

**First symposium of the workgroup *Egyptian Riverine Harbours*  
September 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Institut français d'archéologie orientale - Cairo**

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Since 2017, a workgroup on *Egyptian Riverine Harbours* has been created within the framework of a collaboration between the Österreichisches Archäologisches Institut - Cairo Branch (ÖAI), KU Leuven and the French Institute for Oriental Archaeology (IFAO) for its five-year plan (2017-2021). Two workshops have already taken place in 2017 and 2018. The aim of this research program is to gain a better understanding of riverine harbours during Ancient Egypt, a topic which has seen an increase in popularity in recent research. We wish to make a first synthesis on the subject by analysing the features of riverine harbours, their function and their integration in the network of Egyptian waterways. To this end, we have brought together a group of specialists working on Egyptian fluvial harbours, the Nile, its canals and the irrigation system from the Pharaonic period up to the pre-modern times.

The symposium *Egyptian Riverine Harbours* will take place in Cairo at the Institut français d'archéologie orientale (IFAO) from September 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2019. It is co-organized by Dr. Irene Forstner-Müller (ÖAI - Cairo branch), Pr. Harco Willems (KU Leuven), and Dr. Marine Yoyotte (IFAO - Cairo).

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**15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**6pm Keynote lecture by Pr. Nicolas GRIMAL (Collège de France, Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres), Egypt and the Levant interconnections through the ages.**

**Cocktail (Ifao)**

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**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**9.15-9.45am Welcoming Coffee-Introduction**

**THEME 1 General and Historical Geography considerations on the Nile, irrigation systems, and navigation**

**Session 1: Historical Geography studies / Chairman : Nicolas GRIMAL**

**9.45-10.15am Nicolas MICHEL (Aix-Marseille University),** Hydraulic Structure of the Giza Province on the Eve of the Modern Period.

**10.15-10.45am Ghislaine ALLEAUME (CNRS),** Delta river ports at the dawn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**10.45-11.15am Willem TOONEN (KU Leuven), Harco WILLEMS<sup>1</sup> (KU Leuven), and Jan PEETERS (Utrecht University),** Meandering thoughts on fluvial migration in the Nile Valley.

**11.15-11.35pm Coffee Break**

**Session 2: Navigation and administration / Chairman : Pierre TALLET**

**11.35-12.05am Douglas INGLIS (Texas A&M University),** Environmental Determinism, Entanglement, and the Evolution of Watercraft upon the Nile.

**12.05-12.35pm Serena ESPOSITO (Lettres Sorbonne University),** Deconstructing and redefining a professional category: Egyptian sailors and boatmen in the administrative and social hierarchy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC.

**12.35-1.05pm Abdelmoneim SAID MAHMOUD (MoA),** A Recently Discovered Quay at Gebel El-Silsila Eastern Quarry.

**1.05-2pm Lunch Break**

**THEME 2: Lexicographical and papyrological data on the Nile, harbours and networks**

**Session 3: Data from the Pharaonic to the Greco-Roman Period/ Chairman : Marine YOYOTTE**

**2-2.30pm Clémentine AUDOIT (Paul Valéry-Montpellier III University),** The analogy between blood and the river through the hydrographic vocabulary in Egyptian Texts.

**2.30-3pm Pascal ARNAUD (Lumière Lyon 2 University),** Hormoi and riverbanks: places for port-activity and their administration in the Nile basin after Greek papyri (III<sup>d</sup> cent. BCE – V<sup>th</sup> cent. CE)

**3-3.30pm Katherine BLOUIN (University of Toronto),** To the cell and beyond: Social landscapes and connected margins in the 4th c. CE Nile Delta.

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<sup>1</sup> When the name of a person is underlined, it means that their was a joint abstract presented, but only the person with their name underlined will actually participate to the symposium and give the lecture.

**3.30-4pm Coffee Break**

**4pm-5pm General discussions (closed to the public)**

**Reception (French Embassy)**

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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**9.15-9.30am Welcoming Coffee**

**THEME 3: Mediterranean and Red Sea study cases**

**Session 4: From Byblos to the Red Sea/ Chairman : Irene FORSTNER-MÜLLER**

**9.30-10.20am Nicolas GRIMAL (Collège de France, Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres) and Martine FRANCIS-ALLOUCHE (Collège de France), Anchorages and harbours in ancient Byblos.**

**10.20-10.50am Pierre TALLET (Paris Sorbonne University), Three harbours from the Pharaonic Period on the Red Sea shore.**

**10.50-11.20 Coffee Break**

**THEME 4: Archaeological and geoarchaeological study cases on Riverine harbours**

**Session 5: General Considerations and riverine harbour sites comparisons /**

**Chairman: Wolfgang MÜLLER**

**11.20-11.50am Morgan DE DAPPER (Ghent University), Geomorphological observations on the evolution of the fluvial landscape in the Nile Delta since the Late Pleistocene.**

