian eyes. Seeking images of power and authority among the iconography of the prehistoric rock paintings of the Central and Eastern Sahara*

15.30-15.50 Gwenola Graff, *Use and declination of the image of violence at a local level following wadi Abu Subeira's data (Eastern desert, Aswan region)*

15.50-16 Discussion

From 18 **Welcome reception**

Collegium Maius, 13 Jagiellońska street, *Stuba Communis* (owing to historical character, the limited room capacity is for 70 guests, booking obligatory)

Tuesday, 17.09.2024

Session III, *Iconography*

9-9.20 Sonja Speck, *Exploring the blending of the human body with object forms: Sculptures of the Predynastic period and the 1st Dynasty*

9.20-9.40 Sophia Kroft, *Representations of statues in Decorated Ware vessel compositions*

9.40-10 Sebastián Francisco Maydan, *Hybrid animals and ontological change in early Egyptian art*

10-10.20 Julie Villaeys, *From the boat to the royal suite: the role of ensigns in the expression of power*

10.20-10.30 Discussion

10.30-11 **Coffee break** (served in the venue hall)

Session IV, *Lower Egypt*

11-11.20 Nathalie Buchez, Rachid el-Hajaoui, Samuel Guérin, and Mathilde Minotti, *Latest data from Tell el-Iswid, the end of a nearly 20-year project*

11.20-11.40 Krzysztof Ciałowicz, *Excavation at Western Kom at Tell el-Farkha (1998-2023). The brewery centre reconsidered*

11.40-12 Marek Chłodnicki, *Small finds from Central Kom at Tell el-Farkha*

12-12.20 Natalia Małecka-Drozd, Grzegorz Bąk-Pryc, Magdalena Kazimierczak, Katarzyna Lajs-Klose, Natalia Puschhaus, and Mariusz A. Jucha, *Tell el-Murra buildings and economic facilities of the Early Dynastic period. Their construction, function and evolution over time*

12.20-12.30 Discussion

Wednesday, 18.09.2024

Session V, *Cult, Ideology and Social Complexity*

- 9-9.20 Marcelo Campagno, *Between Scylla and Charybdis. The origins of the Egyptian state and the current circumstances of a theoretical problem*
- 9.20-9.40 Dorian Vanhulle, *From citizens of the world to citizens of a territorial state. About social complexity and identity in the Lower Nile Valley (4th millennium BCE)*
- 9.40-10 Laurel Bestock and Luiza Osorio G. Silva, *Niched façades in early Egypt: Architecture and symbolism*
- 10-10.20 Keita Takenouchi, *The ritual uses of the stone vessels and chronological transition at Hierakonpolis Locality HK29A*
- 10.20-10.30 Discussion
- 10.30-11 **Coffee break** (served in the venue hall)

Session VI, *Archive and Museum Studies*

- 11-11.20 Sergio Alarcón Robledo, *Surveying the North Saqqara Plateau*
- 11.20-11.40 Axelle Bremont, Chloé Girardi, Marwa Mahmoud Abdelrazik, Amany El-Naggar, Nader El-Hassanin, Cinderella Fayez, Bardis Samir, Wafaa Hamza, and Nancy Abdelaziz, *“From hair to history”: The potential of the current reassessment of Naqada’s ‘Great Cemetery’ exemplified through a context analysis of hair adornments*
- 11.40-12 Alicja Jurgielewicz-Kowalska and Wojciech Ejsmond, *Gebelein Linen – a new re-arrangement and re-interpretation of the preserved fragments*
- 12-12.20 Susan Kelly and Crystal Miller, *New technology illuminating ancient evidence*
- 12.20-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30-14.30 **Lunch break**

Session VII, *Pottery Studies*

- 14.30-14.50 Jade Bajeot, *TECHNOPREGYPT: Outcome of a technological analysis of Predynastic pottery from the Nile Valley*
- 14.50-15.10 Agnieszka Mączyńska, *Pottery tradition at Tell el-Farkha after 25 years of studies*
- 15.10-15.30 Federica Ugliano and Giulio Lucarini, *Digging up a museum collection: Predynastic pottery production at Heliopolis*
- 15.30-15.50 Grazia A. Di Pietro and Renée F. Friedman, *Imports and influences in the Predynastic ceramic assemblages at Hierakonpolis: An updated review*
- 15.50-16 Discussion

From 18 **Banquet**
Kawaleria Restaurant, 4 Gołębia street

Thursday, 19.09.2024

Session VIII, *Funerary Archaeology I*

- 9-9.20 Paolo Barba, *The variability of the Predynastic and Early Dynastic funerary landscapes as seen through subadults burials*
- 9.20-9.40 E. Christiana Köhler, *What makes a queen a Queen? News from the recent excavations in the tomb complex of 1st Dynasty queen Meret-Neith at Abydos / Umm el-Qaab*
- 9.40-10 Amber Gile Eve Hood, Helena Alexanderson, and E. Christiana Köhler, *Using in situ luminescence profiling to reconsider human sacrifice at Umm el Qa'ab: preliminary remarks*
- 10-10.20 Veronica Tamorri, Jared Carballo-Pérez, Luna Beerden, and Sarah A. Schrader, *Socio-cultural transformations in Predynastic Egypt: Insights from skeletons*
- 10.20-10.30 Discussion
- 10.30-11 **Coffee break** (served in the venue hall)

