

## EDITORIAL

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Dear members, friends and partners of the Graduate School, The summer term has just started at Kiel University. I am looking forward to interesting talks by our international guests in the Biweekly Colloquia: We will gain insight into diverse topics, such as the Late Neolithic in the Netherlands, Stonehenge or Hellenistic cities, to name just



a few of the upcoming guest presentations. For nearly the entire semester, Selina Delgado Raack from Barcelona will work with us in Kiel. She is eager to share her knowledge with us in the analysis of prehistoric stone tools (more information on page 2).

Another highlight of the semester calendar was the visit of our Advisory Board in early May. Valued colleagues from Aarhus, Canberra, Innsbruck and London came to learn about the progress of the Graduate School during the last two years and gave advice on future developments.

In June, the newly elected president of Kiel University, Lutz Kipp, will assume his new position as the successor of Gerhard Fouquet, who led the University since 2008 and, together with the vice presidents, fostered the Graduate School since its beginnings. The situation for all doctoral students at Kiel University improved significantly during his term of office, exemplified by the establishment of the Graduate Center. On behalf of all Graduate School members, I thank Gerhard Fouquet for his great support. We are now looking forward to cooperating with Lutz Kipp in order to further PhD education and the research focus Societal, Environmental and Cultural Change.

I wish you all a good and fruitful summer semester.

## FROM OKOLIŠTE TO UPPER MESOPOTAMIA IN TWO BOOKS

Two Graduate School members have recently published new books. Robert Hofmann, former associated PhD student and now postdoctoral fellow at the Graduate School, has authored the second volume of the Okolište series (part 3 on house inventories, osteological findings, etc. is in preparation), which is at the same time his PhD thesis. Hofmann, as well as many other Graduate School members, participated in the archaeological fieldwork carried out near the town of Visoko in Central Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2002 to 2008.



"Okolište 2" focuses on the ceramics found in the Late Neolithic settlement of the same name. The analysis of the technological and stylistic variety of these ceramic findings, related to the development of housing structures and architecture in Early Chalcolithic Okolište, results in a comprehensive, overall picture of settlement dynamics in the low mountain range of Central Bosnia.

Fevzi Kemal Moetz, former PhD student of the Graduate School, has also published his doctoral thesis. Titled "Sesshaftwerdung – Aspekte

der Niederlassung im Neolithikum in Obermesopotamien", the main objectives of the study analyze which variable environmental conditions attracted early Neolithic settlers in the so-called fertile crescent and how these preferences changed over time.

Moetz set up a database ([www.johanna-mestorf-academy.uni-kiel.de/wordpress/data-exchange-platform/shf/](http://www.johanna-mestorf-academy.uni-kiel.de/wordpress/data-exchange-platform/shf/)) for all archaeological information concerning his period and region of study, as well as conducting a survey in the field. His results show, for example, that when hunter-gatherers started farming, they preferred certain soil types (such as chalky fluvisols and luvisols), even ground and the vicinity of freshwater sources for their early settlements. In contrast, sites with ritual function were likely to be erected on the peaks of mountain ranges.

Both books have been published by Habelt GmbH (Bonn) in the series "Universitätsforschungen zur prähistorischen Archäologie" (Hofmann volume 243, ISBN 978-3-7749-3872-4; Moetz volume 244, ISBN 978-3-7749-3873-1).

## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR FIELD WORK



In late February, a group of Graduate School members and students of the Institute for Pre- and Protohistory went to Kronsburg-Glinde for a week of field work. The trip was organized and guided by Jutta Kneisel, Christian Horn, Nicole Taylor, Christoph Rinne and Florian Bauer. "We had three aims", Jutta explains: "The first was to test the newly acquired high-precision GPS tachymeter in combination with the geomagnetic equipment of the Graduate School. Secondly, the participating students had the opportunity to gain practical experience in this kind of survey work. Last but not least, we wanted to prospect possible future sites of investigation."

Whereas the first two aims can already be regarded as successfully accomplished, there are also positive prospects for the third. Kronsburg-Glinde is known to be a rich Neolithic and Bronze Age burial ground, the gently undulating landscape spotted with over 50 tumuli. Although all of the grave mounds are heritage-protected, and it is therefore difficult to obtain permission for an excavation, the Graduate School team might have found another object worth investigating: "First analysis of the geomagnetic data shows an anomaly that could be the remains of a Bronze Age house", Jutta says. "This find on an open field among the tumuli would add an interesting aspect to the ongoing scientific debate whether extensive burial grounds, such as Kronsburg-Glinde, were spatially separated from the closest settlements." So far, no traces of buildings have been found on the ridge where the mounds are located. "We will continue to analyze our data and then decide about organizing an excavation", Jutta concludes.

## STONE TOOL EXPERT VISITS GRADUATE SCHOOL

Archaeologist Selina Delgado Raack from Barcelona's Autonomous University is visiting the Graduate School for three months during this summer term. Selina's research interests include the early European Bronze Age as well as the Argar and Aunjetitz Cultures. She is an expert in stone tools and offers, among other activities, a compact course on the analysis of these finds with petrographic, morphometric and functional methods (June 16-19, see GS online calendar for details).



"Unlike other archaeological materials, ground stone tools have been often neglected or even ignored in the general research of prehistoric societies", explains Selina. "Nevertheless, they represent a fundamental approach for the exploration and definition of past economic practices, as they are tools that have been involved in many production processes of everyday life (i.e., preparation of food, metallurgy, pottery, tannery, etc.)."

