



Are proud to present an illustrated Lecture on

“Pyramids and Elephants: the Kingdom of Meroë 1000 BC-AD 500”

- Date:** Saturday, October 9th at 1.30 pm
The lecture lasts approximately 2 hours including a break.
- Speaker:** Dr. Robert G. Morkot
- Location:** Lecture Theatre, Chesterfield Central Library New Beetwell, Street,
Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1QN
- Admission:** Free to Members, Day-Visitor £5 on the door.
- Requirements:** No previous knowledge required, our group is aimed at everyone with a love of ancient Egypt.
- Topic:** “Pyramids and Elephants: the Kingdom of Meroë 1000 BC-AD 500”

The Kingdom of Kush lay in the Nile Valley south of Egypt and the savannah of north Sudan.

Kush was a supplier of gold, slaves, ivory, and other exotic commodities to Egypt and the Mediterranean World from the Bronze Age to end of the Roman Empire: indeed, it was essential to Egypt's power during the New Kingdom. But what happened after the end of the New Kingdom? The Kushite kingdom expanded to dominate Egypt, as the '25th Dynasty'.

The succeeding phase – kingdom of Meroë – had strong cultural and economic interactions with Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt and the world beyond. Although Kush was on the periphery of the 'Classical' worlds of Greece and Rome, its archaeology and cultural production reveals a complex blending of indigenous, Egyptian and 'Classical' influences. This came to an end in the Fourth and Fifth centuries AD/CE with the rise of the kingdom of Aksum in Ethiopia, the 'end of Meroë' and successor, Christian kingdoms.

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Robert G. Morkot gained his BA in Ancient History and Egyptology at UCL. His PhD, also from UCL, focussed on the transition from Egyptian rule in Nubia during the New Kingdom to the conquest of Egypt by the Kushite pharaohs. During his work on the PhD he studied Meroitic at the Humboldt-University Berlin (GDR). He has written a number of books, notably *The Black Pharaohs: Egypt's Nubian Rulers* (2000). He was for many years a Senior Lecturer in Archaeology in a University in the south-west. He has been a member of the Board of the EES, and Chair of the Society for Libyan Studies; he is currently President of the Friends of the Petrie Museum, UCL.

