

Conference: Uncovering Abydos

**The symposium is scheduled for December 5th to 7th, 2023,
at the Egypt Exploration Society.**

Location: The British Council, 192 Sharia el-Nil, Agouza, Cairo

This hybrid three-day symposium aims to delve into the rich tapestry of archaeological endeavors undertaken at the captivating site of Abydos over the course of 125 years. From the first excavations of the Egypt Exploration Society (directed by William Matthew Flinders Petrie) in 1899 to the present day, Abydos stands as a pivotal location in the annals of Egyptian archaeology.

The discoveries unearthed at Abydos have revolutionized our comprehension of ancient Egyptian administration, society, and religion, leaving an indelible mark on scholarly pursuits. Moreover, Abydos has played a prominent role in shaping the very essence of modern archaeological methodologies, practices, and management.

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December 5th, 2023

8:00- 9:30	Welcome and registration
9:30 - 9:45	Essam Nagy (The Egypt Exploration Society)
9:45- 10:00	Robert Vigar (University of Pennsylvania)
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote speech: Campbell Price (EES and Manchester University)
10:30 - 10:45	Opening Ceremony
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
Session 1	“Early Abydos” . Discussant: Hisham Elleithy (The Center of Documentation of Egyptian Antiquities)
11:00 - 11:30	Eva-Maria Engel (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) “ <i>The Dynastic Kings at Abydos- What remained</i> ” (Online)
11:30 - 12:00	Ahmed Rehema, Egyptologist, (Assistant to the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities for Human Resources Development, Training, and Capacity Building). <i>The actual burial place of the Archaic Period kings, Abydos or Saqqara</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Peter Ferschin(Vienna University of Technology), Bálint István Kovács (Vienna University of Technology), and Christiana E. Köhler (University of Vienna)“ <i>Digital Documentation and Mixed Reality Visualizations of the Tomb of Meret-Neith</i> ” (Online)
12:30 -1:30	Lunch

Session 2	"Experiencing Abydos" . Discussant: Mohamed Gamal Rashed (Damietta University)
1:30 - 2:00	Dr. Rasha Motawee (Helwan University) <i>Shaping Egypt's Future by Embracing its Past: Heritage Education as a tool for Heritage Conservation and Sustainable Development</i>
2:00- 2:30	Ibrahim Badawy:(The Arab Association of Civilization and Islamic Arts) <i>"Temple of Seti I: Shadow, Light, and the Origin of the Story"</i>
2:30-3:00	Hossam Abd El Azeem: (The Arab Association of Civilization and Islamic Arts) " <i>Abydos a live through Egypt in Color Project</i> "
3:00 - 3:30	Amal Mahmoud Abbas (MoTA) " <i>Abydos Festival: Unveiling the Rich Tapestry of Ancient Egyptian Heritage through Scenography and Reviving the Festival Calendar</i> "
3:30 - 4:00	Coffee break
4:00 - 4:45	Keynote speaker: Sameh Iskander (Director of NYU-ISAW Mission) (Online)
4:45 - 5:00	Coffee break
Session 3	"Unveiling the Egyptian Skillful Hand (Al Ries): A Roundtable Discussion on Their Role in Excavations at Abydos"
5:00 - 6:00	Roundtable moderator: Amany Abd El Hameed (Penn Cultural Heritage Center)

December 6th, 2023

9:00 - 10:00	Welcome and Registration
10:00 - 10:45	Keynote speech: E. Christiana Kohler (University of Vienna, Director of the German Mission in Abydos) (Online)
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
Session 4	“Abydos in the New Kingdom” . Discussant: Mohamed Gamal Rashed (Damietta University)
11:00 - 11:30	Essam Shehab (NYU-ISAW Mission) “ <i>The Recent Discoveries at the precinct of Ramses II Temple in Abydos</i> ”
11:30 - 12:00	Amira Mostafa (Helwan University) “ <i>Mistakes on Hieratic Ostraca from the Portal Temple of Ramesses II in North Abydos</i> ”
12:00 - 12:30	Ahmed Kamal Oraby (NYU-ISAW Mission) “ <i>The deity Shenetet through the texts of the Abydos temples.</i> ”
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch

