



## Lecture Links

+ 29 May: [Bernard O'Kane](#) - [The Carved Stone Domes of Cairo](#)

+31 May: [Lucy Skinner](#) - [Middle Kingdom burials and on-site conservation at the Shunad el Zebab, Abydos](#)

+7 June: [Dr Vivienne Matthies-Boon](#) - [On the Need for a Critical Theory of the Arab Spring: The Case of Egypt](#)

+14 June: [Last lecture of this season](#)

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## Library News

Opening hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:

9am - 7 pm

Sunday & Thursday:

9am - 3pm

Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday: Closed

**The library will close at 3pm on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 May.**

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## News June 2012

**The institute and the library will close at 3pm on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 May so that our staff can vote. There will be no lecture on Thursday night, it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 29 May**

### NVIC says goodbye and hello



In June 2012 Dr Kim Duistermaat will leave the NVIC after 6 years, to move with her family to Chengdu in China. As from July 2012 Dr Rudolf de Jong has been appointed as the new director of NVIC. >>[Read more](#)

### Peter Verkinderen and Sabine Dorpmüller leave the NVIC



In August 2012, Dr Peter Verkinderen will leave NVIC in order to concentrate on his research projects. In May 2012, Dr Sabine Dorpmüller was appointed as head of the Cairo Office and Research Associate at the Orient Institut

Beirut. >>[Read more](#)

### NVICulture

On May 27 we will organise the second International Poetry Night!! In June we will show two films after which we will have a break over the summer. The start of the new Culture Programme will be announced on the website and in this newsletter. [Read more](#)

### Other Courses



NVIC also offers short courses. This year, we offer courses on Language teaching, Urban Studies, Political Studies, and Islamic art and architecture. The courses are meant for students from Dutch, Flemish and foreign universities, and some for professionals.

[8-16 July Teaching Arabic as Foreign Language](#)

[15-27 July Political Transitions in the Middle East](#)

### June in the library: The month of travel accounts

The coming month the library of the Netherlands-Flemish institute will have a special display of our travel literature. We would like to welcome you all to travel with our books to Ancient Egypt, Nubia and from Cairo to Baghdad and beyond. For more information about our collection you can use our [online catalogue](#)

### Last lecture of this season

Our last Thursday evening lecture before summer will be slightly different than usual and will focus on current NVIC projects on Coptic history.

The evening will start with the presentation of "**Sandals, Shoes and Other Leatherwork from the Coptic Monastery Deir el-Bachit. Analysis and Catalogue**" which has recently been published by NVIC Assistant Director dr. André J. Veldmeijer. After presenting the results of the research, the first book will be offered to the director of the Coptic Museum, Dr. Hany Sadeq. >>[Read more](#)

### New Publications

The proceedings of our 2009 workshop 'Seals and Sealing Practices in the Near East. Developments in Administration and Magic from Prehistory to the Islamic Period' are now in print at Peeters Publishers. >>[Read more](#)