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Flinders Petrie first investigated Gurob in 1888-9 followed by Loat in 1904 and Brunton and Engelbach in 1920. Many objects from the Gurob settlement and associated cemeteries are now in the Petrie Museum at University College London, the Manchester Museum and other collections in the UK and worldwide. The GHPP excavations are the first since Brunton in 1920.



Gurob

Harem Palace Project

The Gurob Harem Palace Project is an ongoing excavation of the urban and funerary remains at the 'harem town' of Mer-wer at the site of Medinet el-Ghurab in the south Faiyum region.

The main area of settlement at the site has been identified as the remains of an independent establishment relating to royal women (a 'harem-palace'), founded in the reign of Thutmose III and occupied throughout the 18th Dynasty and Ramesside period.



Several harem towns are known to have existed, but the archaeological remains of these sites are limited or inaccessible. The urban and funerary remains at Gurob therefore have the potential to provide an important insight into Egyptian 'harem towns', as well as settlement sites in general. For decades the area was under modern Egyptian military occupation, but now there is once again the chance for archaeologists to survey, investigate and excavate the site.

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The Gurob Harem Palace Project

is testing the conclusions of previous excavators and increasing our knowledge and understanding of this important site. In pursuit of these goals, the main aims of the project are:

- to produce the first complete accurate map of the site
- to create detailed plans of the main points of archaeological interest in the settlement and cemeteries
- to produce a pottery typology, and to look at how the pottery has been distributed across the site
- to use remote sensing and drill coring to assess the scale of the architectural remains and ultimately to look at the site within the ancient landscape and wider environment

all of which have helped us to identify new areas of interest for the excavations.

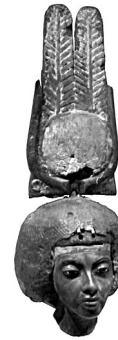
The GHPP have been working at Gurob since 2005 under the directorship of Dr Ian Shaw, Senior Lecturer in Egyptian Archaeology at the University of Liverpool. Other team members include surveyors, ceramicists, geologists, illustrators, conservators, photographers and archaeologists from the University of Liverpool, Kom Aushim Museum Faiyum, the Petrie Museum, University College London, the Sorbonne, University of Southampton, University of Helsinki, Polish Centre Cairo and the SCA Cairo and Faiyum.



The well-preserved kiln during excavation in 2010

The people of Mer-Wer

The iconic head from a statuette of the widowed Queen Tiye was found here. A Hittite wife of Ramesses II, Queen Maathorneferure, is recorded here. A late Ramesside prince Paramessu-nebweben was buried here. We can also name some of the other foreign and Egyptian girls and women living in the harem. What was life like for the people who lived here?



Head of Tiye now in Berlin



Our finds have included this festival ring of Tutankhamun – was there a shrine to the Amarna royal family here?

Our 400+ small finds in 2009 included this exquisite tile. Was it made in the Gurob workshops?



Within the kiln excavated in 2010 we found parts of four female figurines - were they deliberately broken as part of a ritual?



There is so much more to learn about this unique town and the people who lived there. Be part of the project. Receive regular updates, be first to hear all the news and receive discounted tickets to the annual conference and events.

We need your support!

To become a member of the Gurob Harem Palace Project and support future work please return the form below to:

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