

## BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIUM

Semester topic "Settlement Patterns and Settlement Agglomeration"

Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 p.m.

**The oppida of the Celtic domain, witnesses of a society in transition**

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The appearance of large fortifications is one of the most striking features of the evolution of the Celtic space in its final period of development, at the end of the Iron Age (2nd and 1st centuries BC), which was recognized as such from the early twentieth century. A thorough re-reading of this "proto-urban" phenomenon is necessary today because of the considerable renewal of archaeological data. This renewal concerns the *oppida* themselves, some of which may have been the subject of extensive research, and, more broadly, the evidence of activity during the same period in its diversity (open nucleated settlements, rural settlements, sanctuaries, etc.), particularly as a result of the development of rescue archaeology. More than ever, the *oppida* bear witness to a period of major upheaval, one of the consequences of which will be the integration of a large part of the Celtic world into the Roman Empire, thus allowing the perpetuation of the network of agglomerations that had been established in previous centuries.

The presentation will attempt to account for the new ways in which the phenomenon of *oppida* can be considered today, based on recent discoveries and a reconsideration of its historical context.

Venue: Leibnizstraße 1, Seminar Room 204