

The Intention of the Workshop Asyut – Dayr al-Barshā

Since the early twentieth century, archaeological research in the major provincial cemeteries of Middle Egypt almost came to a halt, a situation that lasted until the beginning of this century. Since then, two major projects were initiated. One is the joint mission of the universities of Berlin, Mainz, and Sohag in Asyut, the other is the Leuven university mission in Dayr al-Barshā and its wider region.

The two sites have a great deal in common. Both belong to major towns in Middle Egypt, both were initially used for building rock tombs for the local elite, later to be reused as a quarry area and as a habitation zone for Coptic hermits.

There are also numerous differences, both in the archaeological assemblages locally present and in the approach of the two projects. Being the two major projects dealing with this type of sites, it is useful for the two research teams to discuss their methods and exchange their results.

Registration

For reasons of available space the number of participants is restricted. We therefore request to register in advance. All correspondence should be sent to: jan-mic1@uni-mainz.de

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Programme

18th January

- 08:45** **Opening**
- 09:00** **Harco Willems (Leuven):**
The Dayr al-Barshā Project: Sites, Chronological Aspects, and Research Aims
- 09:40** **Jochem Kahl (Berlin):**
The Asyut Project - Ten Seasons of Fieldwork
- 10:20** **Coffee Break**
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- 10:35** **Bart Vanthuyne (Leuven):**
Third Dynasty Rock Circle Cemeteries in Middle Egypt
- 11:10** **Meike Becker (Münster):**
The Old Kingdom Shaft Burials on Level 7
- 11:45** **Marleen De Meyer (Leuven):**
Old Kingdom and First Intermediate Period Tombs at Dayr al-Barshā
- 12:20** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00** **Monika Zöller-Engelhardt (Mainz):**
Wooden Models from Asyut
- 14:35** **Harco Willems (Leuven):**
Middle Kingdom Tombs in Zone 2 at Dayr al-Barshā
- 15:10** **Georgia Long (Leuven)**
Reconstructing the Funerary Assemblage of the Tomb of Nehri II in Zone 2 at Dayr al-Barshā
- 15:45** **Tea Break**
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- 16:00** **Stefanie Vereecken (Leuven)**
Old Kingdom and Middle Kingdom Pottery from Dayr al-Barshā: An Overview
- 16:30** **Andrea Kilian (Mainz):**
First Intermediate Period and Early Middle Kingdom Pottery from Asyut

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- 17:00** **Teodozja Rzeuska (Warsaw)**
Chronological Overview of Pottery from Asyut
- 17:30** **Discussion: Pottery from Asyut and Dayr al-Barshā**
- 17:45** **Break**
- 18:00** **Tina Beck (Stuttgart):**
Voices of the Workmen: The Asyut Project during the Egyptian Revolution in 2011

19th January

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- From the New Kingdom to the Coptic Period**
- 09:00** **Athena Van der Perre (Leuven):**
The Limestone Quarries of Akhenaten at Dayr Abū Hinnis
- 09:35** **Lucia Kuijper (Leuven):**
Manufacturing Techniques of Stone Objects in the New Kingdom, al-Shaykh Saʿīd/Wādī Zabayda
- 10:10** **Ursula Verhoeven (Mainz):**
Evidence for Kings and Gods in New Kingdom Asyut
- 10:45** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00** **Eva Gervers (Mainz):**
Figural Graffiti in the New Kingdom in Tomb N13.1
- 11:35** **Jan Moje (Berlin):**
Asyut Shabtis from Recent and Former Excavations
- 12:10** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00** **Gertrud Van Loon (Leuven):**
The Dayr al-Barsha Region in the Christian Period: the Desert a City?
- 14:35** **Ina Eichner (Mainz):**
The Survey of Coptic Remains on the Gebel Asyut al-gharbi
- 15:10** **Closing Discussion:**