



EGYPT AT ITS ORIGINS
THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON
PREDYNASTIC AND EARLY DYNASTIC EGYPT
THE BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON
SUNDAY 27TH JULY – FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2008

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 28TH JULY

BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London
10:00am–5:00pm

In conjunction with the Dept of AES's ANNUAL EGYPTOLOGICAL COLLOQUIUM 2008
'Egypt at its Origins' Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt: Recent Discoveries

Opening remarks

Atia RADWAN, *Under-secretary of State for Upper Egypt, Supreme Council of Antiquities, Egypt*

Dirk HUYGE—'Lascaux along the Nile': Late Pleistocene rock art in Egypt

Matthieu HONEGGER—Upper Nubia before the emergence of Kerma: a fortified settlement from the beginning of the 3rd millennium BC

Renée FRIEDMAN—Origins of monumental architecture: investigations at Hierakonpolis HK6 in 2008

Thomas HIKADE—Origins of monumental architecture: recent excavations at Hierakonpolis HK29B and HK25

BREAK

Matthew D. ADAMS & David O'CONNOR—Monuments of Egypt's early kings at Abydos

Vera MÜLLER—Released from the sand: new insights into the royal necropolis at Abydos Umm el-Qa'ab

LUNCH 1:00–2:30pm: Please make your own arrangements

Deborah DARNELL—The Rayayna Crossroads: life, death and the divine in the Upper Egyptian Desert

E. Christiana KÖHLER—Memphis at the dawn of history: recent excavations in the Early Dynastic necropolis at Helwan

BREAK

Béatrix MIDANT-REYNES—A tale of two funerary traditions: the Predynastic cemetery at Kom el-Khilgan (East Delta)

Ulrich HARTUNG—Recent investigations at Tell el-Fara'in (Buto) in the western Nile Delta

THE RAYMOND AND BEVERLY SACKLER FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN EGYPTOLOGY
6:00pm

Ivory and gold in the Delta: excavations at Tell el-Farkha
Krzysztof CIAŁOWICZ *Institute of Archaeology, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland*

Reception in the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery

TUESDAY 29TH JULY

BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London

RECENT FIELDWORK

9:30am–12:15pm

Marek CHŁODNICKI—The Central Kom of Tell el-Farkha: 1,000 years of history (c. 3600–2600 BC)

Agnieszka MAĆZYŃSKA—Lower Egyptian–Naqadan transition: a view from Tell el-Farkha

Joanna DĘBOWSKA-LUDWIN—Sepulchral architecture in details: new data from Tell el-Farkha

Mariusz JUCHA—The development of pottery production during the Early Dynastic period and the beginning of the Old Kingdom: a view from Tell el-Farkha

Lucy KUBIAK-MARTENS—Predynastic and Early Dynastic plant husbandry at Tell el-Farkha as revealed by archaeobotanical evidence

BREAK

Ahmed G. FAHMY, Linda PERRY & Renée FRIEDMAN—Archaeobotany of food production at Predynastic Hierakonpolis

Izumi H. TAKAMIYA—A comparative study of heating/firing installations at Hierakonpolis

Judith BUNBURY & Angus GRAHAM—Nekhen: island origins and the migrating Nile

LUNCH 12:15–2:00pm: Please make your own arrangements

1:30pm: Poster presentations Sackler Seminar Room

Emmanuelle COURBOIN—Raw materials supply and technological analysis of knapped lithic tools in Naqadan contexts: a new look at De Morgan's collection from Hierakonpolis in Saint Germain-en-Laye Museum, France

Maarten HORN—Shells in Neolithic and Predynastic Egypt

TEMPLE, RITUAL AND CULT

2:00–5:00pm

David A. ANDERSON—Evidence for early ritual activity in the Predynastic settlement at el-Mahâsna

Veerle LINSEELE & Wim VAN NEER—Animal bones from ritual contexts at Hierakonpolis

Gwenola GRAFF & Stan HENDRICKX—Architectural representations on D-ware: identification and comparison with archaeological data

BREAK

Richard BUSSMANN—Local traditions in early Egyptian temples

Liam MCNAMARA—Local versus national tradition: early shrines as 'autonomous centres of culture'?

