

International Workshop

Recentering the Formation of Modern Egyptology: Egypt, Pisa and Livorno 1770s–1825

11th December 2025 (Aula Magna, Palazzo Matteucci – Piazza Torricelli 2, Pisa)

9:00-9:15

Welcome and institutional greetings

Prof. Stephen Quirke (University College London)

Prof. Gianluca Miniaci (University of Pisa)

9:15-9:30

Gianluca Miniaci (University of Pisa)

“Pisa 1825–1826: Ippolito Rosellini and its Historical Context”

9:30-9:50

Matteo Calcagni (University of Pisa)

“Commerce, Culture and Continuity: Tuscan–Egyptian Trade from the 16th to the 18th Century”

9:50-10:10

Alessandro Orenco (University of Pisa)

“La comunità armena di Livorno come centro di commerci e di produzione culturale nei secoli XVII-XIX”

10:10-10:30

Despina Vlami (Academy of Athens) - *online*

“From Alexandria to Livorno. The Greek merchant diaspora and the trade of Egyptian antiquities in the 19th century”

10:30-10:50

Andrea Addobbati (University of Pisa)

“Il mistero del magazzino delle mummie nella Livorno del ‘700”

10:50-11:20

Coffee Break

11:20-11:40

Daniela Picchi (Museo Civico Archeologico, Bologna)

“Not Just a Matter of Mummies”

11:40-12:00

Mattia Mancini (University of Pisa)

“The Arrival of Egyptian Antiquities at the Port of Livorno in the first half of the 19th Century”

12:00-12:20

Lucia Patrizio Gunning (University College London)

“Caught between two systems: Consul Henry Salt and diplomatic collecting in the Ottoman Empire”

12:20-12:40

Anne Haslund Hansen (National Museum of Denmark)

“Egyptian artefacts in Copenhagen – the revision of the Royal Danish Kunstkammer in 1826”

12:40-14:30

Lunch

14:30-14:50

Jane Murphy (Colorado College, USA)

“The Sciences in and of Egypt, c. 1750-1825”

14:50-15:10

Stephen Quirke (University College London)

“On integrating economic, intellectual and social histories of Egypt with the Egyptological histories of archaeology and of museums: practical prospect or interdisciplinary impasse?”

15:10-15:30

Clare Lewis (University College London)

“Between archives, libraries, museums and learned societies: spaces, places and impulses behind the inception of Egyptology in academia”

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-16:20

Hend Mohammed (Minya University, Egypt)

“Rosellini and the Rituals of Reception: Hospitality under Muhammad Ali in Comparative Perspective (1800s–1820s)”

16:20-16:40

Daniele Ciani (Biblioteca Universitaria di Pisa)

“Ippolito Rosellini oltre l'Egittologia: la direzione della Biblioteca Universitaria di Pisa”

16:40-17:00

Mattia Mancini (University of Pisa)

“Pisa 1825–1826: Ippolito Rosellini and its world's first academic class of Egyptology”

12th December 2025 (Museo della Grafica di Pisa, Palazzo Lanfranchi – Lungarno Galileo Galilei 9, Pisa)

9:30-12:00

Informal workshop amongst the speakers

12:00-12:30

Alessandro Tosi (University of Pisa)

Keynote Lecture – “Sedotti dalle piramidi: l'Egitto nelle arti dell'Ottocento Toscano”

12:45-13:30

Inauguration and visiting of the exhibition “Ippolito Rosellini, Pisa e la nascita dell'Egittologia moderna”