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# ConText

Greek, Coptic and Arabic Sources  
from Aswan, Elephantine, Dayr  
Anba Hadra and Qasr Ibrim

13-15 December 2018  
University of Basel



## Workshop (13–15 December 2018)

### “ConText. Greek, Coptic and Arabic Sources from Aswan, Elephantine, Dayr Anba Hadra and Qasr Ibrim”

Since roughly a century, alternating teams have been devoted to the archaeological exploration of the Nile island Elephantine in the south of Egypt, the city Aswan (Roman Syene) on the opposite east bank, the neighboring monastery Dayr Anba Hadra, as well as the settlement and fortress Qasr Ibrim in Lower Nubia. Field research has yielded a multitude of papyri, ostraca and inscriptions, which have in part not all been published to this day. The edition and publication of these texts depends on the work of philologists from all over the world, associated to various excavation and museum teams.

Up until this moment, text editors have not had the opportunity to compare notes with colleagues from related excavations and projects. In December, our workshop “ConText. Greek, Coptic and Arabic Sources from Aswan, Elephantine, Dayr Anba Hadra and Qasr Ibrim”, taking place at the University of Basel (Switzerland), will provide this opportunity. All texts to be presented and discussed originate from Roman, Byzantine and Islamic Times. In cooperation with leading archaeologists of the region, we will discuss economic, administrative and cultural processes of change between a Roman-Byzantine and Byzantine-Islamic society at the First Cataract in the form of sub-group workshops.

## Program

**Day 1:** Thursday, 13 December 2018

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**Dr. Stefanie Schmidt**  
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*Location: Rosshofgasse/Schnitz, Seminar Room 01*

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16.15 – 16.45      Registration

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16.45 – 17.00      Welcome and Introduction

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### Panel I      Archaeological Context

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17.00 – 17.30      **Felix Arnold**  
Elephantine

17.30 – 18.00      **Gertrud van Loon**  
Dayr Anba Hadra

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18.00 – 18.15      *Coffee Break*

18.15 – 18.45      **Wolfgang Müller**  
Aswan

18.45 – 19.15      **Pamela Rose**  
Qasr Ibrim

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19.30      *Apéro* (Foyer, Rosshof)

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## Day 2: Friday, 14 December 2018

*Location: Rosshof, Meeting Room 306*

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### Panel II

### Texts (Elephantine / Aswan / Dayr Anba Hadra / Qasr Ibrim)

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#### Elephantine

*Panel Chair: Serena Causo*

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09.00 – 09.30	<b>Ruth Duttenhöfer</b>	"Greek Ostraca from Elephantine"
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Matthias Müller</b>	"Coptic Ostraca from the Excavations in the Chnum-Temple Area at Elephantine"
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Andrea Hasznos</b>	"Coptic Texts from Elephantine and Syene collected in the ERC 'Elephantine' Project"
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Ahmed Kamal</b>	"Elephantine, Aswan, and the Relations with Nubia in the Arabic Documents"
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Jitse Dijkstra</b>	"Greek Graffiti from the Khnum Temple Forecourt"

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#### Aswan

*Panel Chair: Vera Elizabeth Allen*

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12.00 – 12.30	<b>Sofia Torallas Tovar</b>	"Greek Ostraca from Aswan. The Military Documents in Context"
12.30 – 13.00	<b>Stefanie Schmidt</b>	"Arabic Inscriptions from Aswan"
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch (Rosshof, Room 206)</i>	
14.30 – 15.15	<b>Amalia Zomeño Naïm Vanthieghem</b>	"Arabic Documents from Aswan"

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#### Dayr Anba Hadra

*Panel Chair: Lukas Bohnenkämper*

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15.15 – 15.45	<b>Lena Krastel</b>	"The Coptic Epigraphic Evidence of Dayr Anba Hadra"
15.45 – 16.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.15 – 16.45	<b>Ralph Bodenstein</b>	"Arabic Inscriptions from Dayr Anba Hadra"

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## Qasr Ibrim

Panel Chair: Lukas Bohnenkämper

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16.45 – 17.15	<b>Joost Hagen</b>	"From Tantani to Timotheos: Egypt and Nubia in Coptic Letters and Documents from Qasr Ibrim, 5 <sup>th</sup> –14 <sup>th</sup> century AD"
15.45 – 16.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
17.15	<b>Information on Day 3 (Panel III: Workshop Session)</b>	
20.00	<i>Dinner</i>	

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## Day 3: Saturday, 15 December 2018

Location: Rosshofgasse/Schnitz Seminar Rooms 181 & 184

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### Panel III Texts and Contexts (Workshop Session)

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09.00–11.00	<b>Group Work I</b>		
	<b>Roman-Byzantine I (II–VI)</b>	Aswan / Elephantine / Qasr Ibrim Seminar Room 181	Group Leaders: Stefanie Schmidt Claudia Gamma
	<b>Byzantine-Islamic I (VI–X)</b>	Aswan / Elephantine / Qasr Ibrim / Dayr Anba Hadra Seminar Room 184	Group Leaders: Matthias Müller Eugenio Garosi
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
11.30–13.00	<b>Group Work II</b>		
	<b>Roman-Byzantine II (II–VI)</b>	Aswan / Elephantine / Qasr Ibrim Seminar Room 181	Group Leaders: Stefanie Schmidt Claudia Gamma
	<b>Byzantine-Islamic II (VI–X)</b>	Aswan / Elephantine / Qasr Ibrim / Dayr Anba Hadra Seminar Room 184	Group Leaders: Matthias Müller Eugenio Garosi
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>		
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Final Discussion and Outlook</b>		

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