

## Call for papers: reminder

June 23, 2023

Dear colleagues,

with this reminder, we cordially invite you to the next meeting of the AKU project in **April 2024**.

### **Ägyptologische „Binsen“-Weisheiten V** **Characteristics, developments, and interdependencies** **in the hieroglyphic-hieratic writing system**

**Thursday–Saturday, 11–13 April 2024**

Plenary hall of the Academy of Sciences and Literature Mainz,  
Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 2, D-55131 Mainz

The topic aims at overarching research questions on the hieroglyphic-hieratic writing system. Possible aspects to focus upon are the origin, development, and modification of the cursive script Hieratic; the specifications of cursive hieroglyphs; contexts, meanings, and forms of hieroglyphic-hieratic script combinations; or rules and limits in the transferability of cursive scripts into hieroglyphs and *vice versa* (in antiquity as well as in modern science). The conference takes place in person, but the classical part with presentations can also be followed online.

In addition, we are planning interactive and hands-on formats:

Roundtables on specific topics:

- Documentation strategies for script and manuscripts
- Methods of palaeography and of the description of signs and handwritings
- Challenges in identifying and transliterating hieratic and cursive hieroglyphic characters into so-called standard hieroglyphs

Presentations and exchange of information:

- Feedback on the online palaeography AKU-PAL
- Further projects by participants on digital methods and applications

Presentations will generally take place in person, either in German or in English, each with 20–25 minutes of speaking time plus 5–10 minutes discussion. A publication of the contributions is again planned. We ask that you organize travel and hotel bookings yourself. We expect to be able to grant a travel allowance of up to €300 for speakers.

Registration takes place exclusively via *Converia* (<https://binsen5.uni-mainz.de>). Through this portal, you can submit an abstract of your planned presentation (max. 1300 characters including

spaces) or a short description of your contribution for the other formats. The deadline for submission is **September 30, 2023**. Registration for the conference (digital and live attendance) will be possible via *Converia* from **January 1 until March 1, 2024**. Digital participation is free of charge. We ask for a conference fee towards expenses for on-site participation including catering. Details and the program will be announced on January 1, 2024.

We look forward to seeing as many colleagues as possible in real life again!

With best regards and wishes from the

AKU-Team

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<https://aku.hypotheses.org/>

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