

Ancient Egyptian Funerary Literature

Tackling the Complexity of Texts

Basel December 9-11, 2010

Funerary Literature is not only a very typical, extremely abundant and almost specific cultural product of Ancient Egypt, it is also a fascinating documentation which still offers today's Egyptologists a large field of research opportunities. Much effort has been devoted to establishing translations and to analysing the transmission of individual spells or groups of texts. However, less attention has been paid to questions of method. What tools are available to properly evaluate the structure, content and history of a given text?

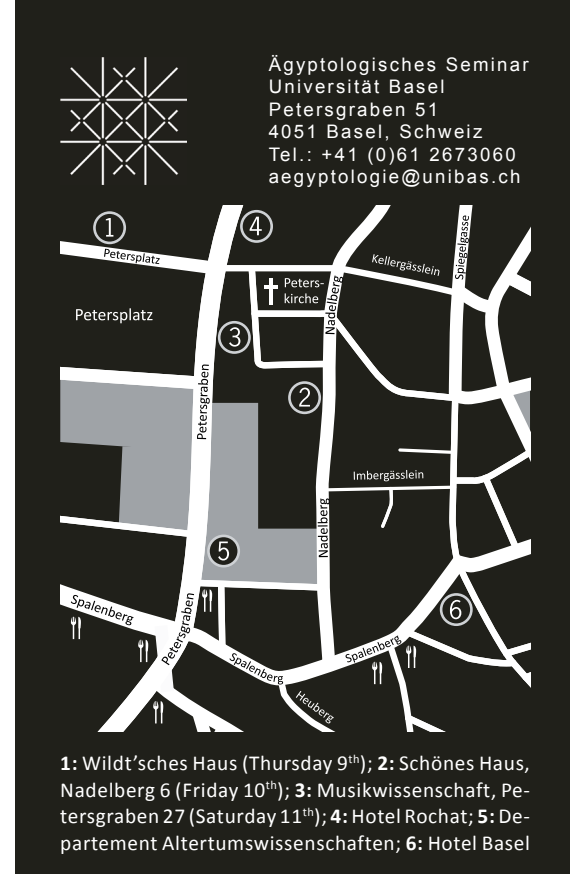
The conference to be held in Basel on December 9-11, 2010 aims at elaborating a more nuanced and detailed comprehension of individual texts and of funerary literature as a whole.

Colleagues are welcome to attend the meeting. Please announce your presence at aegyptologie@unibas.ch

Thursday, December 9

Conference venue: Wildt'sches Haus, Petersplatz (Nr. 1 on map)

- 15'30 Arrival and coffee
 16'15 **Susanne Bickel**
Welcome and introduction
 17'00 **James P. Allen**
The Pyramid Texts as Literature



Friday, December 10

Conference venue: Schönes Haus, Nadelberg 6, Historischer Saal, Ground floor (Nr. 2 on map)

- 8'30 **Bernard Mathieu**
L'Égypte thinite dans les Textes des Pyramides
 9'30 **Harold Hays**
I Am Horus, O Osiris Neferkare: Participant Role Structures in the Pyramid Texts
 10'30 Coffee break
 11'00 **Andréas Stauder**
Genre-specific grammatical constructions in funerary literature: two case studies
 12'00 **James P. Allen, Harold Hays, Bernard Mathieu**
Workshop discussion: Pyramid Texts and Architectural Space
 13'00 lunch
 14'30 **Harco Willems**
The method of 'sequencing' in analysing Egyptian funerary texts. The example of Coffin Texts spells 356 and 357
 15'30 **Burkhard Backes**
Überlegungen zur Interpretation funärer Texte: Spruchfolgen, Rituale, Medien und der Inhalt
 16'30 Coffee break
 17'00 **Louise Gestermann**
Möglichkeiten und Grenzen textkritischen Arbeitens
 18'00 **Mareike Wagner**
Untersuchungen zu den Sprüchen 648-654 der altägyptischen Sargtexte

Saturday, December 11

Conference venue: Petersgraben 27, Hörsaal der Musikwissenschaften, Ground floor (Nr. 3 on map)

- 8'30 **Zsuzsanna Végh**
Interpreting the references to the Haker-Feast in the Book of the Dead: some methodological problems
 9'30 **Isabelle Régen**
Aborder l'élaboration complexe du Livre des Portes de Padiaménopé (TT 33)
 10'30 coffee break
 11'00 **Daniel Werning**
The Textual History and Functional Layers of the Book of Caverns (Livre des Quererts)
 12'00 **Antonio Loprieno**
Closing Words
 12'30 Closing discussion
 13'00 lunch