



The Sudan Archaeological Research Society

W. Y. Adams Colloquium 2026

Sudan: Past and Present

Saturday 23rd May Lecture Theatre G6, Institute of Archaeology, UCL

11am-11.10am – *Julie Anderson, the British Museum*

Welcome and introductions

11.10am-11.35am – *Anna Garnett, the Petrie Museum, UCL*

Sudan at the Petrie Museum

11.35am-12.15pm – *Andrea Manzo, University of Naples - L'Orientale*
Between Nile, Red Sea and Ethiopian Highlands. Archaeological investigations in the Southern Atbai (Eastern Sudan)

12.15pm-1.30pm – Lunch

1.30pm-1.55pm – *Habab Idris, National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums Sudan*

Preserving Sudan's cultural heritage. Working in Sudan and the UK

1.55pm-2.25pm – *Natasha Rai, Independent Researcher*

Marginalised communities and overlooked networks: exploring indigenous mobility and pre-colonial interactions at Old Kingdom Buhen

2.25pm-2.50pm – *Colin Faure, EPHE - LLACAN*

Showing the flag in the desert: the appropriation of the Eastern Deserts by the administration of the King's son of Kush through inscriptions

2.50pm-3.05pm – Break

3.05pm-3.25pm – *Henry Bishop-Wright, the British Museum*

New research on the 'Western Palace' at Meroitic Faras (Sudanese Nubia)

3.25pm-3.50pm – *Mohammed Nasreldein Babiker, University of Tübingen*

Plant knowledge and agricultural practices in Sudan: combining archaeobotanical and ethnobotanical perspectives

3.50pm-4.15pm – *Audrey Eller, Geneva University*

Gods in translation: religion and identity in Lower Nubia during the Graeco-Roman period

4.15pm-4.40pm – *Faiza Drici, SFDAS*

Preserving the past, digitising the future: the Sudan Virtual Museum

4.40pm-5pm – Break

5pm-5.40pm – *Emanuele Ciampini, Ca' Foscari, University of Venice*

Napata: the royal city of Natakamani. More than fifty years of Italian excavations in Sudan

Reception 6pm-8pm at The Petrie Museum



View at Gebel Barkal. © Emanuele Ciampini.

In-person and online tickets available, booking essential:

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