

## The Coptite and Theban Desert Eastern Hinterlands survey

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In his lecture, Dr Mohamed Osman will present the first results of a new Humboldt University project 'The Coptite and Theban Eastern Desert Hinterlands survey (CTEDH)' focusing on the so far unexplored part of the Eastern Desert in Egypt, an archaeological terra incognita. In order to understand human interactions within the specific landscape of this part of the Eastern Desert, the project aims to investigate the important issue of the coexistence of different cultural groups (agents), in particular their mobility, using the new technologies of digital documentation, remote sensing, GIS and spatial analysis. It will focus on establishing the chronological and spatial significance of this area within the ancient eastern desert landscape from a new perspective. The first mission of the project took place in September 2023 and sought to document and analyse the ancient desert landscape within a case study area located in the eastern hinterland of the Coptic and Theban nomes in Upper Egypt. The project leaders are Dr Mohamed Osman (Freie Universität Berlin), Dr Rebecca Doehl (specialist in prehistoric landscape archaeology at Humboldt Universität Berlin) and Mr Sayed Shoura (PhD student).

