

DAKHLEH OASIS PROJECT

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

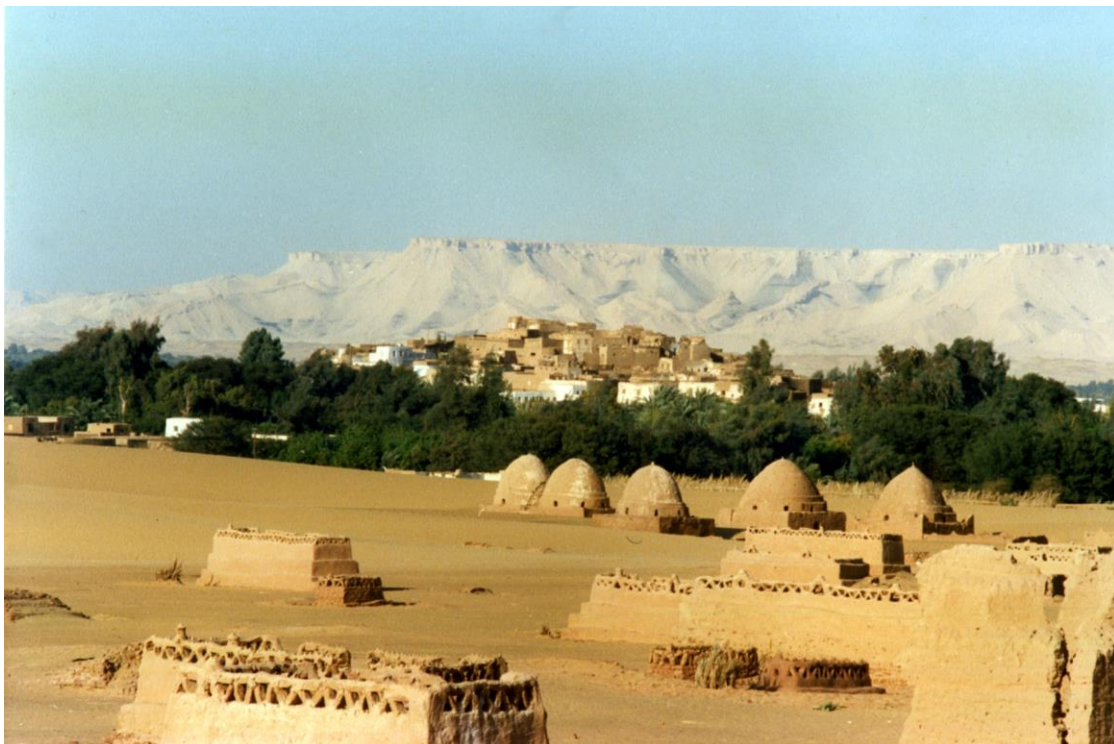
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The Land Where the Sun Goes Down – Archaeology of Egypt's Western Desert Tenth International Conference of the Dakhleh Oasis Project

Annual Egyptological Colloquium 2023

British Museum, London, 7-8 September 2023

Located in the heart of the Western Desert of Egypt, the Dakhleh Oasis has long been the focus of an intensive programme of archaeological, environmental, prehistoric and historic research. These culturally and geographically significant studies are exploring the relationship between environmental change and human activity. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the Dakhleh Oasis Project's first survey season. This colloquium aims to bring together the latest research and analyses of the oasis and we cordially invite project members and other colleagues working in the Western Desert to present their latest research, reflections, and ideas.



A view over the Dakhleh Oasis (A. Mills)

The conference will provide a forum for scholars studying all periods of prehistory and history of the region. We also encourage colleagues researching connections between Western Desert archaeology and other areas of Egypt and beyond to contribute.

Papers addressing **new insights** are particularly sought. Participants are also invited to submit papers on the following themes, using appropriate examples and case studies:

- Contextualising recent discoveries
- The oasis environment – living at Dakhleh
- Mobility in the desert – interconnections, trade, travel
- Resource management and administration
- Bioarchaeology and the oasis population
- New interpretations of 'old' research problems
- Art, craft, and expression
- Religion in the desert

A keynote lecture will take place on the evening of 7 September 2023. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

This call seeks submissions for papers (in English, 25min plus 5min for questions) that consider the above themes. Submissions will be assessed by the colloquium committee (see below) based on relevance to the core aims of the conference.

This open call will close on 15 April 2023. Submissions should be sent via the online [form](#) including name, institutional affiliation, paper title, and an abstract of 200 words.

Publication

The conference proceedings will be published as part of the Dakhleh Oasis Project's monograph series by Oxbow Books. All presenters will be expected to submit a publication-ready version of their paper by **31 December 2023**. Submissions will be peer-reviewed before acceptance in the volume.

Colloquium committee

Julie Anderson, Curator for Sudan and Nubia, Department of Egypt and Sudan, British Museum

Glenys Carter, Chair, Dakhleh Trust

Loretta Kilroe, Project Curator, Sudan and Nubia, Department of Egypt and Sudan, British Museum

Anthony Mills, Former Director, Dakhleh Oasis Project

Paweł Lech Polkowski, Director, Dakhleh Oasis Project; Poznań Archaeological Museum