



# New Approaches to Egyptian Grammar

## Findings and Prospects of the LCDE Project

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### Overview

**Organizer:** Marwan Kilani

**Location:** Odelya Hotel - Basel

**Format:** In person & online · Free of charge / Registration required

This workshop presents the results of the four-year Ambizione [LCDE project](#) on Egyptian-Coptic linguistics. Initially focused on dialectal variation in Late Egyptian, the project developed into a broader reassessment of linguistic reconstruction, leading to a new model of Proto-Coptic.

The proposed model introduces significant innovations, offering improved internal coherence and new insights into historical development within Afro-Asiatic linguistics.

### Registration & Online Access

Online participants are kindly asked to register in advance to receive workshop materials.

**Register:**

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**Zoom:** <https://unibas.zoom.us/j/66372413507>

### Programme

#### Day 1 – Monday

09:00 Introduction (Antonio Loprieno)

09:45 Coffee break

10:00 Lameen Souag: Two-vowel systems in selected Afro-Asiatic languages

10:45 Marwan Kilani: Reconstructing a two-vowel system in Proto-Coptic

11:45 Lunch

13:15 Roman Gundacker: An Overlooked Category: Root Nouns in Ancient Egyptian

14:00 Marwan Kilani: Deverbal morphology in Proto-Coptic

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 Jean Winand: Toward a Relational Dictionary of Late Egyptian (RDLEg)

16:15 Discussion

19:00 Conference dinner

#### Day 2 – Tuesday

09:00 Ahmad Al-Jallad: Can we reconstruct the pre-Proto-Semitic (Afro-Asiatic) verb phrase?

10:00 Coffee break

10:15 Mous, Rapold & Weiberg-Johansen: On diachronic paths from cleft constructions

11:00 Marwan Kilani: Nominal clause structures and the interpretation of  $\text{sdm}=f$  forms

11:45 Lunch

13:15 Roger Blench: Challenges of Egyptian etymologies from an Afro-Asiatic perspective

14:15 Victoria Almansa-Villatoro: Multilingualism in the Old Kingdom

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 Gaëlle Chantrain: Body part based metaphors: Ancient Egyptian in its African context

16:15 Discussion