

Language, Semantics and Cognition: Saying and conceptualizing the world from Ancient Egypt to Modern Times

Online international conference - Tentative program

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April 16, 2021

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome speech

Session 1

Chair: TBD

Keynote Lecture

8:30 – 9:20 Jean Winand (University of Liège)

Classifying the outside world

9:25 – 9:35 Break

Keynote Lecture

09:35 – 10:25 Martine Vanhove (CNRS-LLACAN)

Metaphorical extensions of the lexicon of the lower senses in Beja: A typological, cultural and cognitive perspective

10:30 – 11:00 Break and poster session

Session 2

Chair: TBD

11:00 – 11:35 Matthias Müller (MF Oslo – University of Basel)

Although you have eyes, you do not see! Diachronic deliberations on verbs of visual perception in Egyptian & Coptic

11:40 – 12:15 Emmanuella Ahishakiye & Stéphane Polis (University of Burundi & University of Liège)

The eyes cannot hear or feel? A contrastive view on perception verbs in Ancient Egyptian and Kirundi

12:20 – 12:55 Letizia Cerqueglini (Tel Aviv University)

Egyptian World View in Arabic and Modern South Arabian : The Case of Colors.

13:00 – 14:30 Break

Keynote Lecture

14:30 – 15:20 Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm & Dmitry Nikolaev (Stockholm University)

Warm-hearted people and cold smiles: how universal is AFFECTION AS WARMTH across the languages of the world?

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Session 4

Chair: TBD

Keynote Lecture

08:00 – 08:50 Camilla Di Biase-Dyson (Macquarie University, Sydney)

Religious thought and figurative language – some case studies from Egypt

08:55 – 09:30 Gaëlle Chantrain (Yale University)

Classifier usage, figurative language and lexical semantic evolution: new elements to the understanding of a living system

09:35 – 09:50 Break

Session 5

Chair: TBD

Keynote Lecture

09:55 – 10: 50 Cristina Soriano (University of Geneva)

Cross-cultural emotion conceptualization: Methods for the study of literal and figurative language

10:55– 11:30 Joanna Popielska- Grzybowska (Polish Academy of Sciences)

Linguistic worldview as a tool to reconstruct the ancient Egyptian conceptualisation of the world

11:35 – 12:10 Uroš Matic (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Feminization of enemies in ancient Egyptian and Nubian texts

11:35 – 12:00 break and poster session

12:15 – 13:15 Break

Session 6

Chair: TBD

13:15 – 13:50 Valérie Angenot (UQÀM)

Making Sense of a Blend: Visual Metaphors and Intericonicity in Egyptian Art

13:55 – 14:30 Jean-Guillaume Olette-Pelletier (Paris Sorbonne University)

A cannibalistic offering? Some semantic keys on First Intermediate Period cryptographies

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Session 7

Chair: TBD

Keynote Lecture

8:00 – 08:55 Orly Goldwasser (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Classifiers as a 'Priming' Device

9:00 – 9:35 Julien Cooper (Beijing Normal University)

Foreign or Domestic? Classifiers, placenames, and categorizing Egyptian space on the boundaries of empire.

09:35 – 09:50 break

Session 8

Chair: TBD

09:50 – 10:25 Halely Harel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

A comparative framework for graphemic classifier analysis

(Egyptian, Sumerian (Cuneiform) and Old Chinese) using the iClassifier digital research platform

10:30 – 11:05 Simon Thuault (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Classifying the Environment: A Cognitive Survey of Egyptian Hieroglyphs and Lexicon, with a glimpse of parallel and diachronic data.

11:10 – 11:25 break

Session 9

Chair: TBD

11:25 – 12:00 Klaus Wagensohnner (Yale University)

Classifiers Between Euphrates and Tigris: On Development and Use of Noun Categorization in Cuneiform Script

12:05 – 12:40 Claus Jurman (University of Vienna)

From hieroglyphs to cognition and back again (with a few detours and dead ends...)

12:45 – 13:00 Break

13:00 – 13:30 Conclusions

List of posters:

James Duguid (Catholic University of America)

Metaphors for Being and Non-Being in Papyrus Bremner-Rhind

Susanne Graebner (University of Bern)

Emotions in Ancient Egypt and the Old Testament – a cognitive-linguistic analysis

Jessica Knebel (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)
Studies on concepts of fire in Ancient Egypt

Rebekka Pabst (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)
The "Dead Body" Studies on Concepts of the Corpse from an Ancient Egyptian Perspective

Sherouk Shehada (Helwan University)
Innovations in the Language of the Amarna Period. An Analytic Study of the Verbal System