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EGYLandscape Project
SOURCES, METHODS, & TOOLS

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EGYLandscape Project

Land and Landscapes in Mamluk and Ottoman Egypt, 13th-18th Centuries

The EGYLandscape Project is a three-year, ANR/DFG funded research project that aims to explore the historical landscapes, agriculture, nature, and climate of Egypt throughout the Mamluk and Ottoman periods. A first-of-its-kind program, the team is comprised of leading and upcoming scholars in a diverse array of specialties including archaeology, history, and environmental studies. The EGYLandscape Project is committed to developing new resources for the wider academic community including GIS and other data types. A mapping project, “Survey of Medieval Egypt”, will begin in the late fall of 2019.

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September 3rd, 2019

Introduction to the EGYLandscape Project

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| 18:30 | Welcome
Albrecht Fuess (<i>University of Marburg</i>) |
| 18:45 | EGYLandscape Project Overview
Albrecht Fuess and Nicolas Michel (<i>Aix-Marseille University</i>) |
| 19:45 | Reception |
| 21:00 | End |

September 4th, 2019

Individual Project Presentations

9:00 **Coffee**

9:30 **Session I**

Muhammad Shaaban (*University of Marburg*): "Mapping Mamluk Egypt: Sources, Methodology, & Tools"

Kurt Franz (*University of Tübingen*): "Landscape Reconstruction through Historical Cartography: From the Textual Tradition to Geo-referenced Maps of Egypt"

10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Session II**

Clément Ominus (*University of Paris, VIII*): "Competition for Iqtâ'-s Under Sultans Barqûq and Faraj : What Can We Learn from Ibn Duqmâq's Kitâb al-Intisâr"

Daisuke Igarashi (*Waseda University*): "Who were the Mutadarrikûn?: Tax-Farming and Rural Society in Circassian Mamluk Egypt"

Albrecht Fuess (*University of Marburg*): "The Balance between Waqf and Iqta: The Adjustment Process of the Mamluk Land Taxation System in the 15th c."

12:15 **Coffee Break**

12:30 **Session III**

Wakako Kumakura (*Tokyo University of Foreign Studies*): "Continuity and Change of the Landscape in Fayyum through Medieval and Early Modern History"

Nicolas Michel (*Aix-Marseille University*): "Historical Geography of Middle Egypt, 14th - 18th Centuries"

13:30 **Lunch @ CNMS Casino**

14:30 **Session IV**

Ghislaine Alleaume (*CNRS / Aix-Marseille University*): "The Western Delta in the Ottoman Era"

Stuart Borsch (*Assumption College*): "Linguistic Hydrology: Systems Ratio Analysis (SRA) for Diglossia (Coptic-Arabic)"

Zoe Griffith (*CUNY, Baruch College*): "Waqf-ing on Water: Pious Endowments on Irrigated Land in the Eighteenth-Century Northern Delta"

16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:15 **Session V**

Adam Sabra (*UC Santa Barbara*): "Rural Tax-Farming in Ottoman Egypt: A Preliminary Survey of the Documentation in the Ottoman Central Archives"

Dalia Hussein (*American University in Cairo*): "The Law and the Mapping of Land Ownership: The Legal Mechanisms Justifying the Privatization of State-Owned Lands in Mamluk and Early Ottoman Egypt"

17:15 **Wrap Up**

17:30 **Walking tour to dinner venue**

19:30 **Dinner @ Edlunds (Marktplatz, Oberstadt)**

September 5th, 2019

Individual Project Presentations & Informative Sessions

- 9:00** **Coffee**
- 9:30** **Session VI**
Magdi Guirguis (*Kafr al-Sheikh University*): "Locating Coptic Monasteries within their Surrounding Areas (15th-18th Centuries)"
Yossef Rapoport (*Queen Mary, University of London*): "Tribal identity and Conversion to Islam in Rural Egypt and Syria, 1000-1500"
- 10:30** **Coffee Break**
- 10:45** **Session VIO**
Aleksandar Shopov (*University of Munich*): "Knowing Locusts and Bees: Insects and Agriculture in Mamluk and Ottoman Egypt"
Heba Saad (*Alexandria University*): "Birds in Mamluk Egypt: Types, Usage, and Iconography"
Anthony Quickel (*University of Marburg*): "Historical Climatology and the Study of Medieval Egypt"
- 12:15** **Lunch @ CNMS Casino**
- 13:30** **Archaeology and Medieval Egypt: An Overview**
Alison Gascoigne - (*University of Southampton*)
- 14:00** **Documentary Sources for Late Medieval and Early Modern Egypt**
Nicolas Michel
- 14:30** **Coffee Break**
- 14:45** **Online Map Sources: Online Resources for a GIS on the Historical Geography of Egypt**
Ghislaine Alleaume
- 15:15** **Digital Tools for Digital Projects: Mapping with GIS & Data Visualizations**
Muhammad Shaaban
- 14:45** **Coffee Break**
- 16:00** **Roundtable/Discussion: Developing the EGYLandscape GIS Project**
Nicolas Michel
- 17:30** **Looking Forward: EGYLandscape's Road Map & Next Steps**
Anthony Quickel
- 18:00** **Closing**
Albrecht Fuess and Nicolas Michel
- 19:00** **Dinner @ Colosseo Restaurant (Deutschhausstr. 35)**