



The Chesterfield Egyptology Society

Are proud to present an illustrated Zoom lecture on

“Inside the Step Pyramid – The Underground Corridors of Djoser”



Date: Saturday 27th November at 2pm.

The lecture lasts approximately 1hr 45mins and will include a break and Question and Answer session

Speaker: Vincent Oeters. Chairman of the Friends of Saqqara foundation

Location: Live via Zoom

Price: £5, ticket can be purchased through the Eventbrite Website:

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The famous Step Pyramid of Djoser dominates the landscape of Saqqara. This pyramid, designed by the vizier Imhotep, was erected in the Third Dynasty (c. 2630-2611 BC) and is in fact part of a much larger complex. The literature on Djoser and his tomb usually refers to the above-ground parts of this complex. For example, the enclosure wall, the Heb-Sed court and the serdab are discussed extensively. However, the underground parts of the complex are usually not or barely mentioned.

Very recently, part of this monument was opened to the public. During his work as an archaeologist in Saqqara, the speaker has had the opportunity to visit a large part of the underground corridors on four occasions. In this lecture, he will take you on an underground tour through the fascinating corridors.

Vincent Oeters studied Egyptology, Archaeology and Arabic at Leiden University. He obtained a MA in Egyptology with a thesis on the tomb of Tatia in Saqqara, excavated in 2009. He conducted fieldwork in the Fayum, Wadi Natrun, Saqqara, Gebel el Silsila and Gebelein. After graduation he worked several years for the international academic publisher Brill. Since 2017 he is the chairman of the Friends of Saqqara foundation. Currently he is writing his PhD on the position of Belgian Egyptology in the western intellectual history of the first half of the 20th century at KU Leuven and Ghent University in Belgium.