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PLACE-MAKING
IN THE
DESERTSCAPE

THE SOCIALISATION OF THE EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE
EASTERN DESERT LANDSCAPE IN THE LONGUE DURÉE
(4TH MILLENNIUM BCE- 4TH CENTURY CE)

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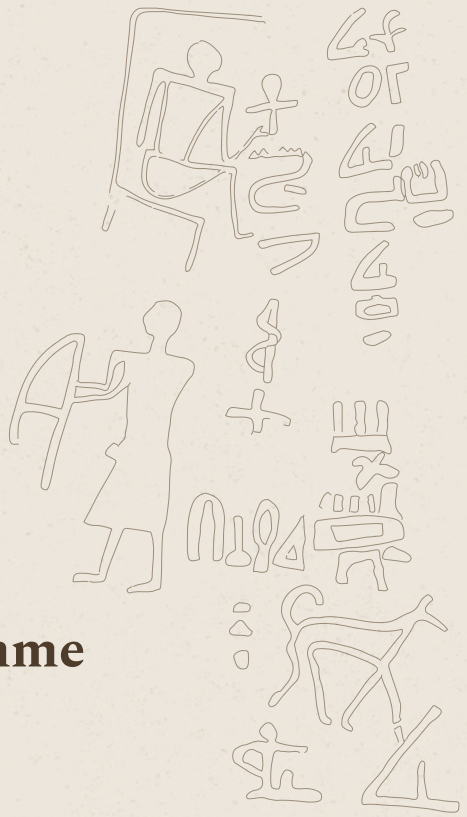
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Programme



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Day 1: Saturday, April 27 (PCMA, Cairo)

- 09:00 – 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 – 10:00 Conference opening: welcome speech and introductory remarks
- 10:00 – 10:40 **Key-note lecture:** Kate Liszka (California State University, San Bernardino)
We came to This Desert: Place-making in Wadi el-Hudi

Session 1. Methods & Approaches to the Desertscape(s)

- 10:40 – 11:00 Gaëlle Chantrain (Université Catholique de Louvain)
From deserts and back: shifting borders of space conceptualization in Ancient Egyptian
- 11:00 – 11:20 Antonio Muñoz Herrera (Universidad Complutense Madrid)
The phenomenological civilizing process. A 4E cognition approach to desertscape role in Ancient Egyptian cultural development (online)
- 11:20 – 11:50 Coffee break
- 11:50 – 12:10 Cristina Alù (Ifao- PCMA, Cairo)
From theory to practice, from space to place: a methodological reflection on the study of desert mining landscapes in Egyptology
- 12:10 – 12:40 Questions and discussion
- 12:45 – 14:30 Lunch break

Session 2. Place-Making in the Desertscape: Marking, Differentiating & Connecting

Focus on: Rock-art and rock inscriptions

- 14:30 – 14:50 Maria Carmela Gatto, Dorian Vanhulle (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) & Serena Nicolini (Università di Bologna)
Place-making through rock art: Wadi Rasras in the desert east of the First Nile Cataract (online)
- 14:50 – 15:10 Sherouk Shehada (Helwan University)
How Palaeographical Studies help in defining the identities of the place-maker? Case study on Serabit el-Khadim inscriptions.

15:10 – 15:30 Karim El-Ridy (Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Cairo)
A Wadi Gasus Graffito: New dimensions, perspectives

15:30 – 15:50 Questions and discussion

15:50 – 16:20 Coffee break

**Session 3. Shaping Memories, Negotiating Identities,
Establishing Power in the Desertscape(s)**

Focus on: Material culture

16:20 – 16:40 Wafa Hussein (LLACAN - Langage, langues et cultures d’Afrique,
CNRS-EPHE)
*Manufacturing process of late prehistory ceramic of Eastern desert and
of the modern pottery tradition in the Nuba Mountains Sudan:
a comparative study (online)*

16:40 – 17:00 Meredith Brand (The American University Cairo)
*Negotiating Identities - ‘Desert Middle Nubian’ Pottery and
Identifying Eastern Desert Pastoral Nomads in early 2nd Millennium
BCE*

17:00 – 17:20 Matei Tichindelean (University of California, Los Angeles)
*Community building and Pan-Grave horizon place-making at the edge
of the Desert (online)*

17:20 – 17:45 Questions and discussion



Day 2: Sunday, April 28 (Ifao, Cairo)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:10 **Key-note lecture:** Maël Crépy (CNRS – HiSoMA)
This canvas has never been blank: desertscape as a palimpsest (4th mill. BC - 20th c. AD)

Session 4. Place-Making in the Desertscape: Marking, Differentiating & Connecting

