

CALL FOR PAPERS

WORKSHOP

GRAVES IN REGIONS OF CONTACT

INFORMATIVE POTENTIAL AND METHODS FOR THE EVALUATION OF ROMAN NECROPOLISES

Particularly cemeteries that have been uncovered over a large area have a high potential to provide information about the cultural imprint and possibly ancient social structures of a site. A combination of the analysis of features and the evaluation of finds as well as anthropological investigations is generally the standard procedure for the evaluation of Roman cemeteries. Recently, more and more neighbouring disciplines are becoming involved in the investigation of Roman necropolises as being particularly promising. Archaeozoological and archaeobotanical investigations, but also other methodologies such as DNA and isotope analysis, promise to be highly informative and complementary to „classical“ archaeological methods.

With the workshop „Graves in regions of contact“ we will enter the provinces of the Roman Empire and neighbouring „barbaric“ areas where cultural contacts between Roman-Italian and „local“ inhabitants become tangible. However, we do not want to limit ourselves to the early period of single provinces in which an exchange between local and Roman-Italian population undoubtedly took place. Also in the following centuries, in the never completely closed Roman Empire, different populations on both sides of the Limes were to be expected. Consequently, the period of investigation defined here will range from the 1st century to the 5th century AD.

In the course of the workshop we want to investigate whether and how we can isolate residents from „foreign“ persons or influences in graves, not only in the features but also in the find material. Furthermore, the question of how these influences are to be interpreted will be explored. Provincial borders to the Barbaricum but also inner provincial cultural and natural borders should be taken into consideration.

Moreover, it remains to be discussed what information historical sources can provide regarding the burial traditions of Roman and non-Roman (for example Germanic-Celtic) cultures. Can these sources be combined with the archaeological evidence? We will also certainly touch on the much-discussed issue of the question about when an „ethnic interpretation“ could be applicable.

We look forward to receive your registration and passing this Call for Papers on to interested colleagues!

Date: **9th and 10th June 2020**

Lecture registrations with abstract until: **28.02.2020**

Length of the abstract: **500 characters**

Length of lecture: **15 - max. 20 min**

Abstracts are requested to be submitted to the speakers of the AG Römerzeit at the following address:

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If you have specific questions, please contact Lucia Formato (LuciaClara.Formato@oeaw.ac.at).

With kind regards from the organizing committee!

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