### IMPERIAL LANDSCAPES:

# EMPIRES, SOCIETIES, AND ENVIRONMENTS IN THE ANCIENT TO MODERN NILE DELTA

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#### Thursday March 23, 2017

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

9:00am – 9:30am Katherine Blouin (University of Toronto)

### ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNISM AND CONNECTIVITY: 3 CASE STUDIES

9:30am – 10:15am Irene Forstner-Müller (Austrian Archaeological Institute, Cairo Branch) – *The Nile Delta and Avaris: Thoughts on landscape through the perspective of a provincial/imperial capital* 

#### 10:15am - 10:45am COFFEE BREAK

10:45am – 11:30pm Marie-Françoise Boussac (University of Paris Ouest Nanterre) and Bérangère Redon (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, HiSoMA-Lyon) – "The Vine was Discovered First in Plinthine, a City of Egypt" (Hellanicus FR.155, APUD Athenaeus). Integration of a Marginal Territory into Egypt Through Wine Production

11:30am – 12:15pm Sylvain Dhennin (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, HiSoMA-Lyon) – *Growing with the Empire?* From village to city: Kom Abou Bellou and its urban development

#### 12:15pm-2:00pm Lunch break

#### WATER, LAND, AND THE STATE

**2:00pm – 2:45pm Penelope Wilson** (Durham University) - *Options for Roman Expansion in the North Nile Delta* 

**2:45pm – 3:30pm Brendan Haug** (University of Michigan) – Following the Flow: The Shifting Waterscape of the Nile Delta between Antiquity and the Present

#### 3:30pm - 4:00pm Coffee Break

## DELTAIC GEOPOLITICS: IMPERIAL INITIATIVES AND SOCIAL RESPONSES

**4:00pm–4:45pm Kevin Wilkinson** (University of Toronto) – *Alexandria in the Age of Diocletian* 

**4:45pm–5:30pm Sobhi Bouderbala** (Université de Tunis) – *Imperial power, tribal settlement and fiscal revolts in the early Islamic Delta (7th-9th century AD)* 

#### Friday March 24, 2017

#### SACRED LANDSCAPES 1: HOLY MEN, SACRED WATERS

**10:00am – 10:45am Ramez Boutros** (University of Toronto) – *Mapping the Cult of Christian Saints in the Nile Delta from the 4th to the 9th century CE* 

10:45am – 11:30am Heba Mostafa (University of Kansas) – The Nile as Nexus: Between Veneration and Mediation in the Islamic Period

#### 11:30am - 12:00pm COFFEE BREAK

#### DELTAIC TOPONYMY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

12:00am – 12:45pm Usama Ali Gad (Ain Shams University, Egypt) – Digital Annotation of Arabic Place Names of the Nile Delta

#### 12:45pm - 2:30pm LUNCH BREAK

#### SACRED LANDSCAPES 2: TWO ALEXANDRIAN TALES

2:30pm – 3:15pm Regina Höschele (University of Toronto) – Two Lovers and a Lion: Pankrates' Poem on Hadrian's Royal Hunt
3:15pm – 4:00pm Jelle Bruning (Universiteit Leiden) – Religious Images of Alexandria in Early-Islamic Egypt

#### 4:00pm – 4:30pm COFFEE BREAK

#### WRITING PLACES: LITERATURE AND CULTURAL MEDIATION

**4:30pm** – **5:15pm** Peter Bing (University of Toronto) – The Hetaira's Tomb: Doricha/Rhodopis and the Pyramid of Mycerinus at Giza **5:15pm** – **6:00pm** Rachel Mairs (University of Reading) – Just Passing Through? The Nile Delta and the Egyptian Tourist Economy in the Late Nineteenth Century

#### 8:00pm CONFERENCE DINNER

