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Ancient Egypt: Women in the Old Kingdom

Date: Saturday, 7th December 1.30 pm

The lecture lasts approximately 2 hours including a break.

Speaker: Dr Wolfram Grajetzki: Egyptologist

Location: Lecture Theatre, Chesterfield Central Library New Beetwell, Street,

Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1 QN

Admission: Free to Members.

Hatshepsut and Sobeknofreu are often in the centre of discussions for women in Ancient Egypt.

However, women in the Old Kingdom had in general a much higher standing in society than in any other period of Egyptian history, only comparable to women in other ancient cultures.

There is evidence for the first female doctor, women had their own estates often with female administrators and women had their own decorated mastabas, something rarely attested in other periods of Egyptian history and also indicating a higher level of literacy under women of the period. Some royal women ruled the country due to the young age of their sons. The talk will present the evidence in archaeology and in the written sources.

Dr Wolfram Grajetzki is a Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University College ondon. He studied Egyptology, Prehistory and Classical archaeology in Berlin with his PhD on the highest state officials in the Middle Kingdom (1998). He is a member of the Shalfak Archaeological Mission under the direction of Claudia Naeser, investigating a Middle Kingdom (early 2nd millennium BC) Egyptian fortress in northern Sudan, responsible for studying the epigraphic material. He contributes to the modules ARCL 0020 Archaeology of ancient Egypt and ARCL0147 Themes and debates in Egyptian archaeology. He has published several scholarly and popular articles and books on burial customs and the Middle Kingdom. This Lecture can also be viewed live on ZOOM Please see our website www.egyptology-ssae.org for further details. Email us at egyptologyssae@gmail.com