XIV Doctoral Workshop in Archaeology

CLIMATE CHANGE, PALEOENVIRONMENT AND ARCHAEOLOGY
Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Casa de Velázquez

6th – 10th June 2022, Madrid

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Organization:
Deutsches Archäologisches Institut (Madrid), École des hautes études hispaniques et ibériques (Casa de Velázquez, Madrid)

Venues:
Instituto Arqueológico Alemán, C/ Serrano 159, 28002 Madrid
Casa de Velázquez, C/ de Paul Guinard 3, 28040 Madrid

Number of spaces available: 15

Presentation:

The workshop is carried out within the benchmark scientific collaboration between the German Archaeological Institute of Madrid (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Madrid) and the School of Higher Education in Hispanic and Iberian Studies (École des hautes études hispaniques et ibériques, Madrid). These workshops have become a tradition of international reach. Due to the situation derived from the international pandemic we were not able to get together neither in 2020 nor 2021, but we do trust that this year we will be able to celebrate the 14th Edition of the Doctoral Workshop in Archaeology.
The objective of the workshop is to create a forum ideal for doctoral candidates where we can generate open, critical and constructive dialogue.

The main topic of the 2022 workshop is centred around climate change and its repercussions on ancient societies and their environment. This topic, a current issue today, has certain influence on historical thought, which integrates different questions regarding climate change and historic, cultural, social and political changes, as well as different aspects of individual and collective life. The interdisciplinary methods of archaeology also play a part in the renovation of the thought process. Geological, geographic, archaeobotanical, archaeozoological or anthropological analysis, together with historical and archaeological studies offer the possibility of detecting the factors and multiple consequences derived from climate change: displacements or population reduction, changes in food consumption, or illnesses and deaths, all of which can be directly and indirectly derived from climate change. Natural catastrophes (floods, droughts, storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, pandemics...) leave different traces which can be contextualized and dated thanks to archaeology and the archaeological method.

Different topics will be addressed during the workshop, such as:

- The creation of a dialogue between natural sciences and archaeology.
- The identification and documentation of climate change and paleoenvironmental in archaeological contexts and ancient environments.
- The repercussion of climate change in cultural, societal and demographic development.
- Changes in climate and the environment in ancient sources.
- Climate change and the development of new archaeologies (arctic, desertic, glacier, high mountain, coast lines).
- Climate change and cultural heritage

The workshop’s intention is to generate a scientific and methodological debate mainly destined to doctoral candidates in Archaeology, Ancient History, Architecture, and Physical and Natural Sciences in relation to Humanities, who belong to either universities or research centres throughout all of Europe and the Maghreb. The objective is to create a space for exchanging experiences and analysing different practices and methodologies from other research traditions. Therefore, each participant will have the opportunity to actively participate in the exchange of information, presenting their own research in relation with the central theme of the workshop, contributing their own point of view to the collective reflection with the input from mentors of international renown.

Sessions will take place alternately at both venues: the Casa de Velázquez and at the German Archaeological Institute.

15 doctoral candidates chosen from the applicants based on the quality of their doctoral thesis will participate in the workshop. Renowned researchers will participate in the workshop as tutors. These tutors will represent different disciplines: Ancient History, Classical Archaeology, Late Antiquity and Medieval Archaeology, Geoarchaeology, Geology, Archaeobotany, Dendrochronology and Anthropology, lending their expertise and experiences in their respective fields to the workshop:

- Manuel Álvarez Martí-Aguilar (Department of Historical Sciences, University of Malaga)
- Ferran Antolín (Department of Natural Sciences, German Archaeological Institute, Berlin)
- Helmut Brückner (Department of Geography, University of Cologne)
- Ingo Heinrich (Department of Natural Sciences, German Archaeological Institute, Berlin)
- Oliva Rodríguez Gutiérrez (Department of Prehistory and Archaeology, University of Seville)
- Philipp von Rummel (Secretary-General of the German Archaeological Institute, Berlin)
Fees:
There are no inscription fees.

Candidates may apply until the 20/04/2022 (midnight, CET) through the online registration form: Application_form_-_Antique_Archaeology_Doctoral_Workshop_2022-Epoques_ancienne_et_médiévale-Formulaires-Research_Casa_de_Velázquez (casadevelazquez.org)

Confirmation of admission or rejection of applicants will be communicated by e-mail as of 27/04/2022.

The Casa de Velázquez will accommodate all chosen candidates including the nights from the 5th to the 10th of June 2022 (6 nights) who request to do so and do not reside in Madrid. Accommodation consists of an individual bedroom and includes breakfast. Lunch will also be included for all participants, both at the DAI and the Casa de Velazquez. Travel and dinners will be at the doctoral student’s expense. The Casa de Velázquez and the DAI-Madrid offer three scholarships with a maximum of 350€ for travel expenses that will only be available to doctoral candidates inscribed in a higher education institution of the Maghreb.

Languages used during the workshop: Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, English and Italian