Looking through Landscapes: The Spatial Turn of Late Antique Hilltop Settlements





27th – 29th November 2024 Archäologisches Museum Frankfurt Hilltop settlements are a long-standing research topic within the archaeological and historical disciplines. These sites – in an elevated position within their surroundings – reemerged in the 3rd/4th century AD within and beyond the frontiers of the Imperium Romanum and gained further importance during the 5th/6th centuries as the settlement landscape of the Roman imperial period underwent profound changes. Between Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, they played a key role in the cultural realignment of many European regions. The papers to be presented will explore topics and sites from different areas, namely the "Roman and non-Roman West", the "Alpine regions" and the "Balkan Peninsula".

With their distinct topography and the interlinked physical and social spaces created through the construction of walls and enclosures, they are ideally suited to analysis within the framework derived from the "spatial turn" in a comparative pan-European context. Surprisingly, this promising approach has so far received little attention in hilltop settlement research. Our main objective is therefore to approach the subject by examining the interactions between society, settlements and landscape against the backdrop of a period characterized by a plurality of challenging trajectories. Within the workshop, we conceive space and landscape as reflecting the social relationships of its actors, and place awareness of space and its construction at its core.

The workshop takes place hybrid. Registration for online participation at: https://terminplaner6.dfn.de/de/b/159fab1d2cc8353efa30f35240653d54-933680

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, 27th November

16:00 – 20:00 Visit to the Archaeological Museum Frankfurt (Karmelitergasse 1)

Poster Session

HENRIK LEIF SCHÄFER (Darmstadt) The Glauberg (Hessen, Germany) during the late Roman period

MARCUS ZAGERMANN (München) Hilltop Settlements and Visibility in the Outer Giudicarian Valleys (Trentino, Italy)

ORSOLYA HEINRICH-TAMÁSKA (Leipzig) / DUŠAN KOJIĆ (Gradiška) A look at the new results regarding topography of the late antique hilltop site in Gradina-Bakinci (Bosnia and Hercegovina)

DAŠA PAVLOVIČ (Ljubljana) Looking back and forward. Research on Ajdovski gradec above Vranje (Slovenia)

MIHAILO MILINKOVIĆ (Belgrad) Selected locations of Early Byzantine hilltop settlements in Illyricum

19:00 Film session in frame of the temporal exhibition "Ausgeschlossen – Archäologie der NS Zwangslager" commented by Thomas Claus and Thomas Kersting

20:00 Get-together VENUE TBA

Thursday, 28th November

09:00–09:30 Greetings and introduction Chair: WOLFGANG DAVID (Frankfurt/M.)

09:30 - 10:00

AXEL POSLUSCHNY (Glauburg) Mind the gaps! Reflections on the ups and downs of the Glauberg Hillfort

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

Hilltop Settlements and Borderlands Chair: Sebastian Ristow (Köln)

10:30 – 11:00 MARCUS ZAGERMANN (MÜNCHEN) / ORSOLYA HEINRICH-TAMÁSKA (Leipzig) / ALOIS STUPPNER (Wien) Limes, hilltop settlements and defence-indepth? Examples from the Rhine over the Alps to the Danube

11:00 – 11:30 GORDON NOBLE (Aberdeen) / ROLAND PRIEN (Heidelberg) Both sides of the story - Hilltop settlements along the Rhine frontier and Hadrian's Wall/Antonine Walll

11:30 – 12:00 CHAVDAR KIRILOV (Sofia) Borderlands of the Lower Danube Limes

12:00 – 12:30 *Discussion*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 *Chair:* DAŠA PAVLOVIČ (Ljubljana)

PHILIPP MARGREITER (Mainz/Erlangen) Fortified Landscapes in Byzantine North Africa: Settlement Strategies and Developments in the Northern High Tell (6th-7th Centuries)

14:30 – 15:00 ALEXANDER SARANTIS (Mainz) Fortification Networks in the Byzantine-Islamic Borderlands, AD 641–800: Strategic Defences or Localised Refuges?

15:00 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30 Hilltop Settlements and Landscapes of Power Chair: MARCUS ZAGERMANN (München)

LAURENT SCHNEIDER (Aix-en-Provence) / DAMIEN MARTINEZ (Lyon) Fortified hilltop settlements of Late Antiquity in central and southern Gaul: current research.

16:30 – 17:00 MICHEL KASZPRYK (Dijon) / ANTOINE GUICHETEAU (Dijon) Late Antique Hilltop Settlements in Northeastern France (4th-8th centuries AD)

17:00 – 17:30 *Discussion*

18:00 *Keynote Lecture* RAYMOND BRULET (Louvain-la-Neuve), Hilltop Settlements in the Meuse Valley

20:00 Dinner (Frankfurter Wirtshaus, Mainkai 35, 60311 Frankfurt/M.)

Friday, 29th November

Chair: Orsolya Heinrich-Tamaska (Leipzig)

09:00 – 09:30 ANNINA WYSS (Bern) People and Space: Hilltop Settlements in the central Alpine region through time

09:30 – 10:00 ANDY SEAMAN (Cardiff), The Hilltop Settlement of Tintagel in the Landscape Pattern

10:00 – 10:30 STEFAN PIRCHER (Mühldorf/Kärnten) The Roads Always in View. Visibility Studies of Fortified High Points in Late Antiquity (Lower Gailtal valley to Wörthersee, Carinthia, Austria) 10:30 - 11:00 Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

Hilltop Settlements and Memory Spaces

11:30 – 12:00 JULIA RABITSCH / MARTIN AUER (Innsbruck) One of a kind? The hilltop settlement at the Kirchbichl in Lavant (A) and its surroundings

12:00 – 12:30 ELISA POSSENTI (Trento) Lombard Graves on Hilltop Settlements as Spaces of Memory in Northern Italy

12:30 - 13:00 Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 *Chair:* ANNINA WYSS (Bern)

JOSÉ MARIA TEJADO (La Rioja) "Immaterial Archaeology" of Communication Systems in Late Antique Military Hillforts in Northern Iberian Peninsula: Smoke, Fire, and Sounds

14:30 – 15:00 ORDANCHE PETROV (Prilep) Evolving Landscapes: The Demir Kapija Gorge from Roman Dominance to Late Antiquity

15:00 – 15:30 SAMIRA FISCHER (Mainz/Erlangen) Fortified Hilltop Settlements in the *Dioecesis Daciae*

15:30 - 16:00 Discussion

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:00

ROLAND STEINACHER (Innsbruck), New Centres of Local Roman-ness: A Comparative View

17:00 - 17:30 Final Discussion