Session IX, *Funerary Archaeology II – Lower Egypt*

- 11-11.20 Joanna Dębowska-Ludwin, *Intrusive burials of Tell el-Farkha: An intentional practice or a coincidence?*
- 11.20-11.40 Vera Müller, *Tomb inventories at Turah: What was common, what was unique?*
- 11.40-12 Anna Wodzińska and Ayman Ashmawy, *110 years after Petrie: Reexamining Tarkhan*
- 12-12.20 Robert Kuhn and Barbara Teßmann, *Abusir el-Meleq: Re-evaluation of a cemetery*
- 12.20-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30-14.30 **Lunch break**

Session X, *Funerary Archaeology III – Middle and Upper Egypt*

- 14.30-14.50 Richard Bussmann, *Predynastic cemetery M in Zawyet Sultan, Middle Egypt*
- 14.50-15.10 Bart Vanthuyne, *2023 excavation and survey results in Zawyet Sultan and Beni Hasan al-Shuruq*
- 15.10-15.30 Yann Tristant and Chloé Girardi, *Dendara during the Naqadan period. A reevaluation*
- 15.30-15.50 Béatrix Midant-Reynes and Eric Crubezy, *The Eastern cemetery of Adaima : New data and new results*

- 15.50-16 Discussion
- 16-16.30 **Coffee break** (served in the venue hall)

Session XI, Funerary Archaeology IV – Upper Egypt

- 16.30-16.50 Nicola Math, *“One more question” – the Tasa Problem reconsidered*
- 16.50-17.10 Yaser Mahmoud Hussein Abouzid, *Uncovering the origins of the Step Pyramid: A mastaba tomb from the First Dynasty at Abydos*
- 17.10-17.30 Mathilde Minotti and E. Christiana Köhler, *What does a queen need? The small finds discovered in the tomb of Meret-Neith (Abydos, Umm el-Qaab, 1st Dynasty)*
- 17.30-17.50 Joanne Rowland, Joris van Wetering, Scott Haddow, Kristian Strutt, and Dominic Barker, *The Naqada Regional Archaeological Survey: The results of geophysical survey and text excavations in 2022 and 2023-24 seasons*
- 17.50-18 Discussion

Friday, 20.09.2024

Session XII, Material, Technology and Craft Specialisation – Lithic and Metal Studies

- 9-9.20 Jakub Skłucki, *Egyptian or Levantine? The origin of segmented sickle blades in Egypt*
- 9.20-9.40 Francesca Manclossi, Adelaide Marsilio, Lorena Lombardi, Aiman Ashmawy, Dietrich Raue, Simon Connor, Federica Ugliano, and Giulio Lucarini, *Predynastic lithic production at Heliopolis, Egypt: A dialogue between old collections and new excavations*
- 9.40-10 Elizabeth Hart, *Interpreting desert activities at Wadi Umm Tineidba*
- 10-10.20 Martin Odler, *Metalwork wear of the Predynastic and Early Dynastic copper alloy tools*
- 10.20-10.30 Discussion
- 10.30-11 **Coffee break** (served in the venue hall)

Session XIII, Varia

- 11-11.20 John Darnell, *Archaeological and Epigraphic Remains at Bir Umm Tineidba*
- 11.20-11.40 Grzegorz Bąk-Pryc, *Grain, bread and stone. Stone tools for food production as a symbolic element of material culture in the Early Dynastic and Old Kingdom periods. A view from Tell el-Murra settlement*
- 11.40-11.50 Discussion

Closing session

- 11.50-12.20 Final discussion

12.20-12.30 Summary and official closing of the conference

List of posters

(in alphabetical order according to the first author's name)

The posters will be exhibited throughout the conference time in the venue hall. The best poster award will be announced during the closing session.

Pablo Barba, *The identity of Predynastic potters: possibilities and limitations of fingerprint analysis in Wavy-handled pottery*

Wafaa Hamza and Axelle Bremont, *A journey from water to land. Shells as witnesses to palaeoenvironment and cultural practices, through the re-investigation of Naqada's 'Great Cemetery'*

Marie Peterková Hlouchová, Věra Nováková, and Dominika Uhrová, *Burial containers of the late Early Dynastic Period and early Old Kingdom: Adherence to traditions or evolution?*

Amber Hood and Helena Alexanderson, *How can portable luminescence profiling be used in Early Dynastic Egyptian Archaeology?*

Ilaria Incordino, *The Necropolis of the Third Dynasty at Beit Khallaf (Abydos): A new project*

Bieke Janssens, *Life-size animal statues in the Abydos' temple area?*

Friederike Junge and E. Christiana Köhler, *Favourites of a 1st Dynasty Queen – A glance at the pottery assemblage in Meret-Neith's tomb at Abydos - Umm el-Qaab*

Robert Kuhn; Barbara Teßmann et al., *Gebelein-Mummies in the Ägyptisches Museum and Museum für Vor- und Frühgeschichte in Berlin*

Taichi Kuronuma and Wojciech Ejsmond, *Carinated bowls from the Northern Necropolis of Gebelein and its archaeological background. An implication from the results of recent surveys*

Natalia Malecka-Drozd, *Characteristics of the Egyptian settlement network in the Proto- and Early Dynastic periods*

Uroš Matić, *Pots, peoples and equifinality in archaeology: Nubian style pottery in late Early Dynastic and early Old Kingdom Kom Ombo*

Allison McCoskey, *A reconsideration of Second Dynasty fragmentation and reunification*

Marinus Ormeling, *Social and economic aspects of tomb construction*

Veronica Tamorri, *The life course of women in pre-pharaonic Egypt: a biosocial profile*