

Public Lecture

Egypt's Royal Mummies: **From Discovery to Display(s)**

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NOI Techpark, Via A. Volta, 13 – Bolzano, Seminar Room 1

It is rare to look upon the actual face of ruler, let alone one who has been dead for over three thousand years, yet this is possible when it comes to the kings of ancient Egypt. A cache of royal mummies was discovered in the 1870s and brought to the Egyptian Museum in 1881, followed by another one found in 1898. This lecture traces the history of the royal mummies from the time of their discovery until the present, including their roles as grand historic figures, objects of scientific inquiry, ambassadors for Egypt, political symbols, nationalist icons, and economic mainstays, as exemplified in the remarkable procession of 2021 that took them from the Egyptian Museum to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, where they now rest.

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is the Distinguished University Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo. She has worked as an archaeologist and museologist in Egypt since 1986 and has excavated in Turkey and Sudan. She is the current director of the Amenmesse Mission-KV10/KV63 in the Valley of the Kings and the North Kharga Oasis Darb Ain Amur Survey. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Ikram has published extensively in both scholarly and popular venues for adults as well as children on diverse subject matters, ranging from traditional Egyptological subjects to zooarchaeological topics. Her research focuses on the changing climate of Egypt as reflected in the fauna; rock art; food and daily life; funerary customs and mummification, ancient Egyptian technology and the detailed study of different groups of artefacts from Tutankhamun's tomb.

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About the event:

Registration is required. If you are interested in attending, please register via mail here: mummycongress@eurac.edu by 04 September 2022. Participation is free of charge and the event will be held in English.