

International Conference

EXPLORING REUSE

EGYPT, MEDITERRANEA AND THE EAST

10 - 12 DECEMBER 2025, IFAO



A conference of the programme “Destins d’objets”

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Introduction	9:00-9:15	Mercedes VOLAIT, Félix RELATS, Simon CONNOR: <i>Introduction, themes of this double day</i>
	9:15-9:30	Vera Elizabeth ALLEN: <i>Makeover Tomb Edition: towards a methodology of tomb reuse in Egypt</i>
	9:30-9:45	Laura AGUER: <i>Two texts written upside down on an ostrakon</i>
9:45-10:00		Discussion
Ceramics never dies	10:00-10:15	Valentina GASPERINI : <i>You only live twice: Late Antique amphorae reuse at Saqqara</i>
	10:15-10:30	Irene FORSTNER-MÜLLER: <i>Reuse practices in an ancient Egyptian town: a large water supply system at Avaris</i>
	10:30-10:45	Cristina ALU: <i>Sherds with a Second Chance: Reuse Practices in Ancient Egyptian Domestic Life</i>
	10:45-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:20		Coffee break
Transforming an object	11:20-11:35	Katja BROCHAT: <i>Reused or revamped? Brief thoughts on selected finds from Tutankhamun's Tomb</i>
	11:35-11:50	Eid MERTAH: <i>Manipulations on large bronze statues of Osiris</i>
	11:50-12:05	Discussion
	12:05-12:20	Axelle BRÉMONT : <i>A predynastic palette reused... but when?!</i>
	12:20-12:35	Simon CONNOR: <i>“Ramessization” of statues</i>
	12:35-12:50	Discussion
13:00-14:00		Lunch

To go with the flow of time	14:00-14:25	Eleonora VRATSKIDOU: <i>From Tomb to Courtyard: Afterlives of Funerary Reliefs in Ottoman Hydra</i>
	14:25-14:50	Angelos DALACHANIS: <i>The assets left behind after the Suez Crisis</i>
	14:50-15:00	Discussion
	15:00-15:25	Eftychia MYLONA: <i>From Greek to Egyptian: The selling and management of the Greek community's institutional properties in Alexandria after 1960</i>
	15:25-15:40	Tommaso MOZZATI: <i>“La rabbia”: film editing and post-war spolia</i>
	15:40-15:50	Discussion
	15:50-16:10	Coffee break
	16:10-16:25	Mercedes VOLAIT: <i>On the art of Reuse in Khedival and post-Khedival Cairo: the many lives of a Coptic frieze</i>
	16:25-16:40	Ahmad OMAR: <i>The Afterlives of 19th-Century Cairo Palaces: Tracing Reused Materials Across the City</i>
	16:40-16:55	Discussion
	16:55-17:15	Vera Elizabeth ALLEN, Axelle BRÉMONT, Simon CONNOR: <i>“REadingREuse”: A few words on the 2023 conference on Image Recycling, and its proceedings</i>
Dinner		

Thursday 11 December 2025

Sacralisation/ desacralisation	9:00-9:15	Félix RELATS: <i>Invisible architectural reuses in foundation platforms</i>
	9:15-9:30	Marion CLAUDE: <i>From birthhouse to birthing issues: Post-pharaonic uses and misuses of the Roman mammisi of Dendara</i>
	9:30-9:45	Mustafa TUPEV: <i>Stones in Motion: Re-Use in Old Cairo</i>
	9:45-10:00	Discussion
	10:00-10:25	Brice VINCENT: <i>Desacralisation of bronzes and statues in Cambodia</i>
	10:25-10:50	Valérie GILLET: <i>Saluvankuppam: A transformed temple</i>
	10:50-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:20		Coffee break
Architectural reuses	11:20-11:35	Vera Elizabeth ALLEN: <i>In case of need, break stone: iconoclasm and reuse in G7650</i>
	11:35-12:00	Jean-Charles DUCÈNE: <i>Pyramid stones in Cairo Ayyubid buildings</i>
	12:00-12:10	Discussion
	12:10-12:25	Saarthak SINGH: <i>A Second Ka'ba or the Raja's Madrasa? Consecration, Desecration and Inscriptions of the Sacred in Central India</i>
	12:25-12:50	Tommaso MOZZATI: <i>Modern ruins: the Vèlez Blanco patio and its reuse in the 20th century, between Spain, Cuba, and the US</i>
	12:50-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00		Lunch

Cairo & Alexandria	14:00-14:15	Mohamed ABDELSALAM: <i>The Philosophy of Reuse in Islamic Artistic Heritage: Between Functionality and Sustainability</i>
	14:15-14:30	Wafaa ABD AL-AZIZ: <i>The reuse of excavated findings in the modern architecture of Alexandria</i>
	14:30-14:45	Anna LAGARON: <i>Reused stelae in the City of the Dead</i>
	14:45-15:00	Discussion
	15:00-15:25	Dina BAKHOUM: <i>Dismantle. Move. Reconstruct. A critical examination of relocation as a conservation solution</i>
	15:25-15:40	Simon CONNOR: <i>From Heliopolis or Memphis: Searching for spolia in Medieval Cairo</i>
	15:40-15:50	Discussion
16h-18		Réunion d'équipe Ifao, EFEO, EFR, EFA
Friday 12/12 (morning)		
Visit of Islamic Cairo		