Session 5	"Conserving Abydos" .Discussant: Hisham Elleithy (The Center of Documentation of Egyptian Antiquities)
1:30- 2:00	Prof. Dr. Hamdan Rabie (President of Damietta University) - " <i>Study of the Restoration and Maintenance of the Temple of Seti I, the Mortuary Temple of the Osireion, near Abydos</i> "
2:00 - 2:30	Prof. Dr. Ahmed Aziz (Former President of Sohag University) , Ahmed M. Masoud (Sohag University), James Westerman " <i>Studying the Groundwater in and Around the Osireion, Abydos, Egypt</i> "
2:30 - 3:00	Hamada Sadek (University of Bologna) " <i>Preserving the Treasures of Abydos: Conservation Challenges and Strategies for an Ancient Archaeological Site</i> "
3:00 3:30	Sayed Diab and Abd el Ghafour Motawee (MoTA) " <i>Conservation-restoration project of Osiris chapel of the temple Seti I at Abydos</i> "

3:30 - 4:00	Coffee break
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Session 6	"Unearthing the Past: Open Session on Current Excavations and Recent Archaeological Discoveries"
4:00 - 5:00	Moderator: Essam Shehab

5:00 - 6:00	"An Adventure in the Temple" An Interactive Workshop for Children by Amany Abd El Hameed
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December 7th, 2023

9:00 - 10:00	Welcome
10:00 - 10:45	Keynote Speech: Hisham El Lithy (The Center of Documentation of Egyptian Antiquities)
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
Session 6	“Abydos in Museum Collections” . Discussant: Essam Nagy (EES)
11:00 - 11:30	Amany El Naggat (The Egyptian Museum): Rediscovery of Petrie’s Pottery from Gizah and Rifeh
11:30 - 12:00	Lisa Randisi and Anna Garnett (Petrie Museum) <i>“Abydos to Asia: Recent work at the Petrie Museum”</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Janssen Bieke (Art & History Museum, Brussels) and Luc Delvau <i>“Discoveries in the store rooms from overlooked Predynastic Cemeteries”</i> (Online)
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
Session 7	“Rethinking Abydos” Discussant: Robbie Vigar (University of Pennsylvania)
1:30 - 2:00	Martin Odler (Newcastle University) and Jiří Kmošek (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna) <i>“Uncovering copper metallurgy at Abydos”</i>
2:00 - 2:30	Karim el Ridy (MoTA) <i>“Abydos in the First Millennium BC”</i>
2:30 - 3:00	Martin Selhof (DAI) <i>“Architecture of the Royal Tomb of Djer in Umm el Qaab”</i>

3:00 - 3:30	Coffee Break
Session 8	“Knowing Abydos - Epistemologies and Methods” Discussant: Robbie Vigar (University of Pennsylvania)
3:30-4:00	Bryan Kraemer (Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art) “Abydos Again: Rephotography as a Fieldwork Tool in Abydos’ Past, Present, and Future (Online)
4:00- 4:30	Dr Chloë Ward (LMU Munich) “ <i>Knowledge production and the development of methodologies at Abydos</i> ”
4:30- 5:15	Keynote Speech: Dawn McCormack (Samford University) (Online)
5:15 - 5:30	Coffee break
Session 9	“Abydos and Sustainable Development” . Discussant: Mohamed Gamal Rashed
5:30-6:00	Tarek Waly (Tarek Waly Center Architecture & Heritage)- <i>Extrapolation of a History... The Development Methodology for Abydos Heritage Site</i>
6:00 - 6:30	Amany Hassan (Helwan University) - <i>Using Digital Marketing Techniques to Promote The Heritage Site of Abydos</i>
6:30 - 7:00	Reflection and Close: Hisham Elleithy and Mohammed Gamal Rashed
7:00 - 9:00	Close reception at the British Council