



Egypt's Heartland: Regional Perspectives on Hierakonpolis, Elkab and Edfu

Thursday–Friday July 18–19, 2019

St Antony's College and Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford

From the Predynastic to the Ptolemaic period, the sites of Hierakonpolis, Elkab and Edfu exerted profound political, religious and artistic influence on Ancient Egyptian civilization. This colloquium presents the results of current fieldwork exploring the factors that made this triad of sites a powerful force in Egypt's heartland.

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9:00–10:00 Registration: Nissan Auditorium, St Antony's College

10:00–12:30 Morning session

Richard Parkinson: *Welcome and introduction*

Renée Friedman: *Beverages of power: the contribution of Hierakonpolis*

Wouter Claes: *The settlement of Elkab: results of recent fieldwork*

Liam McNamara: *'Holy rubbish'? Human statuettes from the Hierakonpolis Main Deposit*

Vivian Davies: *Elkab and Hierakonpolis: tombs of the Second Intermediate Period and the artist Sedjemnetjeru*

Aaron De Souza: *Nubians, Nubians everywhere!*

12:30–2:00 Lunch (make own arrangements)

2:00–5:00 Afternoon session

Greg Marouard: *Preliminary results from the newly discovered early New Kingdom elite quarter at Tell Edfu*

Susanne Woodhouse: *The figural graffiti of Tomb 3 in Hagr Edfu*

Rob Demarée: *Pious visitors, tourists or vandals?*

Ellen Jones: *Family portraits: exploring the representation of female relatives in the Elkab necropolis*

Jordan Miller: *Composite snakes in second millennium iconographies: Amduat, apotropaic wands, and the Book of Two Ways*

Luigi Prada: *Late and Graeco-Roman graffiti at Elkab: 'informal writings' contributing to the history of a site*

Luigi Prada and Susanne Woodhouse: *A tomb from the reign of Ptolemy III in the main necropolis of Elkab*

6:00 Doors open at Ashmolean Museum

6:30–7:30 Special Evening Lecture, Randolph Sculpture Gallery, Ashmolean Museum

Dr Nadine Moeller, Director of Tell Edfu Project, University of Chicago

New insights into relations between center and periphery: the evolution of the administrative quarter at Edfu from the Old Kingdom to the Second Intermediate Period

7:30–9:00 Reception, Atrium and Galleries for Ancient Egypt and Sudan, Ashmolean Museum

Friday July 19, 2019

10:00–12:30 Additional activities including small group tours of the Griffith Institute Archives, the Peet Egyptological Library at the Queen's College, the Sackler Library Rare Books Room and object handling sessions in the Ashmolean Museum (choice of two activities, sign-up at colloquium registration).

Full Price Ticket: £65 Members Price: £55

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