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ÜBERBLICK

The Istanbul Department of the DAI has established Research Networks since 2007, primarily involving young scholars from German, Turkish, and international academic institutions. Led by speakers John Haldon, Felix Pirson, and Chris Roosevelt, with invited participants Lee Clare, Dries Daems, Burcu Erciyas, Elif Koparal, Christina Luke, Rana Özbal, Andreas Schachner, and Çetin Şenkul, the current Research Network aims to explore socio-ecological approaches to Anatolia's history and archaeology over a period of 3 years. After a competitive application process, we were able to win 14 more participants to form a transdisciplinary team.

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RAUM & ZEIT

FORSCHUNG

RESEARCH NETWORKS

The networks are directed primarily, but not exclusively, at young researchers. The concept is simple: A fixed group of participants meets regularly over a period of two to three years to work on a clearly defined research topic. The regular meetings are a place to discuss and exchange ideas, also with invited speakers, with the aim of fostering interdisciplinary exchange within the department and with colleagues from German, Turkish and international universities and research institutions. The networks are dedicated to overarching archaeological and cultural-historical topics which are suitable for diachronic studies, such as “Power and Hierarchies in Urban Space and Landscape” or “Nature and Cult in Anatolia”. During the duration of the networks, a variety of event formats, such as seminars, workshops or excursions, take place. These are dedicated to different aspects of the focal research topics. The participants are responsible for organising the content of individual events. Each research network culminates in an edited volume that features individual contributions by the participants and a synthetic summary.

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