



Workshop "Who was who? Persons in Antiquity"

07.11. & 08.11. 2025

Humboldt University Berlin (HGB, Room 2095A)

Friday, 07th November, 2025

09:30–09:45 – WELCOME

09:45–11:15 – PANEL I: PEOPLE AND ROLES

M. Dietrich: The company we keep – Die Rolle des Königs im Umgang mit dem Göttlichen

E. Steilmann: «Model Emperor» und Reichsgründer? Zur Bedeutung des Augustus in Byzanz

S. Autenrieth: Papa Was a Rolling Stone? The Absence and Presence of Fatherhood in Antiquity

11:15–11:30 – COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00 – PANEL II: PROBLEMS OF RECONSTRUCTION

A. Herzberg-Beiersdorf: Missing Data – Missing People. Zur Unsichtbarkeit gesellschaftlicher Gruppen in der memphitischen Region des Neuen Reiches

S. Shehada: How Palaeographical Studies help in defining the identities of the sub-elite community. A Case Study on Serabit el-Khadim Inscriptions

13:00–14:30 – LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00 – PANEL III: MATERIALIZED PERSONS

A. Mekawy: The Priests of Werethekau. Archaeological Attestations versus Scholarly Assumptions

C. Di Capua: Faces of Change. Portraiture, Individuality and Innovations in the Funerary Art and Architecture of Old Kingdom Mastabas from the Memphite Area



16:00–16:15 – COFFEE BREAK

16:15–17:45 – PANEL IV – BIOGRAPHIE(S) IN ANTIQUITY

L. Hölzlhammer: Profiling through comparative literary analysis

D. Seltier: Sophokles und das hohe Alter in Platons Politeia

L. Manganelli: Between History and Myth: The Making of Sargon of Akkad

17:45–18:15 – CLOSING DISCUSSION

AB 18:15 – GET-TOGETHER

Saturday, 08th of November, 2025

10:00 – EXCURSION TO THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

13:00 – LUNCH TOGETHER

Registrations for participation in the workshop are open by
1st of November 2025
by e-mail to eva.maria.hemauer@hu-berlin.de!

We look forward to your participation and interesting discussions!

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