**11.50-12.20am Judith BUNBURY (University of Cambridge), Coming alongside: Harbour environments from the Cataracts to Cairo.**

**12.20-12.50am Irene FORSTNER-MÜLLER (ÖAI- Austrian Archaeological Institute Cairo), A Tale of two cities -Thoughts on the riverine systems of Tell el-Dab'a and Kom Ombo.**

**1-2pm Lunch Break**

**Session 6: Upper Egypt sites/ Chairman : Harco WILLEMS**

**2-2.30pm Cornelius VON PILGRIM (Swiss institute Cairo), Interconnections between settlements and river in Elephantine and its environs.**

**2.30-3pm Wolfgang MÜLLER (Swiss institute Cairo), Syene (ancient Aswan) and its access to the River Nile.**

**3.-3.30pm Jan PEETERS (Utrecht University), Willem TOONEN (KU Leuven), Tim WINKELS, (Utrecht University), Benjamin PENNINGTON (University of Southampton), Julie DURCAN (University of Oxford), Aurelia MASSON-BERGHOFF (British Museum), Angus GRAHAM (Uppsala University), Holocene development of the interconnected fluvial and cultural landscape of the river Nile near Luxor**

### 3.30-4pm Coffee Break

**4-4.30pm** Angus GRAHAM (Uppsala University), Willem TOONEN (KU Leuven), Jan PEETERS (Utrecht University), Tim WINKELS (Utrecht University), Benjamin PENNINGTON (University of Southampton), Aurelia MASSON-BERGHOF (British Museum), Kristian Strutt (University of Southampton), Dominic Barker (University of Southampton), Virginia EMERY (University of Wisconsin), Implications of a Theban West Bank secondary Nile channel: delivering colossal statues and building stone and the location of the *mryt*.

**4.30pm-5pm** Laure PANTALACCI (Lumière Lyon 2 University), The harbour of Coptos: between the Nile and the Red Sea.

Dinner (ARCE)

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**Wednesday 18th September 2019**

9.15-9.30am Welcoming Coffee

<b>THEME 4 (suite): Archaeological and geoarchaeological study cases on Riverine harbours</b>
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#### **Session 7: Fayum and Memphite Area / Chairman: Katherine BLOUIN**

**9.30-10.10am** Marine YOYOTTE (Ifao), Judith BUNBURY (University of Cambridge), and Ian OSTERICHER (University of Cambridge), The riverine harbour of Mi-wer (Gurob): a study-case for the Fayum area

**10.10-10.40am** David JEFFREYS (UCL London), Imagining the Port of Memphis: a moving experience?

**10.40-11am Coffee Break**

**11-11.30am** Pedro GONCALVEZ (ÖAI- Austrian Archaeological Institute Cairo), The waterscapes of Memphis: a geoarchaeological approach to river migration and urban transformation.

**11.30-12am** Mark LEHNER (AERA), Pyramid Harbours at Giza: Accounts of the Nile-side Workshop at Cairo.

#### **Session 8: Delta Area / Chairman: Willem TOONEN**

**12.00-12.30am** Ross THOMAS (British Museum), The river port of Naukratis: Infrastructure and technology.

**12.30am-1pm** Penelope WILSON (Durham University), Waterways and Harbours at Sais.

## 1-2pm Lunch Break

### **Session 8 (suite): Delta Area /Chairman : Willem TOONEN**

**2-2.30pm** Jurgen WÜNDERLICH (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), *Martin SEELIGER* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), *Andreas GINAU* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), *Marina ALTMAYER* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), *Ulrich HARTUNG* (German Archaeological Institute) and *Robert SCHIESTL* (Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich), Buto and Kom el-Gir – Settlement history under the influence of changing environmental conditions in the northwestern Nile Delta.

**2.30-3.20pm** Marie-Françoise BOUSSAC (Paris-Ouest Sorbonne University), Maël CRÉPY (UMR 5133-Archéorient, Lyon), Joachim LE BOMIN (Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne University), Taposiris and its harbour: new data on its chronology and layout during Antiquity (from Ptolemaic to Medieval period).

## 3.20-3.50pm Coffee Break

**3.50-4.20pm** Tomasz HERBICH (IAEPAN), Geophysics in the study of waterways and riverine harbors in the Nile Delta.

**4.20-4.50pm** John COOPER (University of Exeter) and Alison GASCOIGNE (University of Southampton), The medieval harbours of Tell Tinnis, Lake Manzala.

**4.50-5.30pm** **Conclusion and Final Discussions (closed to the public)**