

Seminar: Nubian Living Heritage

10 May 2016

As part of a British Museum programme of Urgent Anthropology Fellows researching present-day northern Sudan, supported by the Royal Anthropological Institute, this seminar brings together specialists for a series of related papers and discussion.

1030am Welcome remarks
Neal Spencer, Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan, British Museum

Session 1 Chair: *Ahmed al-Shahi, The Sudanese Programme, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford*

10.35am Keynote presentation
Archaeology and Anthropology: separate or together? Reflections and implications upon a complex relationship
David Shankland, Director, Royal Anthropological Institute

11am **Changing agriculture practices and foodways in Nubia, ethnobotanical and archaeobotanical perspectives**
Philippa Ryan, Department of Scientific Research, British Museum

11.20am **Excavating ancient Nubia; or, archaeology in resource-scarce areas**
Rebecca Bradshaw, Department of History of Art and Archaeology, SOAS University of London

11.40am **Museums in Nubian areas (Egypt and Sudan): archaeology and ethnography in synergy**
Costanza De Simone, Archaeologist/Technical Office SGF Municipality (Italy)

12pm Discussion

12.45-1.45pm Lunch break (please make your own arrangements)

Session 2 Chair: *Rebecca Bradshaw, SOAS University of London*

1.45-2.45pm Keynote presentation
How can Living Nubian Heritage be kept alive? Re-thinking archaeological practice in Sudan

Cornelia Kleinitz, Institute of Archaeology, Humboldt University Berlin
2.15pm **Supporting Nubians as curators and documenters of their cultural knowledge and endangered language**
Kirsty Rowan, Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of London

2.35-3.05pm *Tea & coffee*

3.05pm **Resistance and survival: dams projects in northern Sudan and socio-cultural responses**

Hisham Bilal, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University (Ankara)

3.25pm **Pollination, date harvest, belonging: a 'dwelling perspective' of palm trees as living Nubian heritage**

Karin Willemse, Fellow British Museum & RAI/Erasmus University Rotterdam

3.45-4.30pm Discussion

The seminar will take place in the library of the Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG. To reserve places, which are limited, please contact Tania Watkins (twatkins@britishmuseum.org)