

University of London
Institute of Classical Studies

**Archaeology Seminar
January-March 2023
Wednesday afternoons at 5pm**

The in-person sessions will be held in Senate House room G35, except on 25 January when it will be held in the Senate Room, but online access to the paper only (not the discussion) will be available via Zoom. Information on the online sessions will be given in advance: the links for online access will be advertised on the ICS website, and will require registration in advance.

It would also be helpful if those planning to attend the in-person sessions could register in advance, so we know numbers and can warn you of any unanticipated changes: <https://ics.sas.ac.uk/search-events>

At the in-person sessions there will be drinks afterwards and the opportunity to chat with the speakers.

Connecting scales from history to archaeology: Global Archaeology and Microhistorical Analysis

The impact of the global turn, facilitated by so-called Big-Data analytical methods, in the social and historical sciences, cannot be overstated: this has re-invigorated multi-scalar approaches in archaeology and history, and debates on how to combine a global perspective with those approaches. Yet, the latter is proving challenging for archaeologists and historians alike, although early modern and modern historians have recently proposed to re-introduce micro-historical analysis to meet this challenge. Our recent claim (Riva & Grau Mira 2022) is that archaeologists have not yet done enough to resolve methodological problems that come with global perspectives across spatial and temporal multiple scales; uses of globalisation theory have not helped either, and one of the consequences of this has been a marginalisation of the non-classical Mediterranean in global archaeology. Ranging between Middle Eastern prehistory and Medieval European history, the invited speakers of this series have been asked to reflect on this challenge in their own respective fields and propose, through their own research, how to tackle it for a truly multi-scalar global archaeology.

Riva C. & I. Grau Mira 2022 Global archaeology and microhistorical analysis. Connecting scales in the 1st-millennium B.C. Mediterranean, *Archaeological Dialogues* 29, 1-14. doi:[10.1017/S1380203822000101](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1380203822000101)

25 January: Artur Ribeiro IN PERSON (in the Senate Room). *Microhistory and the politics of small-scale archaeology*

1 February: Oystein LaBianca IN PERSON (in Room G35). *Shaping Global History Narratives of the Southern Levant: Lessons Learned from Tall Hisban and the Madaba Plains region in Jordan.*

22 February: Carme Belarte REMOTELY. *Global archaeology and the peripheral Mediterranean civilisations: the examples of Iberians and Numidians*

1 March: Eva Mol IN PERSON (in Room G35). Title: TBA

8 March: Juan Antonio Quirós REMOTELY. *Medieval local societies in a multiscale dimension*

22 March: Judit Majorossi IN PERSON (in Room G35). *The Challenges of Macro- and Micro-Historical Approach in Late Medieval Urban Studies of East-Central Europe*

29 March: Andrew Bevan IN PERSON (in Room G35). Title: TBA