



International workshop

GENDER, SOCIAL GROUP, AND (SELF)-REPRESENTATION

Intersectional identities in IIIrd – early IInd
millennium Egypt, Nubia and Near-East

15-17 May, 2025



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Program

Thursday, 15 May

17:00-18:00 Registration & greetings of participants (Raum 2095A)

18:00-18:15 Alexandra Verbovsek & Romane Betbeze | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin | *Welcoming remarks & opening* (Raum 2091-2092)

18:15-19:30 Uroš Matić | University Alliance Ruhr, Essen / University of Graz
Keynote Lecture: *Palimpsests, diagrams and interweaving experiences: Intersectionality and studies of gender in ancient Egypt*

Friday, 16 May (Raum 2095A)

09:00-09:20 Romane Betbeze | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Introduction & presentation of the workshop structure and program

SESSION 1: Intersectionality and feminist methodological frameworks

09:20-09:40 Agnès Garcia Ventura & Saana Svärd | Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona / University of Helsinki
Intersectionality in Mesopotamia over three millennia: methodological perspectives

09:40-10:00 Sue Kelly | Univerzita Karlova, Prague
Changing the narrative: theoretical frameworks to advance women's agencies

10:00-10:20 Leire Olabarria | University of Birmingham
"Asking the other question": contested identities and intersectional approaches to Middle Kingdom funerary equipment

10:20-11:00 DISCUSSION Session 1

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2: Some intersectional perspectives on social groups in ancient societies

11:30-11:50 Ines Köhler | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / University of Leipzig
Standardization of gender roles in Early Dynastic Egypt

11:50-12:10 Bénédicte Ferran | Sorbonne Université
Exploring agentivity and identity in feminine brewers and bakers in Pharaonic Egypt

LUNCH BREAK

14:00-14:20 Beatriz Noria Serrano | Università di Pisa
Defining mw.t: Rethinking motherhood in ancient Egypt

14:20-14:40 Patricia Bou Pérez | Archéorient (UMR 5133)
The missing fathers: fatherhood in the Old Babylonian Period (2000–1600 BCE)

14:40-15:20 DISCUSSION Session 2

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 3: Expressing and representing intersectional identities: conventions, adaptations, transgressions

16:00-16:20 Olha Zapletniuk | Swansea University
In order to rule: the use of military symbols of power by queen-regents in the early dynastic period

16:20-16:40 Ulrike Dubiel | Freie Universität Berlin / Museum August Kestner, Hannover
'Hee for God only, shee for God in him' – constructions of (wo-)manliness as depicted in tombs in Asyut

16:40-17:00 Elisa Roßberger | Freie Universität Berlin
"Mini-Me" in clay? Gender identities and forms of transgression in early second millennium BCE terracotta plaques from Babylonia

17:00-17:30 DISCUSSION Session 3

Dinner for participants

Saturday, 17 May (Raum 2095A)

SESSION 4: Interpreting languages through an intersectional lens

09:30-09:50 Danijela Stefanović | University of Belgrade
"To say almost the same thing in another way" - Gender-linked titles and status markers

09:50-10:10 Alexander Ilin-Tomich | Freie Universität Berlin
Gender-specific personal names in the Middle Kingdom and early New Kingdom

10:10-10:30 Arthur Lesage | Sorbonne Université / Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, French Biblical and Archeological School (Jerusalem)
At the edges of the [WOMAN] category: identities of peripheral feminine gender roles intersecting with age

COFFEE BREAK

11:00-11:30 DISCUSSION Session 4

11:30-12:30 Final discussion & closing remarks

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