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SUDAN ARCHAEOLOGY IN WAR ***Current Research and Events, Future Challenges, and Our Collective Responsibility***

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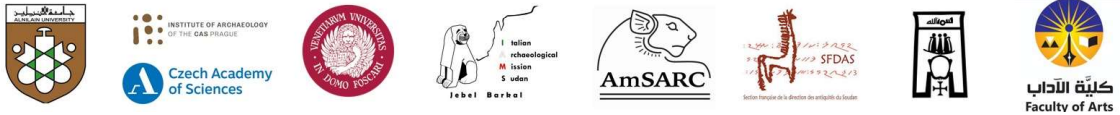


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From 9:00 am to 18:30 pm (Khartoum time)

FINAL PROGRAMME



Zoom link:

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PROGRAMME

Welcome and Greetings

9:00-9:30 h (Khartoum Time, GMT+2)

SESSION 1 (9:30 -11:30): The Situation of Archaeology in Sudan

Chairs: Hamad Mohamed Hamdeen (Al-Neelien University)

& Francesca Iannarilli (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

9:30-9:45 Ekhlass Abd ELatief: Violation and looting of Sudanese cultural property throughout history

9:45-10:00 Mahmoud Suliman Mohamed Bashir: Direct and Indirect Impact of Sudan War on the Island of Meroe World Heritage Site and Other Sites in River Nile State; Challenges and Devoted Effort.

10:00-10:15 Ladislav Varadzin and Lenka Varadzinová: Impact of war on the running prehistoric projects in central Sudan: Sabaloka West and Shaqadud.

10:15-10:30 Sara Mohammed Mamon: The University of Khartoum at War: Heritage, Academic Challenges, and Future Prospects.

10:30-10:45 Mohammed Eltoum: Archaeological Sites in Sudan After the April 2023 War: Natural and Human Factors, Threats, Solutions, and Future Outlook Case Study: Al-Zuma Archaeological Site, Northern State.

10:45-11:00 Maria Montserrat Diaz de Cerio: Collateral Damage of Conflict: The Example of B2500 (Abasseya Project, Jebel Barkal).

11:00-11:15 Ikhlas Hussein Al-Nour Salih: Archaeological work in Eastern Sudan during the ongoing war: challenges and the role of the University of Gadarif, Department of Archaeology and Folklore.

11:15-11:30: Discussion

11:30-11:45 Break

SESSION 2 part I (11:45-13,45): Current Research and Ongoing Initiatives

Chair: Nuha Abdelhafiz Abdelaziz Abdalla (Khartoum University)

11:45-12:00 Francesca Iannarilli: Small Steps: the commitment of Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Italian Archaeological Mission in Sudan - Jebel Barkal after 15 April 2023.

12:00-12:15 Martina Caliendo, Sarah Mamon and Laura Rovedo: The Jebel Barkal Archives database: how to preserve the past.

12:15-12:30 Niema Sabel: Safeguarding Sudanese Archaeological Heritage: A Database-Driven Approach Amidst Conflict Digital Preservation of Sudanese Heritage: Strategies for Conflict Zones.

12:30-12:45 Angelo Colonna: Sapienza University of Rome and Sudan: Recent Activities Between Archives and Digital Communication.

12:45-13:00 Julia Budka: The Munich University Attab to Ferka Survey Project field season 2025.

13:00-13:15 Julien Cooper: The Atbai Survey Project: the latest report on Heritage issues in Eastern Sudan.

13:15-13:30 Discussion

13:45-14:15 Break

SESSION 2 part II (14,15-16,00): Current Research and Ongoing Initiatives

Chair: Ladislav Varadzin (Institute of Archaeology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)

14:15-14:30 Severine Marchi: NCAM–SFDAS Joint Initiatives to protect and promote Sudan's Cultural Heritage

14:30-14:45 Jenail Marshall, Michele Buzon, Shadia Abdrabo: Heritage as Collective Responsibility: Community- Informed Archaeology in Times of War.

14:45-15:00 Tohamy Abulgasim: Learning from the Ground: Community Ethnography at Jebel Barkal in Times of Conflict and Beyond.

15:00-15:15 Mariusz Drzewiecki: Soba Expedition: Research and Activities Since the Start of the Conflict.

15:15-15:25 Hamad Mohamed Hamdeen: We are all under pressure: Challenges and Adaptations in Education Archaeology During Wartime at the Department of Archaeology, Al Neelain University.

15:25-15:45 Angelika Lohwasser, Cornelia Kleinitz Sofia Fonseca, Jörg Linstädter: Challenges in the education of future Sudan Archaeologists From isolation to collaboration and digital platforms.

15:45-16:00 Discussion

16:00-16:30 Break

SESSION 3 (16:30-18:15): Future Challenges and Our Collective Responsibility

Chair: Severine Marchi (SFDAS)

16:30-16:45 Fawzi Hassan Bakhiet: Towards a post-war roadmap, to manage Sudanese tangible heritage.

16:45-17:00 Mohamed Bashir: Custodians of the past: Archaeological education and cultural heritage in post-war Sudan.

17:00-17:15 Shadia Abdrabo: Sudan's museums after war vision and challenges.

17:15-17:30 Osman Khaleel, Sol Sánchez-Dehesa, and Nuno Bicho: Navigating the post-graduate journey amid prolonged conflict: Challenges, growth, and resilience.

17:30-17:45 Tomomi Fushiya and Shadia Abdrabo: Between War and Water: Community – Based Preservation of Sudan's Earthen Architecture through the Irkoni Project.

17:45-18:15 Discussion

18:30 (Berlin time) Keynote Fritz Hintze Lecture 2025

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‘Found – Lost – Re-discovered: Excavating ancient Sudan in (museum) collections’

by Prof. Dr. Michael Zach (University of Vienna)

Link + QR code for the Zoom registration for Fritz Hintze Lecture 2025:

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