



International Training Archaeoethanatology for archaeologists

Session 3

4th - 8th april 2022 (theoretical part, online)

25th july - 5th august 2022 (fieldwork, Itanos, Crete)

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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**THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH:
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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) 4th – 8th April, 2022 : theoretical courses week**
- 2) 25th July – 5th August, 2022 : fieldwork**

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

The archaeological site	The school will take place on the site of Itanos in Crete (Greece). The archaeological site is about archaic and classical Greece funerary and mortuary structures. The host of this fieldschool is the Université Libre de Bruxelles .
Costs	Travel, accommodation and meal expenses will be covered according to the CIVIS cost calculator.
Target public	Archaeology students, who wish to acquire this awareness of the specific issues of funerary archaeology, in order to dialogue with anthropologists.
Level required	Preferably masters or Phd degrees, but undergraduates with good field experience can apply.
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English speaking • Experience on archaeological excavations is mandatory (in general archaeology, not specifically in graves excavation) • Good physical and health condition • Be up to date with the mandatory vaccinations
Deadline for application	March 31th, 2022
How to apply	https://civis.eu/en/civis-courses/the-archaeology-of-death-training-in-archaeoethanatology-for-archaeologists-1

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