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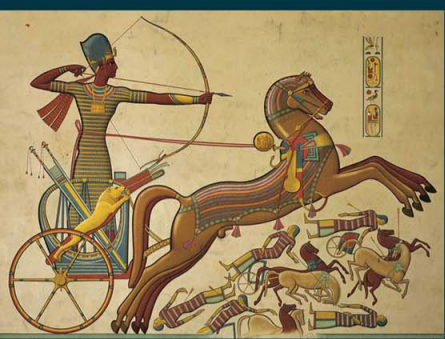


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Egyptian military activity was very significant during the Ramesside Period of Egypt (Dynasties XIX–XX, 1310–1100 BC) and was an important part of the historical development during the New Kingdom of Egypt as well as in the contemporary Late Bronze Age of the Ancient Near East.

Recent archaeological discoveries provide Egyptologists and historians with valuable information about many new aspects of warfare during the Ramesside period, all of which have enabled us to revise previously-held theories. For example, the excavations of the Egyptian New Kingdom fortress in Jaffa (Tel Yafo) by the Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project from 2011 to 2014, provide new information about the architecture of the Ramesside imperialism throughout its fortifications in Canaan. Also, the recent archaeological work of the Egyptian and French missions on the Ways of Horus in northern Sinai since the 1980s, especially at the site of Tell Heboua (Tjaru), the main Egyptian fortress at this ancient military road between Egypt and Canaan, provide more information about the Ramesside fortifications on the Ways of Horus, and the military stations on the way to Canaan. Moreover, the excavations at the site of Zawiyet Umm el-Rakham carried out in 1997 reveal that the construction of the Ramesside chain of forts on the Maryut Coast was launched by Ramesses II very early in his reign. In addition, Egyptologists succeeded in presenting remarkable studies discussing many new aspects of the Ramesside military system. The current research of these scholars will provide new perspectives as well.

This international conference aims to shed light on these new archaeological and historical perspectives concerning the entire military outlook of Egypt at this time. The conference will also make a broad assessment of the current state of knowledge about the Ramesside military system and discuss how the new knowledge relates to previously held theories, and provide a forum for discussion. The presentations by leading experts will cover fortifications, military ideology, battles and conquests, the organization of the Egyptian army, war tactics, armory, and weaponry. Furthermore, one of the most recent archaeological discoveries concerning the Ramesside military system will be presented during the conference, the Memphite tomb of the General Ierky, from the reign of Ramesses II, which was discovered in May 2018. It will be discussed in detail.

The conference is supported by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Cologne, Germany) and will be hosted by the Staatliches Museum Ägyptischer Kunst in Munich, which co-organizes the conference and devotes one room of its permanent exhibition to the subject “Pharaoh”. Many of the objects displayed there are highly relevant for the research of the conference.

Preliminary Program

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| 09.00 | Welcome |
| 09.15 | Slawomir Rzepka and Jozef Hudec: Ramesside fortresses in Tell el-Retaba. |
| 10.00 | Mohamed Abd el-Maksoud: The Ramesside Fortress at Tell Heboua II: Khetem of Tharou. |
| 10.45 | Coffee break |
| 11.15 | Ola El-Aguizy: The Fortress of Tjaru in General Ierkhy's Tomb. |
| 12.00 | Jana Mynářová: The Ramessides, between Military Adventures and Diplomacy. |
| 12.45 | Lunch break |
| 14.15 | Steven Snape: Zawiyet Umm el-Rakham and the Ramesside Defence System on the Maryut Coast. |
| 15.00 | James K. Hoffmeier: Tell el-Borg and the Ways of Horus in the Ramesside Era. |
| 15.45 | Coffee break |
| 16.15 | Peter J. Brand: Ideological Aspects of Ramesside Military Texts and Reliefs: Sety I and Ramesses II. |
| 17.00 | Aaron A. Burke: Ramesside Iapú: Excavations of the New Kingdom Fortress in Jaffa, 1956–2014. |

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- 09.00 Anthony J. Spalinger: Points of View: Ramesses II and the Battle of Kadesh.
- 09.45 Mohamed Raafat Abbas: The Libyan War of Ramesses II.
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 Heidi Köpp-Junk: The Egyptian Chariot in the Ramesside Period.
- 11.45 André J. Veldmeijer: The Tano Chariot: An early(?) Ramesside Chariot?
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 14.00 Renaud Pietri: Military logistics during the Ramesside Period: an overview and some thoughts.
- 14.45 Sylvia Schoske: Swing low, sweet chariot. A new stela in Munich.
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 Uroš Matić: Organs without bodies: Hand and phalli cutting as part Ramesside military accounting system.
- 16.45 Alberto M. Pollastrini: The Body Armour of Ramesses II.
- 17.30 Coffee break
- 18.00 Final discussion

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