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# LIVING IN THE HOUSE

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## PROGRAMME

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## Conference Program

### Day 1: Sunday 27-11-2022 (at PCMA)

**16:00-17:00:** Registration and refreshments

**17:00-17:30:** Welcoming speeches and introductory remarks

**17:30-17:50:** Krzysztof Grzymiski, *Shelter, hut, house and palace – remarks on settlement archaeology in Upper Nubia and Central Sudan*

**18:00-19:00:** Keynote lecture 1: Pascale Ballet, *Objects in archaeological domestic contexts: the ceramological evidence, data and results »*

**19:30-22:00:** Cocktail welcome party at the PCMA garden (invitation only)



## Day 2: Monday 28-11-2022 (IFAO)

**8:00-9:00:** Registration and coffee

### Session 1.1: “Let’s furnish this house!”:

#### Material culture in the domestic sphere in ancient Egypt and Sudan

**Chair:** Joanne Rowland

**9:00-9:20:** **Julia Budka**, *Cooking practices in New Kingdom Egypt and Nubia: Case studies from Elephantine and Sai Island*

**9:20-9:40:** **Anna Wodzińska**, *Pottery of the Eastern Town House at Heit el Ghorab*

**9:40-10:00:** **Johanna Sigl, Katherine M. Consola, Basem Gehad, Clara Jeuthe, Peter Kopp, Giuseppina Mutri, Joshua A. Roberson**, *Trading through the house* (online)

**10:00-10:20:** **Karolina Warecka**, *what are we doing in the dark? Remarks on the oil lamps discovered in the house context* (online)

**10:20:10:30:** Discussion

**10:30-11:00:** Coffee break

### Session 1.2: “Let’s furnish this house!”:

#### Material culture in the domestic sphere in ancient Egypt and Sudan

**Chair:** Joanne Rowland

**11:00-11:20:** **Manon Schutz**, *Beyond the grave: the use and meaning of beds in daily life settings*

**11:20-11:40:** **Marwa Abdel Razek**, *Ba houses between domestic life and funerary significance*

**11:40-12:00:** **Marisol Solchaga**, *Domestic architecture in the soul-houses from Rifeh: porticoes with stairs leading to an upper floor*

**12:00-12:30:** Discussion

**12:30-14:00:** Lunch break (Lunch at IFAO for speakers only)



## Session 2: “Please show me the way”: Settlement space and accessibility in ancient Egypt

**Chair: Anna Wodzińska**

**14:00-14:20: Filippo Mi**, *BURIED ALIVE! First millennium settlements in the Memphite necropolis* (online)

**14:20-14:40: Uroš Matić**, *On the streets of Avaris* (online)

**14:40-15:00: Aneta Skalec**, *Access to the house in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt – papyrological and archaeological evidence* (online)

**15:00-15:30:** Discussion

**15:30-16:00:** Coffee break

## Session 3.1: “What happened here?!”: Identification of the use of space in the domestic sphere in ancient Egypt and Sudan

**Chair: Julia Budka**

**16:00-16:20: Joanne Rowland**, *Living at Merimde Beni Salama: the changing community and functional areas throughout the 5<sup>th</sup> millennium BC*

**16:20-16:40: Ulrike Nowotnick**, *Dark, crowded, stuffy: Domestic Living in Late Meroitic Hamadab*

**16:40-17:00: Agata Bebel-Nowak**, *Changes of plant composition in Egyptian gardens*

**17:00-17:20: Lukasz Jarmużek**, *Creating cognitive maps: visibility and movement in ancient Egyptian houses*

**17:20-17:50:** Discussion

**18:30-19:30: Keynote lecture 2: Mark Lehner**, *Home Office, Office Home: The Pilaster Niche Room in Early Egyptian Houses* (online)

**19:30-20:30:** Refreshments at IFAO garden



### Day 3: Tuesday 29-11-2022 (IFAO)

#### Session 3.2: “What happened here?!”:

#### Identification of the use of space in the domestic sphere in ancient Egypt and Sudan

**Chair: Mennat-Allah El Dorry**

**9:00-9:20: Clara Jeuthe and Laure Pantalacci**, *A living room, an office, a workshop and all in one: examples for the use of space in Ayn Asil/Balat*

**9:20-9:40: Thais Rocha da Silva**, *The domestic experience at the Amarna workmen's village: senses and practice*

**9:40-10:00: Delphine Driaux**, *The bathroom: A rather singular room in the Egyptian house*

**10:00-10:20: Agnieszka Ryś- Jarmużek**, *Reuse or discard? Waste management and recycling patterns in domestic contexts from Tell el Retaba*

**10:20-10:30:** Discussion

**10:30-11:00:** Coffee break

#### Session 4: “Let's prepare some food!”:

#### About cooking spaces and materials in ancient Egypt and Sudan

**Chair: Simon Connor**

**11:00-11:20: Mennat-Allah El Dorry**, *Kitchens vs. food preparation spaces: identifying where people cooked in ancient Egyptian households*

