



EDITORIAL

Johannes Müller, Graduate School Speaker

Our Graduate School has been in action for ten years now. Many GS alumni will be coming to Kiel in mid-December to receive their certificates – I am looking forward to this reencounter and to reminiscing with old friends. During the next year GSHDL will continue its focussed work on themes like environmental hazards, dietary strategies, roots of urbanisation, knowledge production, social inequality and conflicts also with new PhD students.

I congratulate my colleague Cheryl Makarewicz, who has just been granted a Consolidator Grant by the European Research Council. You will find more information about this in the next newsletter. Soon it will be possible to take a train ride to the next conference with Prussian pioneer archaeologist Johanna Mestorf. How? Read more below!

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DIGITAL ACCESS TO CULTURAL HERITAGE

A new cooperation project in archaeology is about to begin this fall, funded with around €370,000 by the European Union as part of the Erasmus+ programme: headed by the Institute of Classics at Kiel University, the universities in Kiel, Aarhus, Bergen, Paris, Birmingham and the Open University of the Netherlands are launching the strategic partnership “Ancient Cities. Creating a Digital Learning Environment on Cultural Heritage” together. The Europe-wide cooperation project’s goal is to digitally set up the cultural heritage using the ancient city as an example, during the three-year term. An innovative, pan-European, digital learning module is to be developed within this international teaching project’s three year period: together with archaeology students, researchers are creating a so-called Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) at the various universities, which is a film-based and interactive form of learning, which those interested can participate in from wherever they are, via the Internet. In this way, the project participants want to use the research on various ancient cities to prepare central contents of Classical Archaeology in a modern teaching format. “We are pleased to be able to tackle a pioneering and unique project in archaeology with this strategic partnership, together with our partners. We hope to transfer the didactics of classics into the 21st century and to get the younger generation fascinated in ancient times,” emphasised Graduate School member Stefan Feuser, project coordinator and Professor for Classical Archaeology at Kiel University.



Stefan Feuser (right) with Participants of the “Ancient Cities” kick-off meeting for modern teaching in Classical Archaeology in Kiel. Photo: Urban/ CAU

ICE JOHANNA MESTORF

The Deutsche Bahn AG (DB) intends to name an ICE of the newest generation after the notable archaeologist Johanna Mestorf (1828–1909). At Kiel University (CAU) in 1899, Mestorf was appointed as the first female honorary professor of Prussia.

Within the scope of a nationwide search for the names of 100 new ICE-4 trains, DB received more than 2500 suggestions, from which a jury selected 100 historic personalities. DB is planning to put the 100 new ICE-4 trains into service by 2023. After a review of the name rights, it will christen the new trains with the selected names. On the initiative of Julia Katharina Koch (CAU, Kiel), a number of persons from the university, among them Claus von Carnap-Bornheim (Schleswig) and Johannes Müller (Kiel), as well as persons from public life, including the Minister-President of Schleswig-Holstein, Daniel Günther, campaigned for Mestorf, who was born more than 180 years ago in Bramstedt. Still largely unknown to the public, Johanna Mestorf was one of the first female directors of a museum in Preußen at that time. She influenced archaeological research in Germany and Scandinavia through numerous excavations and publications. Johanna Mestorf is the name giver of the Johanna Mestorf Academy (JMA), which supports the Cluster proposal “ROOTS – Social, Environmental, and Cultural Connectivity in Past Societies” under the direction of Professor Johannes Müller within the framework of the Excellence Strategy initiated by the Federal Government and the State Governments.



Johanna Mestorf (1828-1909). Photo: ALSH



Deutsche Bahn plans to put to service 100 brand new ICE 4 until 2023 – one of them shall be named “Johanna Mestorf”. Photo: Copyright Deutsche Bahn AG / SIEMENS

“This is a unique project of the German Bahn. Thus, we have the opportunity to transport the name of Johanna Mestorf beyond Kiel and Schleswig-Holstein. Posthumously, she will become an ambassador of science and equal rights for women in society”, stated Professor von Carnap-Bornheim and Professor Müller enthusiastically.

GSHDL ALUMNI (XV): BETTINA SCHULZ PAULSSON

Many PhD students of the Graduate School have been awarded their doctorates by now and successfully fill positions in diverse academic fields across Europe and beyond. We keep in touch with them and trace their next steps after they leave the Graduate School with a fresh PhD in their hands. Where have they gone after their PhDs, and what are they doing there?

Bettina Schulz Paulsson belonged to the first generation of PhD students who started working on their theses at the newly created Graduate School Human Development in Landscapes in 2008. Vigorously rec-

onciling the necessities of family and science, the mother of two children completed her dissertation “Time and Stone: The Emergence and the Development of Megaliths and Megalithic Societies in the Neolithic and the Copper Age in Europe” in May 2013. During the following years, she worked as a Bayesian Modeling & Data Analysis Statistical consultant and was involved in several national and international projects within contract archaeology and international research projects such as the French-Spanish-Portuguese collaboration “Variscite in Neolithic Europe” and the PCR project “Nécropoles Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques de Passy (Yonne)”. In 2016, Bettina was appointed to the Department of History at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) as a Marie Skłodowska Curie Research Fellow, funded by the European Commission’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Initiative.



GS alumna Bettina Schulz Paulsson, pictured here while examining a Neolithic tomb at Isbister (Orkney).

