



HYBRID CONFERENCE

# TEMPUS FUGIT

## CHALLENGING TIME(S) AND TEXT(S) IN ORDER TO REFINE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY



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# PROGRAMME

## MONDAY, 10 JULY 2023

### Opening of the Conference

- 17:00–18:00 **Registration**
- 18:00–18:10 **Roman Gundacker** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Welcome Address*
- 18:10–18:20 **Bernhard Woytek** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Opening Address*
- 18:20–18:30 **Annik Wüthrich** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Introducing Pascal Vernus*
- Keynote Lecture**
- 18:30–19:30 **Pascal Vernus** | École Pratique des Haute-Études, Paris  
*How tempus fugit According to the Egyptian Consciousness of History*
- 19:30–19:45 **Discussion**
- 19:45 **Welcome Buffet**

## TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2023

### Introductory Session

- 09:00–09:10 **Annik Wüthrich** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Welcome Address*
- 09:10–09:30 **Roman Gundacker** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Introduction*

### Session I: Time and Circumstance(s)

- 09:30–10:00 **Martin Fitzenreiter** | Independent Researcher, Münster  
*The Past's Two Bodies: On Meta-Narrative and Archaeological Evidence*
- 10:00–10:30 **Gerald Moers** | University of Vienna, Vienna  
*Decorum: A Changing Constant*
- 10:30–11:00 **Coffee Break**

### Session II: Traditions in King-Lists and Beyond

- 11:00–11:30 **Massimiliano Nuzzolo** | Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, and University of Turin, Turin  
*The Palermo Stone and Its Associated Fragments: New Insights into the Early History of Ancient Egypt*
- 11:30–12:00 **Roman Gundacker** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Queen Nitocris: A Colourful Figure on the Threshold Between Historical Reality and Fanciful Imagination*
- 12:00–12:30 **Lutz Popko** | University of Leipzig, Leipzig  
*Shards of a Distorting Mirror: Tuthmosis III in the Eyes of Posterity*
- 12:30–14:30 **Lunch Break**

### Session III: The Old Kingdom: Counting Cattle and Pyramids

- 14:30–15:00 **Johannes Jüngling** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*How to Date (in) the Old Kingdom: Some Methodological Considerations*
- 15:00–15:30 **Aurore Ciavatti** | Einstein Center Chronoi (Einstein Foundation, Berlin), Freie Universität Berlin Berlin  
*Challenging the Old Kingdom Relative Chronology: The Case Study of Snefru's Reign in Maidum*
- 15:30–16:00 **Anita Quiles** | Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale, Cairo (online)  
*The MERYT Project: Towards a New Chronometric Model for the Egyptian Old Kingdom*
- 16:00–16:30 **Tea Break**

#### Session IV: Dating with Language and Script

- 16:30–17:00** **Elsa Oréal** | Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris (online)  
*My Kingdom for a Date! From Historical to Linguistic Periodisation and Back*
- 17:00–17:30** **Ursula Verhoeven** | Johannes Gutenberg University, Mayence (online)  
*Dating Based on Hieratic Palaeography? Possibilities and Limitations*

### WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023

#### Session V: Paradigms of Time and Chronology

- 09:00–09:30** **Anthony Spalinger** | University of Auckland, Auckland (online)  
*Timelines: Commemorating Events Singly and Iteratively*
- 09:30–10:00** **E. Christiana Köhler** | University of Vienna, Vienna  
*The Materiality of Time – Building a Modern Chronological System for Ancient Egypt*
- 10:00–10:30** **Coffee Break**

#### Session VI: From One Intermediate Period to Another

- 10:30–11:00** **Bettina Bader** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*The Use of Pottery Typology for Dating in Egyptian Archaeology: Practices and Problems*
- 11:00–11:30** **Julian Posch** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*The Fall of Khamudi: Reconsidering the Last King of the Hyksos*
- 11:30–12:00** **Manfred Bietak** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*The Length of the Hyksos Rule in Egypt*
- 12:00–14:00** **Lunch Break**

#### Session VII: Tempora mutatur, et historia in illis ...

- 14:00–14:30** **Vivian Davies** | Oxford Epigraphic Expedition to Elkab, Oxford (in-person only)  
*Elkab and Hierakonpolis: Sobeknakht's "Kush" Inscription and Horemkhauef's Second Stela*
- 14:30–15:00** **Filip Taterka** | Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw  
*Erasing a Reign: Hatshepsut's damnatio memoriae Revisited*
- 15:00–15:30** **José Lull García** | Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona (online)  
*Chronology and Spread of the "Amarna Plague"*
- 15:30–16:00** **Tea Break**

#### Session VIII: Of Celestial and Terrestrial Bodies

- 16:00–16:30** **Sarah Symons** | McMaster University, Hamilton  
*The Final Hour: Sirius in Star Clocks and Tables*
- 17:00–17:30** **Mélie Louys** | École du Louvre, Paris  
*Dating with Human Remains*

### THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2023

#### Session IX: The New Kingdom: Pots and Bits of Writing

- 09:00–09:30** **David Aston** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Tuthmosis IV: Some Thoughts on His Reign Length*
- 09:30–10:00** **Charlotte Dietrich** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Dockets, Handles, Stoppers: Textual Material on Jars as Sources for Historical Chronology*
- 10:00–10:30** **Coffee Break**

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### Session X: The Third Intermediate Period: Chronology in Turmoil

**10:30–11:00** **Annik Wüthrich** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Between Ideology and Chronology: The 21<sup>st</sup> Dynasty in Micro- and Macroscopic Perspective*

**11:00–11:30** **Perrine Poiron** | Université du Québec à Montréal and Sorbonne University, Paris  
*Ideology, Propaganda, and Its Spreading: 22<sup>nd</sup> Dynasty's Official Discourse Inside Official and Private Sources*

**11:30–12:00** **Claus Jurman** | Independent Researcher, Vienna  
*Dissecting Synchronisms in the Late Third Intermediate Period*

**12:00–14:00** **Lunch Break**

### Session XI: Language, Literature, and History

**14:00–14:30** **Andréas Stauder** | École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris (online)  
*On Dating Middle Egyptian Literary Texts: Some Strategies and Partial Results*

**14:30–15:00** **Richard Parkinson** | University of Oxford, Oxford  
*Poetry and History: Reactions to the Accession of Senwosret I in The Tale of Sinuhe*

**15:00–15:30** **Jean Winand** | University of Liège, Liège  
*Writing History with Stories or Understanding Stories with History?*

**15:30–16:00** **Tea Break**

### Closing Session

**16:00–16:05** **Roman Gundacker and Annik Wüthrich** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Preliminary Remarks*

**16:05–16:30** **Charlotte Dietrich, Johannes Jüngling, Julian Posch** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Aspects of History and Chronology*

**16:30–17:45** **General Discussion**

**17:45–18:00** **Roman Gundacker and Annik Wüthrich** | Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Closing Remarks*

**19:30** **Participants' Dinner**



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