

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
**PLACE-MAKING**  
IN THE  
**DESERTSCAPE**

THE SOCIALISATION OF THE EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE  
EASTERN DESERT LANDSCAPE IN THE LONGUE DURÉE  
(4<sup>TH</sup> MILLENNIUM BCE- 4<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CE)

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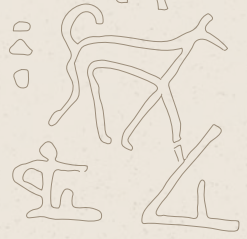


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# Programme

## Day 1: Saturday, April 27 (PCMA, Cairo)

- 09:00 – 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 – 10:00 Conference opening: welcome speech and introductory remarks
- 10:00 – 10:40 **Key-note lecture:** Kate Liszka (California State University, San Bernardino)  
*We came to This Desert: Place-making in Wadi el-Hudi*

### Session 1. Methods & Approaches to the Desertscape(s)

- 10:40 – 11:00 Gaëlle Chantrain (Université Catholique de Louvain)  
*From deserts and back: shifting borders of space conceptualization in Ancient Egyptian*
- 11:00 – 11:20 Antonio Muñoz Herrera (Universidad Complutense Madrid)  
*The phenomenological civilizing process. A 4E cognition approach to desertscape role in Ancient Egyptian cultural development (online)*
- 11:20 – 11:50 Coffee break
- 11:50 – 12:10 Cristina Alù (Ifao- PCMA, Cairo)  
*From theory to practice, from space to place: a methodological reflection on the study of desert mining landscapes in Egyptology*
- 12:10 – 12:40 Questions and discussion
- 12:45 – 14:30 Lunch break

### Session 2. Place-Making in the Desertscape: Marking, Differentiating & Connecting

*Focus on: Rock-art and rock inscriptions*

- 14:30 – 14:50 Maria Carmela Gatto, Dorian Vanhulle (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) & Serena Nicolini (Università di Bologna)  
*Place-making through rock art: Wadi Rasras in the desert east of the First Nile Cataract (online)*
- 14:50 – 15:10 Sherouk Shehada (Helwan University)  
*How Palaeographical Studies help in defining the identities of the place-maker? Case study on Serabit el-Khadim inscriptions.*

15:10 – 15:30 Karim El-Ridy (Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Cairo)  
*A Wadi Gasus Graffito: New dimensions, perspectives*

15:30 – 15:50 Questions and discussion

15:50 – 16:20 Coffee break

**Session 3. Shaping Memories, Negotiating Identities,  
Establishing Power in the Desertscape(s)**

*Focus on: Material culture*

16:20 – 16:40 Wafa Hussein (LLACAN - Langage, langues et cultures d’Afrique,  
CNRS-EPHE)  
*Manufacturing process of late prehistory ceramic of Eastern desert and  
of the modern pottery tradition in the Nuba Mountains Sudan:  
a comparative study*

16:40 – 17:00 Meredith Brand (The American University Cairo)  
*Negotiating Identities - ‘Desert Middle Nubian’ Pottery and  
Identifying Eastern Desert Pastoral Nomads in early 2<sup>nd</sup> Millennium  
BCE*

17:00 – 17:20 Matei Tichindelean (University of California, Los Angeles)  
*Community building and Pan-Grave horizon place-making at the edge  
of the Desert (online)*

17:20 – 17:45 Questions and discussion



## Day 2: Sunday, April 28 (Ifao, Cairo)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:10 **Key-note lecture:** Maël Crépy (CNRS – HiSoMA)  
*This canvas has never been blank: desertscape as a palimpsest (4<sup>th</sup> mill. BC - 20<sup>th</sup> c. AD)*

### **Session 4. Place-Making in the Desertscape: Marking, Differentiating & Connecting**

*Focus on: Networks*

10:10 – 10:30 Isabelle Goncalves (Université Lumière Lyon 2, HiSoMA)  
*An Egyptian occupation network in the 2<sup>nd</sup> mill. BC (online)*

10:30 – 10:50 Bryan Kraemer (Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art, San Bernardino)  
*“The Caravan Calls”: Hansjoachim von der Esch’s Travelogue and its Importance for Understanding Travel Networks and Desert Resources around Wadi el-Hudi and the Eastern Desert*

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 – 11:40 Mohamed Osman Abdollah & Rebecca Döhl (Humboldt Universität Berlin)  
*Landscape and place-making in the Theban Eastern Desert Hinterlands*

