



First Circular

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the Department of Cultural and Ancient Studies, Egyptian Archaeology at LMU Munich will host the 16th International Conference for Nubian Studies in Munich, Germany, from 7th September to 12th September 2026.

Every four years the conference brings together archaeologists, epigraphers, historians, and other scholars working on the ancient and modern history of Sudan and Nubia, from prehistory to the present day. In view of the current situation in Sudan, the conference will be held as a hybrid event. The venue in Munich is Campus Großhadern, Faculty for Chemistry and Pharmacy of LMU Munich.

The second circular is set to be sent in March 2025 and will include a call for papers with information on the proposed conference sessions and workshops, as well as details regarding registration and other organisational matters. We have set up a conference webpage www.nubianstudies2026.de where up-to-date information will be made available over the next months.

We can already announce the main theme of the conference: *Multiple Nubias*.

Recent research has increasingly shown how diverse ancient Sudan is, and that there was not a single ancient Nubia but multiple Nubias. We therefore invite sessions and workshops which focus on lived experiences, different traditions, as well as human and non-human agents over the centuries. The conference will, of course, also have other thematic and chronological sessions. More details will be included in the second circular.

All questions and requests regarding the conference should be addressed via email: nubianstudies2026@lmu.de

We look forward to seeing you in Munich,

The Organising Committee

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