Nozomu KAWAI—An early cult center at Abusir-Saqqara? Recent discoveries at a rocky outcrop in north-west Saqqara

RECEPTION 5:30–7:30pm

**Wilkins South Cloisters, University College London
Private viewing of the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology**

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY

BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London

MODELLING EGYPTIAN STATE FORMATION

Chair: David WENGROW

9:30am–12:00pm

Branislav ANĐELKOVIĆ—Factors of state formation in Protodynastic Egypt

Marcelo CAMPAGNO—Kinship, concentration of population and the emergence of the State in the Nile Valley

Juan José CASTILLOS—The development and nature of inequality in early Egypt

Frédéric GUYOT—Some proposals for reconsidering the social dynamics of Predynastic Lower Egypt and its neighbours

Gavin SMITH—Beyond a boundary: the conception, meaning and acquiescence of legitimate authority and three-dimensional power from Badari to Naqada

WORKGROUP MEETING ON EARLY DYNASTIC POTMARKS

9:00am–12:00pm Sackler Seminar Room

Chair: Edwin C.M. VAN DEN BRINK

followed by

WORKGROUP MEETING ON CHRONOLOGY

Chair: Stan HENDRICKX

Discussion/presentation of:

Lisa MAWDSLEY—The corpus of potmarks from Tarkhan

Geoffrey J. TASSIE; Fekri A. HASSAN; Bram V. CALCOEN; Joris VAN WETERING—More potmarks from the Protodynastic–Early Dynastic site of Kafr Hassan Dawood, Wadi Tumilat, East Delta, Egypt

Anna WODZINSKA—Potmarks of Early Dynastic Buto and Old Kingdom Giza: their occurrence and economic significance

Rita HARTMANN—The chronology of Naqada I tombs in the Predynastic Cemetery U at Abydos

Nathalie BUCHEZ—A reconsideration of predynastic chronology: the contribution of Adaïma

LUNCH 12:00–1:00pm: Please make your own arrangements

AFTERNOON FREE OR OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO OXFORD

1:00pm Board coach for optional excursion to Oxford

2:30pm Arrival at St John's College, University of Oxford, refreshments

3:00pm Free time in Oxford/Tours of the Griffith Institute Archive, University of Oxford

RECEPTION 5:30–7:30pm

Private viewing of the Egyptian Collections in the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford

Dinner in Oxford: Please make your own arrangements

9:30pm Board coach for return journey to London

THURSDAY 31ST JULY

BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London

FUNERARY RITUAL; OBJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY

9:30am–12:00pm

Alice STEVENSON—Understanding ritual activity in Gerzean cemeteries: global trends and local narratives

Stan HENDRICKX—Tusks and tags

Merel EYCKERMAN—Two tombs from el-Mahâsna in the Egyptian collection of the Royal Museums for Art and History, Brussels

Christine LORRE—Small artefacts made of clay and stone at Adaima

Grazia Antonella DI PIETRO—Miscellaneous artefacts from Zawaydah (Petrie's 'South Town')

BREAK

Karin KINDERMANN—Lithic technology and production sequences: recent investigations from Tell el-Fara'in/Buto

Masahiro BABA—Pottery production at Hierakonpolis during the Naqada II period

LUNCH 12:00–2:00pm: Please make your own arrangements

'SCRIPT AS MATERIAL CULTURE' WORKING LUNCH

12:00–2:00pm Sackler Seminar Room. Chair: Kathryn E. PIQUETTE

Discussion/presentation of:

Alain ANSELIN—The phonetic intention. Ideograms and phonograms in potmarks of Dynasties 0–II

Josep CERVELLÓ-AUTUORI—The Sun-religion in the Thinite Age: evidence and political meaning

John Coleman DARNELL—Rock inscriptions and the origin of Egyptian writing

Rita DI MARIA—Clay sealings: tools of communication systems among different cultures in the 4th millennium BC?

Alazne LEGARRETA HERNÁNDEZ—The evolution of *sḥm-ỉẉh* during Dynasties I–III

Elise V. MACARTHUR—In search of the *sdm=f*: the conception and development of hieroglyphic writing through the reign of Aha

Kathryn E. PIQUETTE—A contextual archaeology of early script and image

Maira TORCIA—Clay sealings from Giza: the group with the figurative seal impressions

ARCHITECTURE

2:00–5:00pm

Claudia LACHER—The tomb of King Ninetjer of the Second Dynasty at Saqqara

Ilona REGULSKI—Investigating an unknown necropolis from the Second Dynasty at Saqqara-south

Angela LA LOGGIA—Egyptian engineering in the Early Dynastic period: the sites of Saqqara and Helwan

BREAK

Yann TRISTANT & Jane SMYTHE —New excavation of an old cemetery: preliminary results of the Abu Rawash Project

Yasser Mahmoud HOSSEIN—A new Archaic period cemetery at Abydos

Ahmed Mohamed GABR—The new Archaic period cemetery at Abydos: an osteological report

