



LOOKING BEYOND THE TEXT

Scribal Practices in Ancient Egypt

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

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Wednesday, May 17

Session 1

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:00 Opening remarks
Margaret Geoga, Judith Jurjens, and Aurore Motte
- 10:00-10:30 "Finding the Scribe in 'Ancient Egyptian Cursive Scripts' (AKU-project)"
Ursula Verhoeven and the AKU-team

Coffee break

Session 2

- 11:00-11:30 "Testing the limits of the sign. Writing strategies for advanced scribes from the educational board BM EA 194"
Amr El Hawary
- 11:30-12:00 "Oral tradition in Ancient Egyptian Mathematical texts" (online)
Muhammad Nasra
- 12:00-12:30 "A Rare Coptic Legal Exercise: O.TT157 Inv.478/1"
Rowida Abo Bakr

Lunch break

Session 3 – Online

- 14:00-14:30 "Middle Egyptian features in Middle Kingdom witnesses of the Pyramid Texts and Coffin Texts—A case of shift-induced interference"
Roberto A. Díaz Hernández
- 14:30-15:00 "The Permanence of Materiality: Stone as a Book Medium in Ancient Egypt"
Chana Algarvio
- 15:00-15:30 "Leaving the Rush: The Effect of the Reed Pen on Demotic Paleography in an Archive from Tebtunis"
Leah Packard-Grams

Coffee break

Keynote lecture

- 16:00-17:00 "'Is there a text in the room?' A journey to the limits of text then a return to Egyptian scripturality"
Chloé Ragazzoli
- 18:00-22:00 Dinner

Thursday, May 18

Session 4

- 9:00-9:30 "Rock Inscriptions and Writing Practices: New Perspectives"
Vincent Morel
- 9:30-10:00 "Who were the authors of the amuletic papyri? Texts between philology and materiality"
Gabriele Conte
- 10:00-10:30 "Compiling underworlds: on the creation and significance of the Amduat catalogue"
Jordan Miller

Coffee break

Session 5

- 11:00-11:30 "Compilation and Transmission of Hieratic Texts during the 21st and 22nd Dynasties"
Giuseppina Lenzo
- 11:30-12:00 "Blank spaces as a structuring device in demotic literary texts"
Sarah Braun
- 12:00-12:30 "Resemblance or Pretence: Comparative Approaches to Four Funerary Manuscripts"
Sandrine Vuilleumier

Lunch break

Session 6

- 14:00-14:30 "Identifying Scribes: the Case Piay"
Judith Jurjens
- 14:30-15:00 "Group of fragments of Papyri in five frames of Nb-m-t(w)rt"
Mohsen Eltoukhy
- 15:00-15:30 "The Scribes and Life of a Late Period Medical Papyrus"
Juliane Unger

Coffee break

Keynote lecture

- 16:00-17:00 "Some 'famous' papyri revised - a look on material features and scribal practice"
Susanne Töpfer

Friday, May 19

Session 7

- 9:00-9:30** "Copying calendars of lucky and unlucky days in Ramesside Deir el-Medina"
Micòl Di Teodoro
- 9:30-10:00** "An early copy of the Teaching of a Man for his Son: Edfu's scribal community during the late Second Intermediate Period"
Kathryn Bandy
- 10:00-10:30** "The Textual History of the Demotic 'Prebend of Amun'"
Jackie Jay

Coffee break

Session 8

- 11:00-11:30** "Scribal practice in Heqanakht model-letters: Analyzing the epistolary formula beyond the script"
Ahmed Osman
- 11:30-12:00** "Reading Unease: Scribal Practices in an Eighteenth Dynasty Letter (MMA 27.3.560)"
Niv Allon
- 12:00-12:30** "Variability of scribal practices in the copy of retrograde texts during the 21st dynasty (1069-945 B.C.)"
Emil Joubert

Lunch break

Session 9

- 14:00-14:30** "Tracing individual copyists: methodological considerations for the identification of scribal hands in New Kingdom burial chambers"
Lucía Díaz-Iglesias
- 14:30-15:00** "Writing speed as a factor in handwriting style variability: a view through the painted hieroglyphs of Nebnefer (ix) in TT 359 at Deir el-Medina"
Elizabeth Bettles
- 15:00-15:30** "Tracking the 'scribe of the Legend of Anat' in the Museo Egizio papyrus collection: a case study in Ramesside palaeography"
Renaud Pietri
- 15:30-16:00** Concluding remarks
Margaret Geoga, Judith Jurjens, and Aurore Motte