

The Life of Pharaoh

Start date 16th September 2016 **End date** 18th September 2016

Venue Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge

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Tutor biography

Dr. Garry Shaw gained his PhD in Egyptology from the University of Liverpool, where he also lectured in Egyptian history, and has since taught at the American University in Cairo, the Egypt Exploration Society, and the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education. He is the author of four books, including *The Pharaoh, Life at Court and on Campaign* (2012), and *The Egyptian Myths, A Guide to the Ancient Gods and Legends* (2014), and has written numerous articles on heritage and history. His aim, whether teaching or writing, is to bring the past alive in an accessible, yet academically rigorous, manner.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Session 1: The Ideology of Kingship
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 2: The Development of Egyptian Kingship
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 3: From Birth to Coronation
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Session 4: The Daily Life of the King
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Session 5: The Pharaoh on Campaign
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 6: Royal Cities
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 7: The Pharaoh in Death
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

This course will:

1. Introduce participants to aspects of ancient Egyptian kingship using both archaeological and textual data from the Pharaonic Period.
2. Introduce students to the evidence available to Egyptologists when trying to reconstruct ancient Egyptian history and kingship.

Content:

In this weekend course, participants will explore kingship in ancient Egypt. Along the way, they will learn about the ideology and origins of kingship; how kingship developed over the course of Egyptian history; the life of princes from birth to coronation; the daily life of the pharaoh; the pharaoh on campaign; royal cities; and finally, royal burial customs and afterlife expectations.

Within these subjects, we will discuss the titles and regalia associated with the pharaoh, and when these aspects of kingship first appeared in history; the differences in kingship from the Old Kingdom through to the end of the Late Period; the life of princes, their tutors and education; the coronation ceremony; attempts at royal usurpation and assassination; a typical morning in the palace; and the king's family life, religious activities and entertainment. We will also examine the king's role as war leader, the most important royal cities (Pi-Ramesses, Memphis, Thebes, Tell el-Amarna), and the architecture of palaces. Finally, students will learn about the royal funeral (including mummification), and explore the 'underworld books' that describe the king's activities in the afterlife as he travels with the sun god to be rejuvenated during the night.

Presentation of the course:

The course will be taught as a series of lectures, using PowerPoint presentations.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of how ancient Egyptian kingship changed during different phases of Egyptian civilization.
2. Have developed their ability to approach ancient evidence and evaluate and analyse it.
3. Demonstrate a knowledge of how scholars have assembled our understanding of aspects of ancient Egyptian kingship from archaeological and textual data.
4. Have an understanding of current scholarly thinking on ancient Egyptian kingship.
5. Have the personal confidence to take their studies into ancient Egypt further if desired.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Dodson, A.	<i>Monarchs of the Nile</i>	Rubicon Press, 1995
Dodson, A. and Hilton, D.	<i>The Complete Royal Families of Ancient Egypt</i>	Thames and Hudson, 2004
Morris, E.F.	'The Pharaoh and Pharaonic Office,' In <i>A Companion to Ancient Egypt</i> , Vol 1, ed. by A. Lloyd. Pages: 201-217	Wiley-Blackwell, 2010
O'Connor, D. and Silverman, D. P.	<i>Ancient Egyptian Kingship</i>	E.J Brill, 1995
Shaw, G. J.	<i>The Pharaoh: Life at Court and on Campaign</i>	Thames and Hudson, 2012
Ziegler, C.	<i>The Pharaohs</i>	Thames and Hudson, 2002

Website addresses

Digital Egypt for Universities: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/museums-static/digitalegypt/>

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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