During her stay in Kiel, Selina also wants to complete the inventory of ground stone tools found at the Polish site of Bruszczevo, where a team of researchers from Kiel has also participated in excavations. In Spain, she is involved in a project led by GS partner Roberto Risch that focuses on La Bastida, an Early Bronze Age settlement of the Argar Culture. "From my studies in Berlin I already know several people who are now members of the Graduate School, and it is a fine opportunity to work so closely together with them during my stay here in Kiel", says Selina. "Furthermore, the Graduate School provides an inspiring interdisciplinary research environment."

## STAFF & PERSONAL NEWS

**Wiebke Kirleis** has been appointed Professor for Environmental Archaeology at the Institute for Pre- and Protohistory of Kiel University. She started as a Junior Professor at the Graduate School in May 2008, thus she is the first tenured professor, guaranteeing the continuity of this new field of research.

**Christine Schuh**, doctoral student of the Graduate School, passed her disputation on "Tracing Human Mobility and Cultural Diversity after the Fall of the Western Roman Empire: A Multi-Isotopic Investigation of Early Medieval Cemeteries in the Upper Rhine Valley" on February 5, 2014. She was awarded a "magna cum laude" (1.0).

The book "Tells: Social and Environmental Space. Proceedings of the International Workshop "Socio-Environmental Dynamics over the Last 12,000 Years: The Creation of Landscapes II (14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2011)" in Kiel.", edited by **Robert Hofmann**, **Fevzi Kemal Moetz** and **Johannes Müller**, has been reviewed in the latest issue of *Antiquity* (Vol. 88, Issue 339, March 2014).

Reviewer Jesse Casana states that "[...] many papers in this volume will be of great interest to archaeologists working in those areas and, collectively, they reveal a wealth of landscape-based research strategies that help illuminate the tell-based settlements of the Old World."

**Maren Biederbick** has published a paper related to her PhD project: "Das Bildprogramm an der Corswandt-Grabkapelle in St. Nikolai zu Greifswald", in: Ingrid Höpel (ed.): *Architektur als Ort für Embleme. Beiträge zu einer Tagung des Kunsthistorischen Instituts der Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel am 26.01.2013*, Kiel 2014, (Mundus Symbolicus, 2), pp. 43-57.

On May 20, Maren participated in the „Docstalks“ lecture series by PhD students of Kiel University. Her talk was titled "‘Plus-Ultra’ – Der Ursprung des Dollarsymbols. Die Devise Karls V. im Wandel durch Zeit und Raum“.

**Claudia Ohlsen**, the „Radio Voice“ of the Graduate School, had another on-air appearance in late February. She joined *detektor.fm*'s Forschungsquartett to discuss "Mythos "Landidylle": Stadtlust statt Landlust". You can hear or read the discussion (in German) here: <http://detektor.fm/kultur/forschungsquartett-mythos-landidylle-stadtlust-statt-landlust/>

**Katja Winkler** presented an aspect of her PhD project at the colloquium to celebrate Benno Gramsch' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her talk was titled "Die spätpaläolithischen Plätze Golßen und Burow". The colloquium took place on April 11 at the Archäologische Landesmuseum in Brandenburg/Havel.

**Kathrin Marterior** and **Julia Menne** presented aspects of their PhD research projects at the IX. International Slavistic Conference at Kiel University on April 11-12. Julia's presentation was titled "Blickfeld der Archäologen. Slaven in Holstein", whereas Kathrin talked about "Die slavischen Siedlungen in Holstein: eine bilingual Sprachlandschaft?".

Julia also participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Student's Archaeology Symposium in Bamberg from April 24 to 26. During the session on settlement and agrarian organization, she talked about "Studies on the Funnel Beaker West Group in European Comparison".

**Heiko Scholz** will participate in the conference "Der Grabhügel von Seddin im Kontext der Bronzezeit in Norddeutschland und Südschweden" in Brandenburg/ Havel from June 17 to 19. He is invited to present his paper „Der Fund von Seddin im Kontext der bronzezeitlichen Hortlandschaft im zentralen Norddeutschland“.

**Nicole Taylor**, former associated PhD student of the Graduate School, has re-joined us as a post-doctoral fellow.

**Sandra Kiesow** provided insights into her research area during a talk at the German-Ibero-American Society, Schleswig Holstein on May 8. Under the title "Madeira – Perle im Atlantik" ("Madeira – Pearl in the Atlantic Ocean"), she focuses on cultural and botanic aspects of the island.

## SELECTED EVENTS

(COMPLETE CALENDAR: [WWW.UNI-KIEL.DE/LANDSCAPES](http://WWW.UNI-KIEL.DE/LANDSCAPES))

Venue for Biweekly Colloquia: Leibnizstraße 1, Room 204

### MAY

Monday, May 26, 4:15 p.m. – **Biweekly Colloquium: Marco Madella** (Institució Catalana de Recerca i Estudis Avançats): In vitro veritas - Theory and practice of phytolith analysis in archaeology and palaeoecology

### JUNE

June 16-19 – **Compact course: Selina Delgado Raack**: The study of ground stone tools and their social and economic interpretation – Leibnizstr. 3, Room 123

Monday, June 16, 4:15 p.m. – **Biweekly Colloquium: Harry Fokkens** (Leiden University): The late Neolithic in the Netherlands: trying to pose (not answer) questions that are never asked

Monday, June 30, 4:15 p.m. – **Biweekly Colloquium: Mike Parker Pearson** (University College London): Stonehenge: exploring multiple landscapes of the British Neolithic