

## 13th International Conference for Meroitic Studies

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## Second circular

Dear Colleagues,

The Institute for Egyptology and Coptology, University of Muenster (Germany) will host the 13th International Conference for Meroitic Studies in Muenster from September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Call for papers and posters:

In the tradition of the Meroitic Studies we will accept only proposals dealing with the Kingdom of Napata and Meroe from its emergence (9<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> cent. BCE) to its aftermath (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> cent. AD).

#### *Thematic panels:*

**Historical problems** (chronology, succession, ...): The intensive discussion on the origins of the Meroitic dynasty at the Nubian conference 2022 has indicated that many questions remain unsettled. This applies just as much to the dating of some rulers or exact sequences of events.

**Religion in the Kingdom of Kush:** The recent discoveries at various Meroitic sites expanded and modified our knowledge on sacral architecture, worship and rituals. Moreover, the perspective changed from egyptocentric to indigenous. It is time to compile all the evidence and to evaluate it.

**Kush and the external world:** This was a topic in the Meroitic Studies 1984, but enormous new material has been accumulated since that time. Fieldwork brought to light hints for connections even far away, and cultural elements indicate entanglement with other regions.

#### *Workshops:*

There is the possibility to arrange workshops for specific topics (like pottery or language). If you want to organize a workshop, please contact possible participants in advance. Please send an abstract as well as a list of participants to [meroiticstudies2024@uni-muenster.de](mailto:meroiticstudies2024@uni-muenster.de) by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Recent research** which does not fit into the thematic panels or workshops must present interpretative investigations. Field reports on excavations and surveys should be part of the poster sessions.

Please send us the **title and abstract (200 words) until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023** at latest. Your abstract will be peer-reviewed; we will inform you of the result via email by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. If your abstract for a paper is accepted, we will then ask you to register. If your abstract is not accepted, you will have the option to present your topic as poster. Moreover you can register as an attendee without giving a paper or poster.

***Poster:***

We plan to have extensive *poster panels* with an introductory *posterslam*. If you want to present a poster, please send a title until **October 31<sup>st</sup>** at latest.

**Registration and fees:**

The registration as well as the payment must take place until **October 31<sup>th</sup> 2023**, all necessary information will be part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> circular. Please be aware that the fees will be EUR 120 (normal), 60 (reduced for students and unemployed), 30 (for Sudanese and Egyptian).

Our conference webpage will be updated regularly <http://meroiticstudies2024.info/>

All questions and requests regarding the conference should be addressed to the organizers at [meroiticstudies2024@uni-muenster.de](mailto:meroiticstudies2024@uni-muenster.de)

We look forward to seeing you in Muenster,

Sincerely,

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Tim Karberg

& the Team of the Institute for Egyptology and Coptology