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Call for Papers

Continuities and Transitions: Approaches to Studying Food and Drink in Egypt and Sudan

Cairo, Egypt, March 21–23, 2018
foodconference2018@uw.edu.pl

The Institut français d'archéologie orientale and Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw, Research Centre in Cairo are organising an international conference on food and drink in Egypt and Sudan throughout history, focusing on the continuity and innovations that have occurred at times of change.

Whether political, religious, cultural or environmental, drastic transformations have often left their mark on food. They affected available ingredients, how they were prepared and consumed, and even people's attitude towards certain items. **The conference will aim to question notions of continuity in both Egyptian and Sudanese cuisines, focusing on shifts observed in food and drink as a result of times of transitioning.**

Presented papers will not only cover a wide geographical and temporal range, but are expected to be interdisciplinary, highlighting the diverse methodologies and datasets that can be used to study food- and drinkways.

By including both Egypt and Sudan together, the meeting will allow scholars to reflect on (dis)similarities on continuities and traditions between these neighbouring countries.

We invite papers in English tackling continuities and transitions observed in any of the following themes:

- Sourcing food and drink;
- Processing foods and drinks (methods of preparation, including technological innovations and import of ideas, recipes and techniques);

- Choice of foods and drink, and their consumption (which includes foods becoming staples; clean and unclean foods; taboos and prohibitions);
- Spaces of food/drink preparation (such as kitchens) and consumption (such as refectories);
- Fasting and Feasting;
- Ritual feeding and drinking (feeding and drinking in religious and funerary contexts);
- Social contexts of food and beverages: Food/drink and identity; food/drink and status/prestige.

By providing a platform for experts from different fields, working in distinct environments, using diverse approaches to study food- and drinkways, the conference will first and foremost build bridges and connections between varied specialists, emphasising the importance and value of interdisciplinary and cross-regional studies. The conference will serve to further the potential of collaborations and mutual understanding between specialists working on food and drink in this region in Africa.

The conference proceedings will be published by IFAO–PCMA as soon as possible after the conference. Due to the limited timeframe for the publication, participants will be requested to submit their contributions by June 1st, 2018 at the latest.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts of 200–250 words can be sent to foodconference2018@uw.edu.pl by 15th December, 2017. Please include your name, affiliation and email with the abstract in a single word document. Kindly note that the conference language is English.

Important Dates

15th December, 2017	Deadline for abstract submission
15th January, 2018	Notification of acceptance
28th February, 2018	Deadline for registration
21st–23rd March, 2018	Conference in Cairo
1st June, 2018	Deadline for final paper submission to proceedings