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## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL COPTIC STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

### Conservation, Safeguarding and Revitalizing the Historical Significance of Coptic Cultural Heritage

Sponsored by  
The Canadian Society for Coptic Studies  
Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (NMC)  
University of Toronto, and the Coptic Museum of Canada

Saturday May 11, 2025  
9:15am–5:00pm  
Earth Sciences Centre, 5 Bancroft Ave. ES B149

#### 9.15-9.45 REGISTRATION

Members: \$30.00

Non-Members: \$40.00

Students: \$20.00

Payable in cash or by cheque  
Registration fees includes lunch

**Welcome address: Dr. Ramez Boutros, President, CSCS**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Karel Innemée**, Assistant Professor, Department of Egypt  
and Nubia, Faculty of Archaeology. University of Warsaw

**Cultural Heritage, Cultural Identity, and the Liturgical use  
of the Church of the Holy Virgin in Deir al-Surian**

**Dr. Ashraf Nageh**, Deputy General Director of the Research and Conservation  
Center of Antiquities, Cairo

**Assessment of the Efforts Made over the Past Century to Preserve Coptic  
Heritage**



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**John Habib, Master of Art Conservation, Art Conservation Program, Queen's University, Kingston.**

**The First Technical Examination of a Post-Medieval Coptic Manuscript**

**Kirollos Kilada, Iconographer, Mississauga**

**The Impact of Conservation on Contemporary Coptic Iconography**

**Dr. Stephen J. Davis, Woolsey Professor of Religious Studies and Professor of History at Yale University, New Haven**

**COVID and Cultural Heritage Practice at the White Monastery  
The Challenges of Architectural Conservation in the Wake of the  
Pandemic**

**Concluding Remarks: Dr Anne Moore, Vice President, CSCS**