**11:20-11:40: Claire Malleon**, *When smoke gets in your eyes: domestic fuels in ancient Egypt*

**11:40-12:00: Leslie Anne Warden**, *Cooking, eating and throwing away in Old Kingdom Kom el Hisn and Middle Kingdom Elephantine*

**12:00-12:20: Nicolas Morand**, *Cook and store food in the domestic sphere, an archeozoological approach: three examples in the western Delta and its margins from the Late Period to the Roman Times (online)*

**12:20-12:30:** Discussion

**12:30-14:00:** Lunch break (Lunch at IFAO for speakers only)



**Session 5: “Live from the settlement”:  
Recent research at currently excavated settlement sites in Egypt and Sudan**

**Chair: Irene Forstner-Müller**

**14:00-14:20: Mohga Ramadan**, *Daily activities at Mariout islands during the Graeco-Roman period “Through the newly excavated site at Tabbet Metawah west Alexandria”*

**14:20-14:40: Mohamed Hussein**, *Excavation at Gabel EL-Haridi site – Sohag*

**14:40-15:00: Sayed Abdel Alim**, *Saite settlement recently discovered at Tell Heboua II (North Sinai)*

**15:00-15:20:** Discussion

**15:20-16:00:** Coffee break

**Session 6.1: “How did they build it?”:  
Recent Research on domestic architecture and building techniques in ancient Egypt and Sudan**

**Chair: Axelle Brémont**

**16:00-16:20: Marek Chlodnicki**, *From wood to mudbrick. Domestic architecture at Tell el-Farkha from Predynastic to the Old Kingdom times* (online)

**16:20-16:40: Krzysztof Jacubiak**, *New discoveries of the house architecture from Marina el Alamein* (online)

**16:40-17:00: Sarah Chandlee**, *Egyptian Late Period and Ptolemaic Domestic Architecture: House forms and dual-functioning structures* (online)

**17:00-17:20:** Discussion

**18:00-19:00: Keynote lecture 3: Irene Forstner-Müller**, *Betwixt and Between - Liminality in Ancient Egyptian Towns: The Case of Kom Ombo*

**19:00-20:00:** Refreshments at IFAO garden





## Day 4: Wednesday 30-11-2022 (IFAO)

### Session 6.2: “How did they build it?”:

#### Recent Research on domestic architecture and building techniques in ancient Egypt and Sudan

**Chair: Anne-Claire Salmas**

**9:00-9:20: Lea Rees**, *“A phenomenological approach to the settlements of the Old Kingdom at Dahshur”*

**9:20-9:40: Aaron De Souza**, *Living with or without corners: Thinking about ‘Nubian’ and ‘Egyptian’ dwellings in the ancient world*

**9:40-10:00: Ossama Abdel Wareth**, *Old Nubian houses on Sehel Island*

**10:00-10:20: Giorgia Marchiori**, *Houses in the Deltaic environment: observations from a Late Antique house in Kom al-Ahmer, Western Nile Delta (online)*

**10:20-10:30:** Discussion

**10:30-11:00:** Coffee break

### Session 7: “The house now and then?!”:

#### Ethno-archaeology and the study of lifestyles at ancient settlements in Egypt and Sudan

**Chair: Thais Rocha Da Silva**

**11:00-11:20: Anne-Claire Salmas**, *Home sweet home, but what is a home?*

**11:20-11:40: Maria Correias**, *Ethnoarchaeology of domestic spaces in Egypt: a tool for the knowledge of the past and the present (online)*

**11:40-12:00: Fatma Keshk**, *Egyptian houses through the lens of ethnography and ethno-archaeology*

**12:00-12:30:** Discussion

**12:30-14:00:** Lunch break (Lunch at IFAO for speakers only)



## Session 8: Religion in the house

**Chair: Aaron De Souza**

**14:00-14:20: Dina Ezz El-Din, *Domestic altars: cultic spaces for private religious practices in New Kingdom houses***

**14:20-14:40: Iria Souto Castro, *Personal religion in domestic settings: An introductory study to religious practices at Karanis***

**14:40-15:00: Cristina Lechuga-Ibáñez, *Pottery offering trays: funerary or domestic artefacts?* (online)**

**15:00-15:20: Rennan Lemos, *Were shabtis locally manufactured in Nubian temple-towns? Connecting settlement and cemetery in New Kingdom Nubia* (online)**

**15:30-16:00: Coffee break**

## Session 9: “My own house!”: House property in ancient Egypt:

**Chair: Dina Ezz El-Din**

**16:00-16:20: Julie Masquelier-Loorius, *Bringing the Place of Truth back to Life (2): The “Owners” of Houses, and family spatial groupings* (online)**

**14:20-16:20: Karim el Ridy, *Illuminations on wells and irrigated properties in the Libyan Period***

**16:40-17:00: Lucka Hulkova and Veronika Veresova, *Domestic life on the Frontier Tell el-Retaba during the Second Intermediate Period and the early New Kingdom* (online)**

**17:00-17:30 Final discussion and concluding remarks**

**18:00-22:00: final dinner and concert at IFAO gardens (invitation only)**







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