

CROSSROADS: WHENCE AND WHITHER?

EGYPTIAN-COPTIC LINGUISTICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

The organizing committee would like to announce a call for papers for a **conference on Egyptian-Coptic linguistics** (Crossroad(s) V) which will take place in Berlin (Germany) between **February 17–20, 2016** (Wed evening-Sat noon). The conference will be organized jointly by the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Freie Universität, the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, and the Excellence Cluster “Topoi”.

Topics from the whole area of Egyptian-Coptic linguistics and from other ancient languages in a comparative perspective are welcome. In the spirit of the Berlin Excellence Cluster “Topoi. The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations”, however, we especially encourage contributions on spatial language (e.g., space-related grams and constructions, deixis, or spatial frames of reference).

The opening lecture will be presented on Wednesday, 17 February, evening by Martin Haspelmath.

We invite **abstracts** of up to 500 words, plus an informative title, your e-mail address, your current academic status and affiliation. Time slots for papers will be 45 minutes (30/35 minutes plus 15/10 min discussion). Papers should be delivered in English, or else German or French.

We explicitly encourage doctoral students and young postdoctoral researchers to suggest a paper.

In case you have no funding from university, we offer **stipends** to reimburse travel expenses and accommodation for up to three presenting scholars. Please indicate whether you want to apply for a stipend.

Please submit your **abstract until October 25, 2015** in a separate file by email to **crossroads.berlin2016@gmail.com**. A notification as to the acceptance of the paper (and, if applicable, stipends) will be sent to the authors by the middle of November. The abstracts of accepted papers will be put on the conference website **<https://www.archaeologie.hu-berlin.de/crossroads>** where also up-to-date information on the conference schedule, conference venues, and travel information will be provided.

We are looking forward to your proposals,

Yours,

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