Focus on: Networks

10:10 – 10:30 Isabelle Goncalves (Université Lumière Lyon 2, HiSoMA)
An Egyptian occupation network in the 2nd mill. BC (online)

10:30 – 10:50 Bryan Kraemer (Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art, San Bernardino)
“The Caravan Calls”: Hansjoachim von der Esch’s Travelogue and its Importance for Understanding Travel Networks and Desert Resources around Wadi el-Hudi and the Eastern Desert

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 – 11:40 Mohamed Osman Abdollah & Rebecca Döhl (Humboldt Universität Berlin)
Landscape and place-making in the Theban Eastern Desert Hinterlands

11:40 – 12:00 Hannah Pethen (University of Liverpool)
Landmarks of Stone towards the ‘Mansion Of Gold’: Geographic Information System Investigation of Place-Making at the Hatnub Travertine Quarries (online)

12:00 – 12:40 Questions and discussion

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break



Session 5. Place-Making in the Desertscape: Marking, Differentiating & Connecting

- 14:00 – 14:40 **Key-note lecture:** Joan Oller Guzmán (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
Transforming the landscape in the Smaragdos: social, cultural, religious, and economic changes in a mining region landscape of the Egyptian Eastern Desert
- 14:40 – 15:00 Marek Adam Woźniak (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
The open city vs. the closed city: two views of rule, life and administration in the Berenike region of Egypt's Eastern Desert during the Hellenistic and Roman periods (online)
- 15:00 – 15:20 Rabab Hamdy Aly (Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Cairo)
Abu El-Draj, a “lost Roman station”. Recent discoveries on the Eastern Desert
- 15:20 – 15:40 Questions and discussion
- 15:40 – 16:10 Coffee break

Session 6. The Know-How of the Place-Makers: Adapting to the Desertscape, or Being Taught by It?

- 16:10 – 16:50 **Key-note lecture:** Julien Cooper (Macquarie University, Sydney)
Scribes and mines: Ancient Egyptian geological “maps” as an intellectual tradition
- 16:50 – 17:10 Martin Odler (Newcastle University) & Jiří Kmošek (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna; Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Řež)
Reverse-engineering the desertscape: seeing under the hands of ancient Egyptian prospectors
- 17:10 – 17:30 Nevin Maarouf (Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Cairo)
Who settled the Egyptian Eastern Desert during the Mid-to-Late Holocene?
- 17:30 – 18:00 Laura Aguer (Ifao, Cairo), Nicolas Morand (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris)
First elements about food strategies at Ghozza in the 3rd century BCE: crossing analysis between ostraca and animal bones
- 18:00 – 18:30 Questions and discussion

Day 3: Monday, 29 April (Ifao, Cairo)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

14:30 – 15:10 **Key-note lecture:** Pierre Tallet (Ifao, Cairo)
On the road to the Red Sea shore and Sinai at the beginning of the Old Kingdom

Session 7. Shaping Memories, Negotiating Identities, Establishing Power in the Desertscape(s)

15:10 – 15:30 Stephen Ficalora (University of Toronto)
Re-Establishing Power in the Desert: The Inscriptions of Ahanakht I and Nehri I and The Maxims of Ptah-Hotep

15:30 – 15:50 Julia Budka (LMU Munich)
Cooperation in Bronze Age gold exploitation: new evidence from Attab and Ginis in northern Sudan

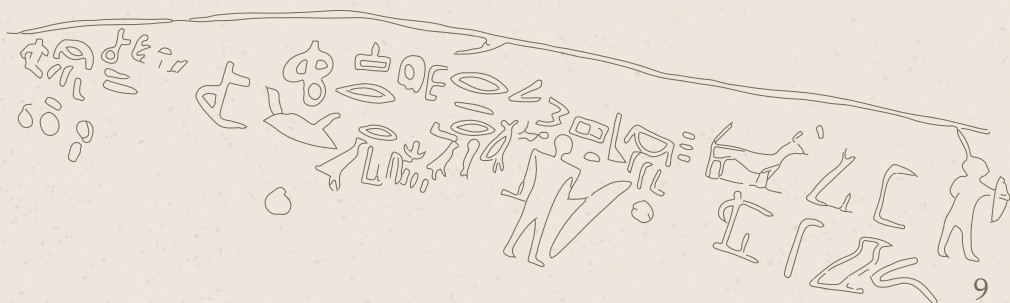
15:50 – 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 – 16:40 Laurel Darcy Hackley (University of Memphis)
Our Grandfather's Garden: Memory, Meaning, and Microclimate in the Egyptian Eastern Desert (online)

16:40 – 17:00 Carl-Loris Raschel (Université de Tours)
Bordering the Desert. Pachomius between two worlds

17:00 – 17:30 Questions and discussion

17:30 – 18:00 Closing of the conference





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