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ENCROACHMENT AND FUNCTIONALITY CHANGE OF THE URBAN SPACE IN LATE ANTIQUE LIMYRA

RECONSTRUCTING EVERYDAY LIFE BASED ON SMALL FINDS
AND THEIR ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

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The excavations in the »Theatre Baths« sector of Limyra revealed a bath-complex, which was built in the 3rd and abandoned towards the end of the 5th century AD. Later interventions in parts of the edifice indicate installations with a different functionality. The preliminary analysis of the small finds suggests the installation of an artisans' quarter in the former baths encompassing a textile workshop, bone industry, and a metal and/or glass workshop. The main focus of the current research lays on the historical phenomenon of encroachment and changes of functionalities in Late Antiquity in the urban environment of Limyra, based on the archaeological situations indicated by the context of the small finds.

