



Lectures at 6:00 pm

16 March: Syria between Resistance and Revolution: Mobilisation and Self-Administration in Rebel Syria by Aurora Sottimano

23 March: Excavated in Egypt and revived in Northern Europe: Continuity of human taste in printed textiles by Georg Stark

Films at 7:30 pm

19 March: A Syrian Love Story
26 March: Zaatari Djinn

Library News

Opening hours:

- Sunday: 9 am - 3 pm
- Monday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Tuesday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

Visit our library and enjoy our collection in a quiet environment. We have a great collection on Ancient Egypt, Arabic dialects, linguistics and literature. Free Wi-Fi (ask the librarian) and consulting computers are available.

March 2017 News!

Weekly lectures and films:

In March six years ago, the first anti-regime demonstrations erupted in Syria. With several documentaries and interesting lectures, we will focus on different aspects of Syria and its people during the whole month.

End of the Egyptian archaeology program:

The eight weeks of Egyptological adventures have come to an end. Our students enjoyed their field visits, lectures and films, but in the end they were brought back to the harsh reality of having many presentations to do. However, they did very well. They were also very happy with our assistant director Marleen De Meyer. Some of the students from Leuven University were lucky enough to stay in Egypt and joined the excavation season at Dayr al-Bersha. To have a look at the students' weekly diaries, please click [here](#).



Our 17 Egyptology students and their colleagues gathered at the German archaeological institute (DAIK) for their GARDEN meeting.

Dutch course:

The next Dutch language courses are held from the 3rd of April to the 14th of June, 2017. The registration is open for only one day: on Wednesday 29 March, 2017. For more information, please check this [link](#).

Intensive Arabic summer course:

This intensive course (from 28 May to 22 June 2017) aims to develop students' basic knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic (ECA). Through an integrated approach, students will learn how to read and write using the Arabic alphabet and how to conduct short conversations with native speakers of Egyptian dialect. The registration deadline is 15 April, please check this [link](#) for more information.

Introduction to Ancient Egypt

This spring NVIC organises a beginner's level, introductory course in Egyptology (8 – 27 May 2017, 16.00-18.00h) In 6 richly illustrated lessons, the history of ancient Egypt will be brought to life, both chronologically as well as thematically. The registration deadline is 15 April. To know more about the course schedule, please visit our [website](#).

TAFL: Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language:

From Sunday 16 - Wednesday 26 July 2017, NVIC organises a new edition of the TAFL course. This intensive interactive course is developed for (future) teachers of Arabic. It addresses both the practical aspects of teaching Arabic as a foreign language and the underlying linguistic and cognitive processes. The registration deadline is 1 June 2017. For the detailed course description, please visit our [website](#).

Students' remarks

Some comments from their evaluations by Arabic and ME students: 'nicest teacher ever', 'top lessons as well'. Egyptology students evaluated: 'Everyone @ NVIC was very available for anything and ready to help in every way', 'I absolutely loved the programme'.

Alexandria students' trip:

Half way through their Cairo semester, our 33 students (some in the 1st photo) of Arabic and of Middle Eastern Studies went on a 5-day visit to Alexandria for a seriously good time. It was not difficult to find tour guides for this excursion: Mrs Shahdan Ibrahim, Dr Ildal Elsaket and Mrs Anne van Leeuwen (see 2nd photo).



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