

**The National Museum of Slovenia** is the oldest museum in Slovenia: in 2021 it will celebrate its 200th anniversary. The National Museum of Slovenia is located in a neo-Renaissance palace built according to designs by Viljem Treo and was opened to the public in 1888. The museum's history dates back to 1821, to the founding of its predecessor, the Provincial Museum of Carniola. Today it houses rich collections of valuable objects: archaeological, numismatic and graphic collection. Important pillars of the museum's activity are also research, the rich museum library and the department of conservation and restoration.

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**Venue:** National Museum of Slovenia – Metelkova, Maistrova ulica 1, Ljubljana

The workshop will take place live (with a limited number of participants or in accordance with the instructions of the National Institute of Public Health) and virtually. Please confirm your participation by September 21, 2021 to [matic.zupan@nms.si](mailto:matic.zupan@nms.si). You will then receive a link enabling you to access the event.

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**Intentions and Meaning: A comparative view of Late Antique Hilltop sites in Europe**

The workshop is the opening event of the scientific accompanying program of the planned international exhibition on Late Antique Hilltop settlements in Europe. It will deal with the origin, type and duration of settlement and the significance of these sites. Questions concerning the definition of hilltop settlements and the political, social and economic conditions that led to their emergence are particularly relevant. How can we define this type of settlement? What are the characteristic topographical and architectural elements of hilltop settlements? Who decided and was responsible for their planning, construction and financing?

These issues have fuelled research discussions from the beginning and are part of the overarching questions that the workshop addresses. In particular, it is important to critically evaluate the models that have prevailed in the past, which depend, among other things, on the data available. The comparison of national research traditions is also relevant, as is the analysis of the influence of such interpretive approaches. Following a regional division of the papers from Western Europe over the Alps to Balkan Peninsula, we will determine the temporal and spatial scale of the settlements and discuss comparative perspectives for further research.

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International Workshop in Ljubljana

**22nd to 24th September 2021**

National Museum of Slovenia, Ljubljana



## Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

9:00 – 17:00

9:00 – 9:10 **Pavel Car** and **Daša Pavlovič** (Ljubljana), Greetings

9:10 – 9:30 **Zvezdana Modrijan, Tina Milavec** (Ljubljana), **Orsolya Heinrich-Tamaska** (Leipzig) and **Marcus Zagermann** (München): Introduction

9:30 – 10:00 **Tina Milavec** (Ljubljana): Late antique hilltop settlements in the southeastern Alps: state of research and open questions

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00 **Elisa Possenti** (Trento): Late Antique Hilltop Sites in Southern Middle Alps

11:30 – 12:00 **Annina Wyss** (Bern): Hilltop sites in the central Alpine region: characterisation and contextualisation of a settlement form at the transition between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

12:00 – 12:30 **Alois Stuppner** (Vienna): Late Antique Hillforts in the Middle Danube Region

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:15 **Hrvoje Gračanin** (Zagreb): Comment from the historical point of view to the Alps

14:15 – 14:30 **Zvezdana Modrijan** (Ljubljana): Comment from the archaeological point of view to the Alps

14:30 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:00 **Marcus Zagermann** (Munich): The phenomenon of hilltop settlements in the Vosges, Black Forest, Hegau and Swabian Alb

16:00 – 16:30 **Sebastian Ristow** (Cologne): Hilltop sites in Northern Gallia and Germania

16:30 – 17:00 **José Mária Tejado Sebastián** (Logrono): Hilltop settlements in Northern Hispania: state of research

## Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

9:00 – 17:30

9:00 – 9:30 **Andy Seaman** (Canterbury): Late Antique Hillfort Occupation in Southern Britain: Chronology, Context, and Interpretation

9:30 – 10:00 **Damien Martinez** (Lyon): Hilltop settlements in middle and southern Gallia  
Coffee Break

10:00 – 10:30 **Roland Steinacher** (Innsbruck): Comment from the historical point of view to the West

10:30 – 10:45 **Roland Prien** (Heidelberg): Comment from the archaeological point of view to the West

10:45 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Slavko Ciglenečki** (Ljubljana): Hilltop sites in the settlements patterns of late antique Dalmatia (Höhensiedlungen in der Siedlungsstruktur der spätantiken Dalmatien)

11:30 – 12:00 Lunch

12:00 – 14:00 **Chavdar Kirilov** (Sofia): Hilltop settlements at the Eastern Balkan peninsula between Late Antiquity and Early Middle Age

14:00 – 14:30 **Stavroula Sdrolia** (Larissa): Late antique hilltop sites in Greece

14:30 – 15:30 **Mihailo Milinković** (Belgrade): Hilltop Settlements at the territory of present-day Serbia and Montenegro

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:00 **Carolyn Snively** (Gettysburg): Fortified Late Antique Hilltop Settlements in North Macedonia: Purpose and Geographical Distribution

16:30 – 16:45 **Alexander Sarrantis** (Warsaw): Comment from the historical point of view to the Balkan

16:45 – 17:00 **Orsolya Heinrich-Tamaska** (Leipzig): Comment from the archaeological point of view to the Balkan

17:00 – 17:30 Discussion

## Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

9:00 – 17:00

9:00 – 10:00 Database

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30 Exhibition: Venues, Content and Title, scientific background, partners

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Application Creative Europe, part 1

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00 Application Creative Europe, part 2

