



SYN_NAT SEMINARS PRIN 2022

SYNCHRONIZED WITH NATURE. MEASURING TIME IN ANCIENT EGYPT AND MESOPOTAMIA: ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

On Thursday between October 2024 and January 2025 at 5.00 pm on an online platform:

<https://meet.google.com/bwb-rjyn-vmh>

The two-year SYN_NAT Project (2024-2025) aims to study the conception and computation of time in the ancient civilizations of the Near East, particularly in Egypt and Mesopotamia. The key points of the research include the reconstruction of ancient calendars, the examination of the relationship between official calendars, festivities, and power dynamics, and the connection of these ancient peoples with nature, seasons, and celestial movements. We propose an approach grounded in philology and archaeology, also considering the figurative and artistic aspects. By interrogating these resources, it is possible to deepen our understanding of cosmological conceptions, inherently linked with the observation of the vault of heaven and the construction of profoundly symbolic monuments. We envision the seminars as a forum for discussing the state of the art concerning these topics, as well as a place for debate and idea exchange.

October 24th, 2024

Prof. Elio Antonello, Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica, Società Italiana di Archeoastronomia
Reconstructing the sky and the celestial phenomena of the past

October 31st, 2024

Prof. Alberto Giovanni Biuso, Università degli Studi di Catania
COMPUTUS. Tempo Storico e Molteplicità del Tempo

November 7th, 2024

Prof. Nicola Laneri and Dr. Sergio Russo, Università degli Studi di Catania
Riflessioni sulla Cronologia Paleobabilonese: Una Prospettiva Archeologica

November 14th, 2024

Prof. Jhon Steele, Brown University
Astronomy and Time in Ancient Mesopotamia

November 21st, 2024

Prof. Annunziata Rositani, DICAM, Università degli Studi di Messina, Responsible UniME PRIN2022
Myths on the Origins of Time in Ancient Mesopotamia

November 28th, 2024

Prof. Annunziata Rositani, DICAM, Università degli Studi di Messina, Responsible UniME PRIN2022
Sowing time, harvest time: Time Subdivision in Mesopotamian Literary and Economic Texts

December 5th, 2024

Dr. Juan Antonio Belmonte, Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias
Sirius, the Moon and C14: astronomy and radiocarbon in the chronology of ancient Egypt, two archaeometries in conflict?

December 12th, 2024

Prof. Lorenzo Nigro, University of Rome La Sapienza, P.I. PRIN 2022
Astral Observation, Orientation and Navigation in the Temples of Rhodes

December 19th, 2024

Dr. Francesco de Gaetano, University of Rome La Sapienza
Counting Years in Ancient Egypt During the III Millenium BC: Evidence and Interpretations

January 16th, 2025

Prof. Alberto Giovanni Biuso, Università degli Studi di Catania
Il tempo si dice in molti modi

January 23rd, 2025

Prof. Andrea Polcaro, Università degli Studi di Perugia
Southern Levantine Stone Calendars: The Orientations of the Late Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age Sacred Precincts in Transjordan

January 30th, 2025

Dr. Domizia Paolucci, University of Rome La Sapienza
Visual representations of time in Proto-Dynastic and Dynastic Egypt