



## **6th INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE PeCla 2017**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 6th PeCIA 2017 International Postgraduate Conference (Perspectives on Classical Archaeology 2017) will be held at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Monday and Tuesday, 11th – 12th December 2017**

PeCIA 2017 is a two-day conference in Classical Archaeology and Classics aimed at postgraduate / doctoral students traditionally offering a space for presenting research results, discussion, and an exchange of ideas, in a friendly and supportive environment. This year's theme of the conference is:

### **RESOURCES: POWER AND CONNECTIVITY IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN**

Speaking of resources one usually thinks directly of the copper ingots on the Uluburun shipwreck or the grain from Egypt in the later periods. However, the range of resources being traded and consumed by the ancient Mediterranean societies was much broader than that! It encompassed not only the omnipresent metals and other raw materials, such as stones, minerals, clay or agricultural products, but also ready-made tools or even human power and the related transfer of knowledge and technologies. Therefore, the primary aim of the conference will be to identify all the possible facets of the catch-all term Resources, from Prehistory to Late Antiquity. A diachronic approach in environmental archaeology and resource procurement strategies can offer results in shifting networks and economic background.

While the commonly used means of geoarchaeology, archaeometry, archeobotany or archeozoology are welcomed, we would like to discuss the social and political dimension of resource handling: What was the impact of unequal geographical distribution of resources across the Mediterranean? How was their mining, production and distribution organised? Who was in control? What about trade of perishable items, such as textiles, horses and slaves? This brings us also to the old question: is there a causal link between the resources, trade networks and connectivity as such in the Mediterranean? A broader employment of a post-colonial perspective can be especially useful in this respect.

Conceived broadly, this theme gives young scholars the full opportunity to present and discuss their opinions and thoughts applicable to the theme. Papers from postgraduates in all stages of their research, both theoretical and practical are welcome.

## **Keynote lecture:**

Prof. Dr. Barbara Horejs, Institute for Oriental and European Archeology, Vienna,  
<http://www.orea.oeaw.ac.at/>

## **Resources and their impact on Aegean-Anatolian societies through time.**

### **A view from prehistory**

More **detailed abstracts** of 500 words specifying methodology and the main results for a 20-minute paper or a poster (portrait, paper size 70x100 cm) are expected **before October 1st, 2017** by email at: **PeCla.conference@ff.cuni.cz**. Should you have any further enquiries, please use the same e-mail address before the deadline. Applicants will be notified by the beginning of November.

**Conference fee:** EUR 20 (covers printed materials, refreshment during the conference breaks, etc.; payable during registration or by bank transfer). More info in the second circular.

**Conference language:** English

**The organisers:** Stanislava Kučová – Jiří Musil – Peter Pavúk – Jozef Souček – Marek Verčík

We are looking forward to seeing you in Prague!