



**WORKSHOP**

# ENCASING THE BODY FOR ETERNITY

## BODY CONTAINERS IN THE PREDYNASTIC AND THE EARLY DYNASTIC PERIOD IN EGYPT

A workshop within the framework of the FWF-Project (P 31551 – G25) “Centre or Periphery? The cemetery of Turah in the creative tension of state formation at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC in Egypt” organized by Vera Müller (ÖAI/ÖAW, Vienna) & Mariusz Jucha (Jagiellonian University, Kraków)



# PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

17:30–17:35 **Opening**

**Mario Gavranovic** | Vice director of the department “Prehistory & Western Asian and Northeast African Archaeology”, Austrian Archaeological Institute/Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna

17:35–18:35 **Keynote Lecture**

**Alice Stevenson**  
*Reframing the Body: Studying Early Egyptian Burial Practices*

18:45 **Welcome reception**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:30-10:15 COFFEE

10:15–10:30 **Vera Müller & Mariusz Jucha**  
*Introduction to the conference*

10:30–11:00 **Mathilde Minotti**  
*Seen or not seen, body containers and funerary practices in Adaïma cemeteries*

11:00–11:30 **Joris van Wetering & Joanne M. Rowland**  
*Wooden constructions in the grave. The view from the Naqada Region, Upper Egypt*

11:30–12:00 **Eva-Maria Engel**  
*Coffins (or not) in subsidiary burials at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Dynasty*

12:00–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00–14:30 **Robert Kuhn**  
*Protection or exclusion? Clay and bast coffins specially made for children's graves in Predynastic Egypt – A view from the Berlin Collection*

14:30–15:00 **E. Christiana Köhler**  
*Coffin containers in the Early Dynastic necropolis at Helwan*

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- 15.00–15.30** COFFEE BREAK
- 15:30–16:00** **Nicola Math**  
*The varieties of body containers in the cemetery of Turah*
- 16:00–16:30** **Vera Müller**  
*The relationship of body containers and tomb equipment in the cemetery of Turah*
- 16:30–17:00** **Karoline Halbwachs & Regina Hölzl**  
*Pottery coffins from Turah in the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna – Remarks on the Conservation of Pre- and Early Dynastic Body Containers*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:30–10:00** **Joanne M. Rowland & Joris van Wetering**  
*The corpus of ceramic coffins at Kafr Hassan Dawood, Eastern Delta*
- 10:00–10:30** **Joanna Dębowska-Ludwin**  
*Baskets, pottery, and more. Body containers at the cemeteries of Tell el-Farkha*
- 10:30–11:00** COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00–11:30** **Konrad Grzyb & Grzegorz Bąk-Pryc & Magdalena Kazimierczak & Mariusz Jucha**  
*Pottery coffins from the Early Dynastic Period and the beginning of the Old Kingdom in the light of the findings from Tell el-Murra*
- 11:30–12:00** **Marie Peterková Hlouchová**  
*Burial containers of the Old Kingdom and First Intermediate Period under survey: the AEBC project*
- 12:00–14:00** LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00–15:30** **Discussion (restricted to the speakers)**
- 15.30–16.00** COFFEE BREAK
- 16:00–17:30** **Discussion (restricted to the speakers)**

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