“My project »Symbol and Stone« is a comparative study of megalithic art in Europe, carried out in order to analyze and explain how inter-cultural exchange between prehistoric societies (4500–2500 cal BC) shaped megalithic art, and to theorize and interpret the significance and function of these images”, Bettina explains. The project includes fieldwork in many European countries with a focus on Brittany and Andalusia, aiming at the production of documentation material with modern visualization techniques, e.g., 3-D laser scanning, XRF-spectroscopy, structure for motion and others. “During my time at the Graduate School, I had the opportunity to establish a broad and solid international scientific network”, Bettina says. “My current project benefits from several collaborations in Europe built up during my years in Kiel”.

STAFF & PERSONAL NEWS

Doctoral student **Maria Gelabert Oliver** passed her disputation on “Landscape distribution of talaiotic monuments as markers of social space” on November 9.

Doctoral student **Philipp Grassel** passed his disputation on “Die späthansezeitliche Schifffahrt im Nordatlantik vom 15. Jahrhundert bis zum 17. Jahrhundert. Das maritim-archäologische Potenzial hansischer Handelsplätze auf den Shetland Inseln, den Färöer Inseln und Island anhand archäologischer und historischer Quellen” on November 10.

Alumna **Natalia Toma-Kansteiner** has been awarded the Philippika-Preis for her PhD thesis “Marble and the Monumentalisation of the Urban Landscape of the Roman Cities”. The prize for exceptional, interdisciplinary dissertations is sponsored by Harrassowitz publishers. It was handed over at Trier University and covers the printing costs for publishing the thesis in the series “Philippika. Altertumswissenschaftliche Abhandlungen”.

Former GS members **Alicia Ventresca Miller** and **Ricardo Fernandes** have taken up postdoctoral positions at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Jena.

Doctoral student **Stefan Magnussen** is about to finish his dissertation and has already taken up a new post: On November 1, he has started work as a research fellow in the DFG-funded project “Mediation von Herrschaft an den Grenzen Lateineuropas im Spätmittelalter” at Leipzig University. Headed by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Huschner, the project aims to compare stately negotiation processes in the four peripheral European regions of Red Ruthenia (Southeast Poland/ Western Ukraine),

Southern Italy, the Kingdom of Valencia and Norway during the Late Middle Ages.

Doctoral students **Asli Oflaz** and **Joana Seguin** are going to participate in the Onshore Science Party for the IODP Expedition 381 “Corinth Active Rift Development” in Bremen, Germany, starting on January 31, 2018. Their aim is to apply a multi-proxy approach, combining biomarkers and biogeochemical proxies to reconstruct marine and terrestrial climate and environmental variables in the Gulf of Corinth.

Doctoral student **Gianpiero di Maida** was invited to introduce students of the University of Cologne to Sicilian rock art during the lecture “Bilder aus der Eiszeit” on November 30.

Doctoral student **Veronika Egetenmeyr** participated in the international conference “Die Umgestaltung der römischen Welt - Neue Perspektiven, bekannte Probleme” with a talk about “Identities in the Letters of Sidonius Apollinaris: The Lebenswelt-Concept Reconsidered”. The conference was held in Greifswald from October 26–27.

Doctoral student **René Ohlrau** presented aspects of his PhD research at the TOPOI discussion forum “Size matters – extra-large projects in the ancient world” which was held in Berlin from October 9–11. His talk was titled “Exceptional buildings in Trypillian mega-sites”.

Doctoral student **Claudia Ohlsen** participated in the 41st congress of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Volkskunde, which was held in Marburg from September 20–23. The title of her talk within the session “‘Ländlichkeit’ als wirtschaftliche Ressource und alltagskulturelles Dispositiv” was titled “Raus aufs Land! Inwertsetzung von Ländlichkeit am Beispiel schleswig-holsteinischer Landevents”.

Alumna **Maren Biederbick** gave a presentation on her PhD subject at the 11th International Conference of the Society for Emblem Studies in Nancy (France) in July 2017 (title of her talk: “Devises jamais vues. Les inventions morales de Gabriel Simeoni”) and at the ‘Driburger Kreis’ meeting “‘[...] Wissen ist begrenzt. – Internationalität und Kosmopolitismus in den Wissenschaften”, Münster, September 2017 (title of her talk: “Ist Wissen begrenzt? – Kosmopolitischer Wissenstransfer durch internationale Embleme im 16. Jahrhundert”). Her paper “Tradition and Empirical Observation – Nature in Giovio’s and Symeoni’s Dialogo Dell’ Imprese from 1574” has recently been published in “Emblems and the Natural World” (“Intersections” 50, Chapter DOI: 10.1163/9789004347076_008).

SELECTED EVENTS

(COMPLETE CALENDAR: WWW.GSHDL.UNI-KIEL.DE/CALENDAR)

Venue for Biweekly Colloquia: Leibnizstraße 1, Room 204

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 p.m. – **Bronze Age Round Table** – **Stefanie Schaefer, Hendrik Raese**: “New results from this year autumn excavations Mang de Barga (EBA_LBA cemetery) and Leki Male (EBA cemetery)” - Leibnizstr. 3, Room 123

Thursday, December 21, 2:15 p.m. – **Paleoecological Colloquium** – **Asli Oflaz**: “Lake Bafa (Turkey) - New pollen data” - Leibnizstr. 1, Room 105

JANUARY

Monday, January 8, 4:15 p.m. – **Biweekly Colloquium** – semester topic: (Past) Mobility and Migration: Matters of Transfer and Translation – **Samantha Reiter** and **Karin M. Frei** (National Museum of Denmark): “Flux Capacity: Modelling the Impetus Behind Human Movement”

Monday, January 22, 4:15 p.m. – **Biweekly Colloquium** – semester topic: (Past) Mobility and Migration: Matters of Transfer and Translation – **Patrick Sakdapolrak** (University of Vienna): “Resilience through trans-locality. Climate change, migration and social resilience in Thailand”