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The University of Basel Kings' Valley Project investigates a number of undecorated tombs in the Valley of the Kings, Luxor, Egypt. The tombs can be dated to the 18th Dynasty (14th century BCE) and were conceived for members of the royal family and entourage. The subterranean shaft tombs are mostly documented for the first time and the archaeological remains (fragments of the funerary equipment, coffins, cartonnages, textiles, pottery as well as human remains) are analysed. The focus lies on the reconstruction of the social group buried in the royal necropolis, in the dating of the different burials, and the cultural and material analysis of burial equipment.

A second part of the project is dedicated to the documentation and identification and relocation of some 8000 fragments of wall decoration from the tomb of pharaoh Seti Ist (KV 17, 19th Dynasty, 13th century BCE). The aim of the project is the virtual and physical reconstruction of the tomb in its final stage of decoration as well as in an earlier phase preceding ancient architectural modifications.

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