



EGYPT AND THE MEDITERRANEAN: CULTURAL CROSSROADS DURING THE FIRST MILLENNIUM BCE AND BEYOND

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Because ancient Egypt was especially a center of attraction and dissemination for Mediterranean cultures during the first millennium BCE - when the spread of *Aegyptiaca* and the contribution of the Egyptian culture to the Mediterranean *koinè* became particularly evident - my own lines of research involve the interdisciplinary investigation of the dialog between Egypt and the Near East, and the Mediterranean world in this time period.

RESEARCH AREAS

- 1) The relation between Egypt and other Mediterranean cultures
 - Egyptian iconography, religion and art in the Mediterranean world
 - Cataclysmic events involving Egypt and Palestine
- 2) Advanced technologies in support of the research (photogrammetry, laser scanner, remote sensing).

RESEARCH TOPICS

RELIGIOUS, ICONOGRAPHIC, AND TECHNOLOGICAL STUDY OF BRONZES OF THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM IN FLORENCE

Research on metallurgical technologies as markers of intercultural exchanges, in collaboration with S. Siano and M. Miccio (Institute of Applied Physics "N. Carrara" - CNR).

CROSS-CULTURE IN PTOLEMAIC AND ROMAN EGYPT

Recent Publications

- *Un gruppo scultoreo da Dendera al Museo del Cairo:*

due fanciulli divini e i due luminari, in *Classica Orientalia. Studies in honour of W.A. Daszewski*, Warsaw 2011, 115-127.

- *Note su Bes. Le sculture del Metropolitan Museum of Art e del Museo Egizio di Firenze*, in *Aegyptiaca et Coptica. Studi in onore di Sergio Pernigotti*, a cura di P. Buzi – D. Picchi – M. Zecchi, Oxford 2011, 69-84.
- *Horus, Apollon, Melqart et l'île flottante*, in *Recent Discoveries and latest Researches in Egyptology. Proceedings of the First Neapolitan Congress of Egyptology, Naples, June 18th-20th 2008*, ed. by F. Raffaele – M. Nuzzolo – I. Incordino, Wiesbaden 2010, 13-21.

DISSEMINATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF *AEGYPTIACA* IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD: THEMES AND MEANINGS

Recent Publications

- *A proposito delle fiaschette del nuovo anno e di altre classi di Aegyptiaca ritrovate in Etruria e in Magna Grecia*, in D. Frère – L. Hugot (éd.), *Les huiles parfumées en Méditerranée occidentale et en Gaule (VIII^e s. av. – VI^e s. ap. J.-C.)*, *Actes du Colloque International, École Française de Rome 16-18 novembre 2009*, Rennes 2012, 101-110.
- *Elementi di tradizione egizia nella documentazione di Locri*, in "Rivista di Studi Fenici" 36, 2011, 109-128.
- *La cultura magico-religiosa egizia in Algeria*, in *I Fenici in Algeria*, a cura di L.-I. Manfredi – A. Soltani, Bologna 2011, 159-164.

In Press

- *Un vaso litico dall'area sacra del kothon di Mozia*, in A. Lemaire (éd.), *Phéniciens d'Orient et d'Occident. Hommages à Josette Elayi*.
- *L'androginia e la fecondità. Aspetti degli aegyptiaca circolanti nel Mediterraneo*, in M. Cultraro (ed.), *Mesopotamia e Dintorni*.
- *Note su Iside signora del mare tra Egitto e Mediterraneo antico*, in *Il culto di Iside nel Mediterraneo da Lilibeo ad Alessandria d'Egitto*, Mare Internum Suppl. I.
- *Remarques sur les rapports entre l'Égypte et le milieu phéniciens et puniques: quelques perspectives de recherche*, in *Le VI^{ème} Congrès Internationale des études phéniciennes et puniques, Hammamet 10-14 novembre 2009*.

EGYPT IN THE ROMAN WORLD

Egyptian and Egyptianizing materials found in Italy and in Roman world: understanding of the objects selected in Egypt, new functions in new contexts, Egyptian and Egyptianizing objects made out of Egypt, Egyptian culture and its *interpretatio Romana*.

Recent Publications

- *L'Egitto a Caesarea di Mauretania*, in "Rivista di Studi Fenici" 38.2, 2010 [2011], 237-246.
- *La statua di Sethi I da Grottaferrata*, in "Accademia delle Scienze di Torino. Atti della classe di Scienze morali, storiche e filologiche" 144, 2010 [2011], 139-159.

In Press

- *The Flavians between pharaonic kingship and isiac cults*, in L. Bricault – J.M. Versluys (ed), *Power, politics and the cults of Isis. V^e colloque international sur les études isiaques - Vth international conference of Isis studies - Ve colloque international sur les isiaques. Les cultes et le pouvoir, Boulogne-sur-Mer (France), 13-15 octobre 2011*, in stampa.

- *Amenemhat III a Roma*, in *Etudes et travaux. Studies dedicated to prof. Z. Kiss*.
- *Horo, Osiri, Antinoo e le lampade magiche: elementi di magia egizia nel mondo romano*, in *I contesti magici nell'antichità. Convegno Internazionale a Roma dal 4 al 6 novembre 2009*.
- *Caligola e l'Egitto: culti di origine egizia e immagine della regalità*, in *Caligola. La trasgressione al potere*. Exhibition catalogue.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS IN EGYPT AND PALESTINE

Egyptian Curses Project (in the framework of the project "The seven plagues. Catastrophes and destructions in Palestine and Egypt during the pre-classical period. Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods, wars, famines and epidemics in the archaeological record and in Biblical and ancient Egyptian sources: an innovative approach", led by Lorenzo Nigro):

- Workshop "Egyptian Curses: the man, the nature and the history", National Research Council - Pontifical Biblical Institute, May 3rd-4th, 2012.
- International Conference: "Reading catastrophes: Methodological Approaches and Historical Interpretation. Earthquakes, Famines, Epidemics, Floods between Egypt and Palestine – 3rd-1st millennium BC", Rome University National Research Council of Italy – University of Rome "Sapienza", December 3rd – 4th 2012.

REMOTE SENSING EXPLORATION OF EGYPTIAN DESERT AREAS AS FIELD OF CULTURAL CONTACTS

S³R²E Team (Team "Satellite Remote Sensing in support to Egyptological Research")

- *Satellite remote sensing in support to archaeological investigation in Egypt: some methodological remarks*, paper presented to the 22nd UN/IAF Workshop on "Space Technologies Applied to the Needs of Humanity: Experience from Cases in the Mediterranean Area", Naples, Italy, from 28 to 30 September 2012.