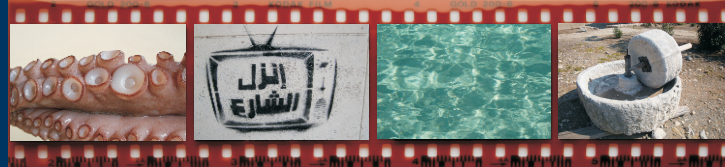


Multiple Mediterranean Realities
Spaces, Resources, Connectivity

26-28th April 2012



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How to find us

Venue:

The conference will be held in the lecture hall of the Institute of Archaeological Sciences.

By public transport:

From Bochum main station take subway (U 35) to the station **Deutsches Bergbau Museum**. Take the exit towards the museum. The institute is situated directly to its left.

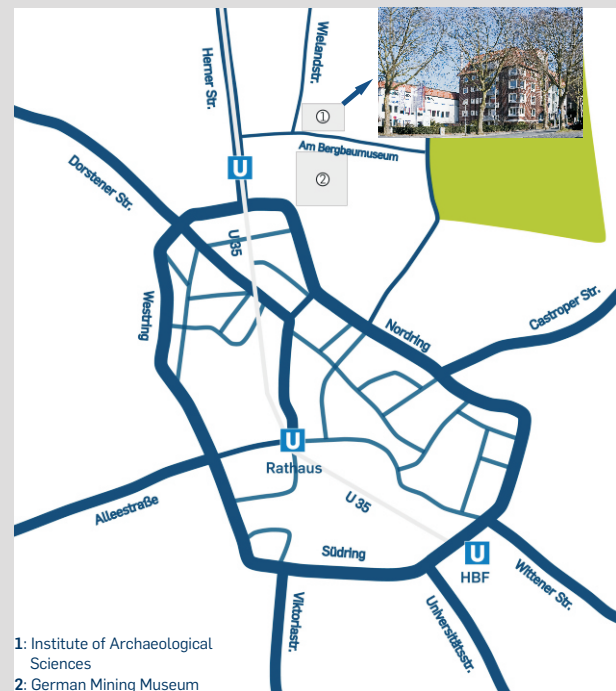
By car:

From the motorway **A40** take the exit **Bochum-Zentrum**. Follow the Herner Str. in direction of the city centre until you arrive at the museum left hand.

Please note that there is a limited amount of parking spaces.

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Despite its arbitrary delineation of space the Mediterranean is often considered as a category for social and historical studies. Especially Braudel's "*Mediterranée*" had an immense impact on this field of research, advocating a distinctiveness of Mediterranean geography. His concept of a *longue durée* led in many ways to a deterministic conception of its land- and seascapes, which produced an ahistorical understanding of the sea as a main actor for interregional contact through the ages. Subsequent research such as the one by Horden and Purcell modified among others Braudel's general approach by emphasizing the diversity of Mediterranean landscapes and its different resources as important factors for the formation of an interregional connectivity, however they maintain his main idea.

The main aim of this conference is to question the static, homogeneous, and ahistorical conception of a Mediterranean unity and interconnectivity through time, often produced by some archaeological, anthropological, historical, and political science discourses. It aspires instead to foreground a range of diverse and often conflicting or contradictory, materially produced Mediterranean realities – realities that are historically contingent and politically sustained and reproduced. Furthermore, it aims to analyze how these realities are interrelated, both in scholarly knowledge production as well as in public imagination.

Programme

Thursday, 26th April

- 15:30 - 17:00 Guided tour through the German Mining Museum, optional event for invited speakers
19:00 Welcoming dinner for invited speakers

Friday, 27th April

- 8:30 - 9:00 Introduction (Achim Lichtenberger/Constance von Rüden, Bochum)
Mediterranean Realities of Landscape
- 9:00 - 9:40 Martin Baumeister, Munich: The Mediterranean as a Historical Region? Some Considerations from the Perspective of Contemporary History
- 9:40 - 10:20 Thomas Stöllner, Bochum: Mineral Resources and Connectivity in the Mediterranean and its Hinterland
- 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 - 11:20 Georg Plattner, Vienna: The 'Marble Impact' on Asia Minor. Availability of Stone as a Parameter of Townscape and a Mediterranean Koiné
- 11:20 - 12:00 Loraine Farrelly, Portsmouth: Schizophrenic Urban Reality. The Changing Urban Landscapes of the Mediterranean Region
- 12:00 - 12:40 Constance von Rüden, Bochum: Making the Way through the Sea in Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean
- 12:40 - 14:00 Lunch Break
Mediterranean Realities of Materialized Hubs and Human Interaction
- 14:00 - 14:40 A. Bernard Knapp, Glasgow: Prehistoric Cyprus: A 'Crossroads' of Interaction?
- 14:40 - 15:20 Heidrun Friese, Frankfurt/Oder: Transnational Mobilities and Cultural Resources
- 15:20 - 16:00 Walter Gauß/Gudrun Klebinder- Gauß, Athens/Salzburg: The Chance of a Lack. Landscape and Economy at Aegina
- 16:00 - 16:20 Coffee Break
- 16:20 - 17:00 Anna Collar, Exeter: Using Networks to Explore the Spread of Religious Ideas in the Mediterranean
- 17:00 - 17:40 Jan Driessen/Quentin Letesson, Louvain: Minoan Lines. Levels of Connectivity in the Cretan Bronze Age
- Evening dinner for invited speakers

Saturday, 28th April

- Mediterranean Realities of Politics**
- 9:00 - 9:40 Sebastian Kolditz, Bochum: The Carolingians and the Mediterranean - Theories and Realities
- 9:40 - 10:20 Iain Chambers, Naples: Thinking the Mediterranean, Rethinking Modernity: the Postcolonial Challenge
- 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 - 11:20 Stefan Altekamp, Berlin: Crossing the Sea. The Translation of Bodily Relics to and from North Africa
- 11:20 - 12:00 Michael Dietler, Chicago: Ethnocentric Mediterraneans: Consumption, Entanglement, and the Importance of Boundaries in Ancient Mediterranean France
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break
Mediterranean Realities of Allure and Desire
- 13:30 - 14:10 Naor Ben-Yehoyada, Cambridge/MA: Segmentary Strategies and the Spirit of Mediterraneanism
- 14:10 - 14:50 Yannis Hamilakis, Southampton: Producing Mediterraneanness through Material Heritage
- 14:50 - 15:30 Michael Herzfeld, Cambridge/MA: Perpetration and Perpetuation: The Persistence of Reciprocal Stereotypes in the Geo-Politics of Mediterranean Culture
- 15:30 - 15:50 Coffee Break
- 15:50 - 17:30 Final Discussion (Chair: Johannes Fabian, Amsterdam)
- Evening dinner for invited speakers