

Lounge Lecture



“O Lord”: Religious Evidence on Elephantine Island in Egypt

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In her talk she will discuss the special challenges when accessing texts from Elephantine Island in Egypt, which are spread throughout more than 60 collections in 24 different countries worldwide. Particularly the religious evidence on Elephantine Island will be in focus here, including polytheistic views, the Aramaeo-Jewish community, evidence of Christianity, and even Islam. The texts are written in various languages and scripts; Hieroglyphs, Hieratic, Demotic, Aramaic, Greek, Coptic and Arabic.

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