11:40 – 12:00 Hannah Pethen (University of Liverpool)  
*Landmarks of Stone towards the ‘Mansion Of Gold’: Geographic Information System Investigation of Place-Making at the Hatnub Travertine Quarries (online)*

12:00 – 12:40 Questions and discussion

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break



#### **Session 4. Place-Making in the Desertscape: Marking, Differentiating & Connecting**

- 14:00 – 14:40 **Key-note lecture:** Joan Oller Guzmán (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)  
*Transforming the landscape in the Smaragdus: social, cultural, religious, and economic changes in a mining region landscape of the Egyptian Eastern Desert*
- 14:40 – 15:00 Marek Adam Woźniak (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)  
*The open city vs. the closed city: two views of rule, life and administration in the Berenike region of Egypt's Eastern Desert during the Hellenistic and Roman periods*
- 15:00 – 15:20 Rabab Hamdy Aly (Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Cairo)  
*Abu El-Draj, a “lost Roman station”. Recent discoveries on the Eastern Desert*
- 15:20 – 15:40 Questions and discussion
- 15:40 – 16:10 Coffee break

#### **Session 6. The Know-How of the Place-Makers: Adapting to the Desertscape, or Being Taught by It?**

- 16:10 – 16:50 **Key-note lecture:** Julien Cooper (Macquarie University, Sydney)  
*Scribes and mines: Ancient Egyptian geological “maps” as an intellectual tradition*
- 16:50 – 17:10 Martin Odler (Newcastle University) & Jiří Kmošek (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna; Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Řež)  
*Reverse-engineering the desertscape: seeing under the hands of ancient Egyptian prospectors*
- 17:10 – 17:30 Nevin Maarouf (Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Cairo)  
*Who settled the Egyptian Eastern Desert during the Mid-to-Late Holocene?*
- 17:30 – 18:00 Laura Aguer (Ifao, Cairo), Nicolas Morand (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris)  
*First elements about food strategies at Ghozza in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE: crossing analysis between ostraca and animal bones*
- 18:00 – 18:30 Questions and discussion

## Day 3: Monday, 29 April (Ifao, Cairo)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

14:30 – 15:10 **Key-note lecture:** Pierre Tallet (Ifao, Cairo)  
*On the road to the Red Sea shore and Sinai at the beginning of the Old Kingdom*

### **Session 7. Shaping Memories, Negotiating Identities, Establishing Power in the Desertscape(s)**

15:10 – 15:30 Stephen Ficalora (University of Toronto)  
*Re-Establishing Power in the Desert: The Inscriptions of Ahanakht I and Nehri I and The Maxims of Ptah-Hotep*

15:30 – 15:50 Julia Budka (LMU Munich)  
*Cooperation in Bronze Age gold exploitation: new evidence from Attab and Ginis in northern Sudan*

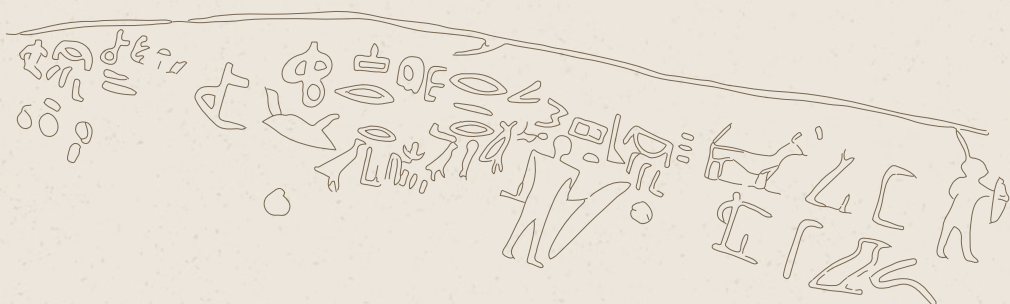
15:50 – 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 – 16:40 Laurel Darcy Hackley (University of Memphis)  
*Our Grandfather's Garden: Memory, Meaning, and Microclimate in the Egyptian Eastern Desert (online)*

16:40 – 17:00 Carl-Loris Raschel (Université de Tours)  
*Bordering the Desert. Pachomius between two worlds*

17:00 – 17:30 Questions and discussion

17:30 – 18:00 Closing of the conference









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