

Save Ancient Studies Alliance

Summer 2022 Texts-in-Translation Reading Group

Ancient Egypt in Africa



Ancient Egypt was "in" Africa - but what makes it "African"? This reading group, as indicated by its namesake, focuses on the relationship between Ancient Egypt and other African cultures. There will, however, be specific areas of focus given the time restraints. The specific areas will be: internal African relations, language, gender, and carnival traditions. The overall aim of this reading group is to introduce participants to the cultural connection between Ancient Egypt and other African peoples which is often underrepresented.

Your SASA Educational Ambassador:

Talawa Adodo

Academic Background: I received my Ph. D. in Africology from Temple University in the Summer of 2021. My major research areas on African Civilizations, African & Afro-Caribbean Languages, and Racialization in Antiquity.



Dates (8-weeks): Thursdays at 12pm EST -Session 1: June 2nd -Session 2: June 9th -Session 3: June 16th -Session 4: June 23rd -Session 5: June 30th -Session 6: July 7th -Session 7: July 14th -Session 8: July 21st

Location:(Provided by SASA) Zoom Meeting Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85008324637?pwd=dUxBYmQvalBaWWcwWWJFaHBKMIF6dz09

Zoom Meeting ID

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Reading Group Google Folder: (PDF Readings and Session Recordings)

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Week 1 (Introduction)

Week 2 (Relations with Kush)

- Ashton, Sally-Ann. "Curating Kemet: fear of a Black land?" (9 pages)

Week 3 (Afrikan Neighbors)

- Crawford, Keith W. "Critique of the "Black Pharaohs" Theme" (17 pages)

Week 4 (Language I - West African connections)

- Obenga, Theophile. "Genetic Linguistic Connections" (48 pages)

Week 5 (Language II - Afro-diasporan connections)

- Nehusi, Kimani. "From Medew Nejter to Ebonics" (56 pages)

Week 6 (Gender I)

- Obenga, Theophile. "Male/Female Relations in Ancient Egypt" (9 pages)
- Owusu, Mary AS & Lawrence Bosiwah. "Constructions of masculinity among the Akan people of Ghana" (8 pages)

Week 7 (Gender II)

- Sudarkasa, Niara. " "The Status of Women" in Indigenous African Societies" (13 pages)
- Beatty, Mario. "A New Interpretation of the Image of Women in Maxim 21 of the Instructions of Ptahhotep : A grammatical and cultural analysis" (20 pages)

Week 8 (Carnival Tradition)

- Nehusi, Kimani. "The Origins of Carnival" (26 pages)