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I templi del Fayyum di epoca tolemaico-romana: tra fonti scritte e contesti archeologici

Per una classificazione degli edifici sacri nell'Egitto tolemaico e romano

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To do this, an integrated analysis of different kinds of sources was carried out: all the Graeco-Roman papyri and the inscriptions, which contain rank epithets, were examined and different archaeological data about the temples of the Fayyum region were investigated. Based on these sources, it was possible to put forward different hypotheses on the administration and architectural aspects of these sacred buildings.

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