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London

EGYPT, ITS DESERTS AND NEIGHBOURS

9:30am–12:00pm

Michał KOBUSIEWICZ; Jacek KABACIŃSKI; Romuald SCHILD; Joel. D. IRISH—Burial practices of the Final Neolithic pastoralists at Gebel Ramlah, Western Desert of Egypt

Heba Tallah A. A. IBRAHIM—Nabta Playa during the last few years

Kit NELSON & Eman KHALIFA—Implications for the origin and dispersal of black-topped pottery

Maria Carmela GATTO—Egypt and Nubia in the 5th–4th millennia BC: a view from the First Cataract and surroundings

BREAK

Heiko RIEMER—Subsistence, territory and contacts of the Sheikh Muftah pastoral nomads during the 3rd millennium BC: a view from the desert

John Coleman DARNELL—The wadi of the Horus Qa-a

Alejandro JIMÉNEZ-SERRANO—New predynastic graffiti from Qubbet el-Hawa South, Aswan

Joanne ROWLAND—Pre- and Early Historic settlement in the central Delta: the potential for locating evidence through palaeo-environmental reconstruction and surface/sub-surface survey

LUNCH 12:00–2:00pm: Please make your own arrangements

Tour of the Wendorf Collection 1:30pm

Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan, British Museum
Sign-up at Registration

EGYPT, ITS DESERTS AND NEIGHBOURS

2:00–5:00pm

Gregory P. GILBERT & Tonny J. DE WIT—Local adaptation and intracultural variability in the Western Delta: a view from Predynastic Saïs (Sa el-Hagar)

Eliot BRAUN —Suggestions for revised chronological correlations of South Levantine sites and the reign of Horus Narmer

Francesco RAFFAELE—Foreign enemies and warfare symbolism: ethnicity and historicity in the period of Egyptian unification

BREAK

Shomarka Omar KEITA—Situating the biocultural origins of ancient Egypt

Edwin C.M. VAN DEN BRINK—International Potmark Workshop resumé

Stan HENDRICKX—Chronology workshop resumé

Kathryn E. PIQUETTE— ‘Script as Material Culture’ resumé

Marcelo CAMPAGNO—Modelling state formation resumé

Closing remarks

POSTERS

Sackler Seminar Room
Tuesday 29th July – Friday 1st August

Gaëlle BRÉAND—Pre-firing potmarks corpus from Adaïma, Upper Egypt (3700–2700 BC)

Nathalie BUCHEZ—Structural transformations of the Adaïma settlement during the Predynastic period or reconstructing the history of a village community

Emmanuelle COURBOIN—Raw materials supply and technological analysis of knapped lithic tools in Naqadan contexts: a new look at De Morgan's collection from Hierakonpolis in Saint Germain-en-Laye Museum, France

Morgan DE DAPPER, Merel EYCKERMAN, Maria Carmela GATTO, Rainer GERISCH, Elizabeth HART, Stan HENDRICKX, Tomasz HERBICH, Hannah JORIS, Hans-Åke NORDSTRÖM, Mindy PITRE, Sara ROMA, Dawid SWIECH, Donatella USAI— Rescue excavation of a Predynastic site in Nag el-Qarmila (Kubbaniya)

Ram GOPHNA—Center and periphery: the diffusion of Egyptian merchandise in Israel's Central Coastal Plain and Shephelah during Naqada IIIB/C1.
A settlement-map update

Tomasz HERBICH—The magnetic method in the investigation of early cemeteries: the case study of Cemetery U at Abydos

Jane A. HILL & Tomasz HERBICH—Living and dying at el-Amra: discovering settlement through geophysical and surface survey

Maarten HORN—Shells in Neolithic and Predynastic Egypt

Francis LANKESTER—Desert boats: rock art in Egypt's Eastern Desert

Sabina MALGORA —Model formation of complex societies in Africa through funerary evidence: the Upper Nile Valley as a case study. The database

Ana Isabel NAVAJAS JIMÉNEZ—Pottery production in the Naqada I-II period from the 'influence area of Abydos': some new iconographic considerations

Patricia PERRY—Sources of power in Predynastic Hierakonpolis: legacies for Egyptian kingship

Izumi H. TAKAMIYA & Hitoshi ENDO—Variations in lithic production at Hierakonpolis: a preliminary report on the excavation of HK11C
Squares A6-A7

Geoffrey J. TASSIE—What your hair says about you: changes in hairstyles as an index of state formation processes

Yann TRISTANT; Morgan DE DAPPER; Sandra AUSSEL; Béatrix MIDANT-REYNES—Cultural and natural environment in the eastern Nile Delta: a geo-archaeological project at Tell el-Iswid (Nile Delta)

Sonia ZAKRZEWSKI & Joseph POWELL—Cranial variability and population diversity at Hierakonpolis