



Fifth Circular

Munich, 24th August 2026

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide you with further information on the 16th International Conference for Nubian Studies in Munich, Germany, hosted by LMU Munich from 7th September to 12th September 2026.

We would like to thank everyone who has registered and confirmed their participation. The final programme is now available on the conference website (<https://nubianstudies2026.de/scientific-programme/>), however, we cannot exclude the possibility of last-minute changes.

The Book of Abstracts, available in both English and Arabic, is now available online: see <https://nubianstudies2026.de/downloads/>. To help reduce paper waste, we will not provide printed copies of the Book of Abstracts at the conference. An abridge conference schedule will be provided. For detailed abstracts, we kindly ask you to refer to the online version.

Please remember that there is a strict **20-minute** time limit for oral presentations, unless specified otherwise for a limited number of sessions. As there will be five sessions running in parallel, sessions chairs will be very strict in keeping to the 20-minute limit to allow five minutes for questions and room changes between presentations.

An outline of the social programme for Saturday 12th September can be found here: <https://nubianstudies2026.de/social-programme/>

Venue and public transport (see <https://nubianstudies2026.de/venue/>):

Registration at the conference starts on Monday, 7th September at 9am. The official opening will begin at 10.30am.

All sessions, as well as the welcome and farewell party, will take place at:

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Biomedical Center (BMC), Faculty of Medicine
Großhaderner Str. 9
82152 Planegg-Martinsried

Information about the conference rooms and their locations will be provided in the building and in the conference bag, which includes a floor plan to help you find your way around. During the conference, a registration desk and information desk will also be available to assist you with any questions or organisational matters.

Drinking water

Please note that we will not provide bottled water during the conference. Munich tap water is of excellent drinking quality and will be available from water dispensers throughout the conference venue.

To help reduce plastic waste, each participant will receive a reusable water bottle in their conference bag, which can be refilled with tap water at the water dispensers.

To help us reduce waste even further, you are very welcome to bring your own reusable coffee cup for coffee and tea during the conference. 😊

Getting there with public transportation

Please note that there are currently **major construction works** affecting the Munich U-Bahn lines U3 and U6. Until 18th September 2026, the section between Sendlinger Tor and Implerstraße is closed. As a result, the U6 does not run continuously to Klinikum Großhadern from the city centre.

The U6 currently operates in two separate sections. Trains continue to run between Klinikum Großhadern and Implerstraße, while the section between Implerstraße and Sendlinger Tor is served by replacement buses. The replacement service (SEV) runs frequently, with the U6 replacement bus operating approximately every 2 minutes during peak hours. An additional X6 replacement bus connects Implerstraße with Hauptbahnhof Süd via Goetheplatz and Poccistraße.

For passengers travelling to Klinikum Großhadern from central Munich, this means an additional transfer between the U-Bahn and the replacement bus at Implerstraße. The MVG (see <https://www.mvg.de/>) estimates that alternative routes affected by the construction typically add around 10–15 minutes to the journey, although actual travel times may vary depending on connections and traffic. We strongly recommend considering an **extra 30 minutes** in case you are travelling from central Munich. The MVG recommends using the MVGO app for real-time journey planning and up-to-date departure information.

Please also allow some additional time for the transfer between the U-Bahn and the replacement buses, and follow the signs and announcements at the stations. We are very sorry for this inconvenience.

For assistance or any questions, please contact the organising committee at nubianstudies2026@lmu.de. We look forward to welcoming you in Munich and wish you a safe journey!

With best wishes,

The Organising Committee (Julia Budka, Hassan Aglan, Giulia D'Ercole, Patrizia Heindl, Panos Kratimenos, Karla Kroeper, Christian Perzlmeier, Chloë Ward)