

# International Training Archaeoethanatology for archaeologists

## Session 2

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> april 2022 (theoretical part, online)

16<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (fieldwork, Marathon, Greece)



## The Archaeology of Death: Technical and historical problems and issues of archaeoethanatology and the burials excavation

### 1. Theoretical school

- Problems of the archaeology of Death
- Stakes involved in the study of funerary structures
- Variability of funerary or mortuary practices
- Initiation to human osteology and skeletal study methods

### 2. Field school

- Identifying grave cuts
- Skeletal ID & excavation of funerary structures
- Taphonomical recording
- Sampling

**... and more !**

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**MARATHON, GREECE**

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TECHNICAL AND HISTORICAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES  
OF ARCHAEO THANATOLOGY AND THE BURIALS EXCAVATION**

The purpose of this thematic school is to **initiate or perfect students in archaeology to the specific problems and stakes of archaeo thanatology and archaeology of Death.**

The aim is not to provide training in biological anthropology, which requires the completion of a complete curriculum, but to **raise the awareness of those involved in archaeology to the specific questions encountered when excavating and studying funerary structures and funerary sites.**

Therefore, this thematic school will deal particularly with:

- Problems of the archaeology of Death: why do we study a funerary structure or un funerary site? The excavation and the study of funerary structures is the starting point for an extensive historical and conceptual reflection. The archaeology of Death is a discipline that combines biological, archaeological and historical issues. This obviously leads to the acquisition of a specific disciplinary vocabulary.
- The stakes involved in the study of funerary structures: the need for a specific, interdisciplinary approach, through close collaboration between several disciplines.
- The various funerary or mortuary practices during different times and in different spaces: specific issues and methods of study (burial, cremation, the case of large funerary complexes, etc.).
- Field study methods: excavation of funerary structures and recording of data for an optimal reflection.
- Laboratory study: initiation to human osteology and skeletal study methods: making methodological choices in order to answer historical questions.

The aim of this training is therefore to enable archaeologists to integrate into their thinking the questions specific to archaeo thanatology, from the earliest stages of the work, in order to create a synergy conducive to an optimised study, an in-depth analysis and the creation of quality primary data that can be used, transmitted and sustained.

It is interdisciplinary, with both a fundamental and an applied approach: in addition to theoretical teaching, it will give a large place to practical field work.

**The training will take place over 3 weeks, separated in two parts**

- 1) 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 : theoretical courses week**
- 2) 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 : fieldwork**

**Attending the two different part and the total of the 3 weeks is mandatory**

<b>The archaeological site</b>	<p>The school will take place on the site of Plasi in Marathon (Greece), near Athens. The archaeological site is about prehistoric and classical Greece funerary and mortuary structures.</p> <p>The host of this field school is the <b>National and Kapodistrian University of Athens</b></p>
<b>Costs</b>	<p>Travel, accommodation and meal expenses will be covered according to the CIVIS cost calculator.</p>
<b>Target public</b>	<p>Archaeology students, who wish to acquire this awareness of the specific issues of funerary archaeology, in order to dialogue with anthropologists.</p>
<b>Level required</b>	<p>Preferably masters or Phd degrees, but undergraduates with good field experience can apply.</p>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English speaking</li> <li>• Experience on archaeological excavations is mandatory (in general archaeology, not specifically in graves excavation)</li> <li>• Good physical and health condition</li> <li>• Be up to date with the mandatory vaccinations</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline for application</b>	<p><b>March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b></p>
<b>How to apply</b>	<p><a href="https://civis.eu/en/civis-courses/the-archaeology-of-death-training-in-archaeoethanatology-for-archaeologists">https://civis.eu/en/civis-courses/the-archaeology-of-death-training-in-archaeoethanatology-for-archaeologists</a></p>

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