

make sure you have very clear notes on where you are with your dissertation and exactly what needs doing. However obvious or simplistic it is now write it down because you won't have much time to work on it over the spring term and you do not want to lose time at the end of term and over easter trying to work out what you are meant to be doing. Make sure you know your deadlines for your assessed seminars before you break up rather than leaving it until next term and then finding out you only have 3 weeks to prepare it all. If you have the time (I know you're really busy with special topics and the exam) talk to your course supervisor to make sure you can do the topic you want to do so you don't waste your time and effort planning something you then need to scrap.

It may seem like I'm telling you to do loads of work over the holidays, but the main key is just make sure you are prepared for next term and then have some sleep. The second term in any year is always far busier than any of the others so make sure you do relax and have fun over the holidays.

6 News

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Egyptian archaeologists have discovered a new pyramid in Saqqar, near Cairo under 23 feet (7 meters) of sand. It is thought to be the 4,300 year old tomb of Queen Sesheshet, mother of the Pharaoh Teti who founded the 6th Dynasty. It is thought to be the third satellite pyramid of the tomb of Teti; two others found around 100 years ago and in 1994 were dedicated to the pharaoh's two principle wives Iput I and Khuit respectively. The remains were a 16 foot (5 meter) base and a white limestone casing for the pyramid. It is estimated to have stood at 14 meters tall with a 22 metre square base and walls at a 51 degree angle.

The discovery is part of the sprawling necropolis and burial ground of the capital of Egypt's Old Kingdom, about 12 miles south of Giza used by the rulers of ancient Memphis.

Zahi Hawass, secretary general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) in Egypt said:

"I always say you never know what the sands of Egypt might hide... You can discover a tomb or a statue, but to discover a pyramid it makes you happy. And a pyramid of a queen-queens have magic."

A shaft was found to be dug into the funerary chamber, so archaeologists are not expecting to find Sesheshet's mummified remains when they reach the chamber. The excavation is ongoing and the team of archaeologists are still a fortnight away from entering the burial chamber. It is hoped inscriptions will still be inside the tomb for study.¹

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See also: Archaeology News (<http://tinyurl.com/a2qvoj>).

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