

WORKSHOP

# EGYPTIAN TEXTILES AND THEIR PRODUCTION: “WORD” AND “OBJECT” (HELLENISTIC, ROMAN AND BYZANTINE PERIODS)

24-25 November 2017

University of Copenhagen - South Campus, room 15A.0.13



Dedicated to archaeologists, historians, philologists and papyrologists, this work compares different points of view on looms, tools, dyeing and organization of textile production in Egypt. To add a comparative dimension, some studies concerning other geographical and culture zones, especially Early Medieval Northern Europe and pre-Columbian South America, are included in its program.

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## Friday, 24th of November

**9:00** Eva ANDERSSON STRAND (University of Copenhagen - CTR)  
*Welcoming address: CTR and MONTEX project.*

### **I. TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF WEAVING: LOOMS AND TOOLS (part 1)** discussion leader: Ulrikka MOKDAD (University of Copenhagen - CTR)

**9:15** Eva ANDERSSON STRAND (University of Copenhagen - CTR)  
*Early textile production in Scandinavia.*

**9:45** Lena BJERREGAARD (University of Copenhagen - CTR)  
*Pre-Columbian looms of South America.*

**10:15** – Coffee break

**10:30** Johanna SIGL (DAI Cairo)  
*Egyptian looms from the first millenium AD - attempts in reconstruction from the archaeological evidence. [paper presented via skype]*

**11:00** Maria MOSSAKOWSKA-GAUBERT (University of Copenhagen - CTR)  
*New kind of loom in Roman Egypt? How iconography could explain a papyrological evidence. [Read by Magdalena Öhrman]*

**11:30** Anne KWASPEN (independant researcher – Antwerpen)  
*The different technical features of linen and wool woven-to-shape tunics.*

**12:00** – Lunch

### **I. TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF WEAVING: LOOMS AND TOOLS (part 2)** discussion leader: Pascale BALLETT (Université Paris X)

**13:30** Lise BENDER JØRGENSEN (Norwegian University of Science and Technology – Oslo)  
*Technical aspects of the textiles found in the monastery at 'Abu Sha'ar.*

**14:00** Barbara KÖSTNER (Univesity of Bonn)  
*What flaws can tell - a case study on weaving faults in Late Roman compound fabrics from Egypt.*

**14:30** – Coffee break

**14:45** Fleur LETELLIER (Université de Limoges)  
*How to deal with the technical history of the textiles of el-Deir, Kharga Oasis, Western Egyptian desert?*

**15:15** Jennifer CROMWELL (University of Copenhagen – ToRS)  
*Kellis: Insights into Textile Production in the Dakhla Oasis in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century.*

## II. DYEING TECHNOLOGY: DYESTUFFS, MORDANTS AND INSTALLATIONS

discussion leader: Magdalena ÖHRMAN (University of Copenhagen - CTR)

**15:45** Ulla MANNERING (CTR – National Museum of Denmark)

*The beginning of the dyeing technology in Northern Europe.*

**16:15** Dominique CARDON (CNRS – Université Lyon 2)

*Lessons of the dye analyses of textiles from six praesidia of the Eastern Desert of Egypt (1st-3rd c. AD): a new vision of dyes and dyeing at the beginning of the Roman Empire.*

**16:45** – Coffee break

**17:00** Ines BOGENSPERGER, Helga RÖSEL-MAUTENDORFER (Papyrussammlung – Vienna)

*Dyeing Textiles: Words expressing ancient technology.*

**17:30** Peder FLEMESTAD (University of Lund)

*Lexicographical sources for ancient Greek dye terminology.*

## Saturday, 25th of November

## III. TEXTILE PRODUCTION: ORGANISATION AND ECONOMY

discussion leader: Claire TAYLOR (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**9:00** Marie-Louise NOSCH (University of Copenhagen - CTR)

*Ancient textile production and its economic aspects according to 19th-20th centuries historiography.*

**9:30** Katerina KOROLI (Papyrussammlung – Vienna)

*Textile production in the papyri: the case of private request letters.*

**10:00** – Coffee break

**10:15** Isabelle MARTHOT (University of Basel)

*Flax growing in Late Antique Egypt: evidence from the papyri.*

## IV. CONCLUSION OF THE WORKSHOP

**11:00** Pascale BALLETT, Ulrikka MOKDAD, Magdalena ÖHRMAN, Claire TAYLOR

**13:00** – Lunch and an optional visit to the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek

