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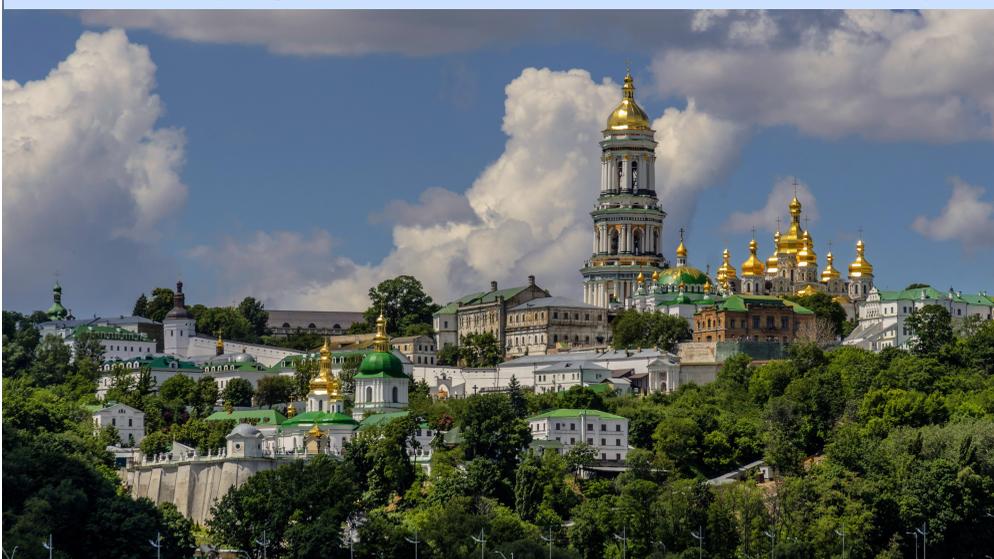
Newsletter

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As I write, the war in Ukraine is over six months old, roughly a fifth of Ukraine's internationally recognised territory is under Russian occupation, and tens of thousands of Ukrainians, Russians, and other ethnicities have died in the service of a Russian nationalist ideology that seems to combine the most toxic elements of late Russian imperial Great Russian Chauvinism and a Soviet disregard for the national identity of non-Russian ethnicities that often oscillated wildly between active violence and the dead weight of 'mere' authoritarianism.

This is perhaps a good moment to remember that Ukraine's post-medieval history and heritage is an active and significant part of Europe's broader post-medieval heritage – and indeed global heritage. It's perhaps not widely appreciated that five of the Ukrainian sites on the

*Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra Complex (National Reserve of Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra),
Kyiv, Lavra Str. (Image: Falin, CC BY-SA 3.0, via Wikimedia Commons)*



UNESCO World Heritage list are wholly or partially post-medieval in date. I list them here (in no particular order) to build awareness of Ukraine's role within our shared European post-medieval heritage. These descriptions are paraphrased from the relevant UNESCO World Heritage listings.

Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra

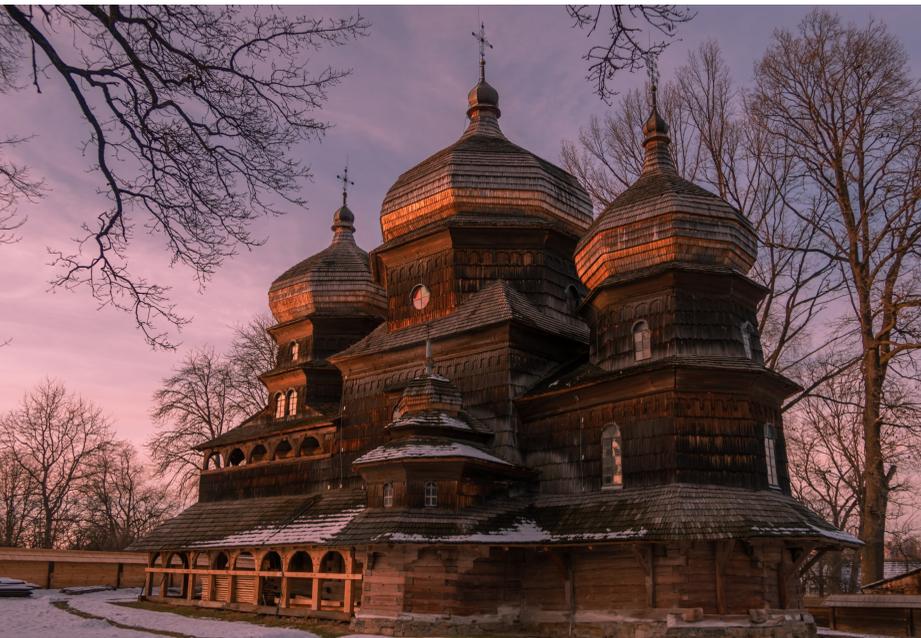
(Above): While its foundation dates back to the 11th century, many aspects of this site (one of the most important monastic complexes in the Eastern Orthodox Church) date to the post-medieval period. These include the 18th-century Great Lavra Belltower – one of the most prominent landmarks in the Kyiv skyline – and the 17th-century All Saints Church.

L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre: The urban topography of the historic centre of this eastern Ukrainian city was developed between the 13th and 17th centuries, and includes an extensive resource of Baroque and later buildings, many reflecting a synthesis of Eastern European traditions alongside influences from Italy and Germany.

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The Residence of Bukovinian and Dalmatian Metropolitans: Located in the southwestern city of Chernivtsi, this 19th-century residence of Eastern Orthodox bishops was built by Czech architect Josef Hlavka between 1864-82 when this region was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The UNESCO listing states the “dramatic fusion of architectural references expresses the 19th century cultural identity of the Orthodox Church within the Austro-Hungarian Empire during a period of religious and cultural toleration”.

Struve Geodetic Arc: This site is a chain of survey triangulations stretching 2,820 km from Hammerfest in Norway through to the Black Sea. The listed sites are points of a survey, carried out in the 19th century to undertake the first accurate measuring of a long segment of a meridian, helping to establish the exact size and shape of the planet. It marks a significant example of 19th-century scientific collaboration.



St. George's Church, Drohobych, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine (Image: Elena Kurylo, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons)

Wooden Tserkvas of the Carpathian Region in Poland and Ukraine (left): A shared Polish and Ukrainian site consisting of 16 wooden churches built and/or developed over the 16th through 19th centuries. The churches are affiliated with both the Eastern Orthodox Church and Eastern Rite Greek Catholic churches. They are outstanding historical examples of an Orthodox ecclesiastical timber-building tradition that continues to the present day in many Slavic countries.

Collectively, these sites remind us of present-day

Ukraine's important historical role at the crossroads of different European historical, ecclesiastical, and cultural heritage drawing on (in the post-medieval period) the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Russian Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and autochthonous traditions, each helping to form part of the unique tapestry of the modern state. Each of these sites is under threat in different ways from Russia's aggression, and SPMA joins its voice to those calling for the protection of Ukraine's heritage, whether UNESCO-listed or otherwise.

SPMA is planning to hold our 2023 annual conference – our first in-person since Glasgow 2019 (Covid getting in the way of 2020, 21, and 22) in Poznan, Poland. This is partly an initiative designed to alternate our annual conference between the UK and the rest of Europe, partly a means of thanking and supporting our Polish colleagues – who have been the largest group of colleagues from outside the UK at our in-person and online conferences since at least 2018 – and partly a means of engaging, in however small a way, with the impact of the conflict in neighbouring Ukraine on post-medieval heritage. We have a proposal to include a session or workshop on Ukraine in the conference, and look forward to building this engagement alongside our more traditional conference activities and themes. We hope to make a formal announcement in October – so look out for more information soon!

Alasdair Brooks

SPMA NEWS and EVENTS

THE ANNUAL GEOFF EGAN LECTURE & AGM: 7PM TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER, KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM, SHEFFIELD

***'Archaeology as Sustainability: collaborative cultural heritage work as advocacy for the sustainable future of humanity and more-than-humans'* by Dr Rachael Kiddey**

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/staff/dr-rachael-kiddey>

Drawing on a decade of collaborative contemporary archaeological fieldwork with marginalised people, this lecture explores what archaeology and cultural heritage studies can contribute to efforts to make the world a fairer and more sustainable place. This lecture discusses the project *Made in Migration* a collaboration of displaced people from 8 countries across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Balkans that harnessed im/material encounters of life in forced displacement using a variety of established archaeological and cultural heritage documentary methods – photography, semi-structured interviews, and iterative deep mapping. In complicating populist narratives, we drove home the historical context and diversity of people and places. Simultaneously, the project functioned as a therapeutic intervention for everyone involved, through reimagining themselves and others as mobile global citizens, 'belonging' in our right to peaceful and fulfilling lives.

As well as being the first live SPMA event since the [2019 Geoff Egan lecture](#) this will be the first time the AGM and Lecture have taken place outside London

THE SPMA PHD GROUP 2022-2023

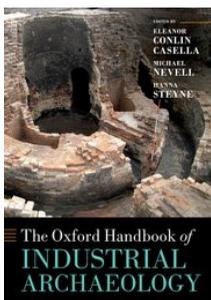
The SPMA PhD Group, which was launched for the 2021-22 academic year, has been a great success, and the SPMA is excited to continue to facilitate this great initiative. The Group offers a place in the Society for members who are currently research students to connect with other students from around the world with their research interests, and gain skills useful for doctoral life and postdoctoral employment.

At present the SPMA PhD Group is in the process of planning the upcoming year's programme. Group experiences will include public lectures, workshops, academic training on a variety of topics, and opportunities to present your research, and the opportunity to assist in the organisation of and session charring for the annual SPMA Congress. The programme offered to members is led by the needs and interests of its members and welcomes all additional suggestions of topics to explore and training that could be offered or facilitated. The upcoming 2022-23 Programme will be agreed upon in the coming months and will include a welcome event for PhD Group members in November and the Geoff Egan lecture in December.

Members from anywhere in the world are welcome to join the SPMA PhD Group and we look forward to meeting you soon.

The first PhD group meeting of the academic year will be on September 29th 4-6pm (online) to discuss and agree the 2022-23 programme.

If you are interested in joining the Group, please email the SPMA Membership Secretary Dr Lenore Thompson at membership@spma.org.uk



OUT NOW! THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY *Edited by Eleanor Casella, Michael Nevell, and Hanna Steyne*

Co-edited by SPMA Secretary Hanna Steyne and with forty three chapters on subjects ranging from temperance to nuclear archaeology this is the first major English language publication on Industrial archaeology in a decade. See <https://global.oup.com/> for more details.

SOCIETY PRIZES AND GRANTS

RESEARCH GRANTS For Society members. The maximum grant, and the total fund available in any single application round is £2000. Deadlines for applications: 1 March & 1 September.

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST GRADUATE DISSERTATION PRIZE Both prizes are £250: Departments can nominate a dissertation for each. Deadlines: 1 September & 15 December respectively.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD Up to £500 available to Society members and non-members, for innovative public-facing initiatives. Deadline for applications: 15 September.

PAUL COURTENAY CONGRESS BURSARY Open to Society members and non-members. This bursary enables students to participate in the SPMA's annual congress. The Council will prioritise the following: first time attendees, students, those on low-income and people who are traditionally underrepresented in archaeology (all self-defined). Deadline for applications: 15 February.

Recipients of awards and grants contribute a report to the Society website and newsletter. Recipients of the Dissertation Prizes are encouraged to contribute a short summary.

RESEARCH GRANT HOLDERS MARCH 2022

NIELS H. ANDREASEN, COPENHAGEN MUSEUM & NOTA PANTZOU, PATRAS UNIVERSITY

THE PANTOPOLEION IN ANO GATZEA: ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND DECLINE OF A VILLAGE SHOP ON A GREEK MOUNTAIN

In the past, village shops in Greece were the centres of social and economic activity in many small rural communities. Although consumption and retail receive increasing attention in post-medieval archaeology and historical research, the iconic Greek village shop has effectively escaped attention. Little is known about the long-term development of rural services in Greece, particularly shops, which are often ignored.

Our project investigates the founding and operation of an early 20th century village shop in a small mountain village on Mt. Pelion in Thessaly, Greece. It surveys the economic decline of the shop and the village following the disruption of a local transport network at the beginning of the 1970s. Remarkably, the shop preserves until today a diverse collection of products, dating to a large part of the 20th century.



Photo: Niels H. Andreasen

We hope to shed light on rural consumption, buying patterns, and how changing attitudes toward retail, rural communities, and the countryside were developing in this area of Greece by investigating the commercial history and cultural understanding of the shop in the local community. We look at the shifting historical construction of the shop within village life during the 20th century in terms of supplying goods and services, but also at its role in integrating and representing the community. Our approach combines perspectives from archaeological ethnography, conservation studies, architecture, and ICT. Fieldwork includes ethnographic interviews, architectural analysis, and the study of a wide range of artefactual, literary, and historical sources, such as fertilizer sacks, shoe boxes, account books, and trade directories.

Our team consists of two archaeologists, one social anthropologist, a cultural manager/dress historian and two conservators. The Pantopoleion Project is under the auspices of the Department of History-Archaeology, University of Patras and would not have been possible without the continuous and kind support of Giorgos Papadopoulos, grandson of this community shop's first owner, to whom we are indebted.

RESEARCH GRANT HOLDERS 2022 (cont.)

SARAH BREITER, PHD CANDIDATE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, USA **SOCIAL CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES; BUILDINGS IN WEST SUFFOLK AS A** **PROXY FOR SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS FROM 1450 TO 1700**

My project focuses on buildings constructed from 1450 to 1700 in west Suffolk, around the market town of Bury St. Edmunds. I approach buildings as a series of relationships, ranging from the household to the regional landscape. The way the timber, brick, stone, and flint are used within a building is connected to what was available to the community during a particular point in time. Through building materials, I am focusing on the relationships that govern the access and use of natural resources through time.

The relationships between local communities, landowners, builders, and their natural resources shifted during this period. In and around Bury St. Edmunds, the wool market had become increasingly important, with the local economy shifting from subsistence agriculture to the production of wool and textiles for profit. A group of prosperous peasants and merchants became increasingly wealthy by participating in wool trade, and they began to use building materials that were previously inaccessible to non-elite people. Most of the buildings I am studying were constructed by this social class.

The dissolution of the Abbey of St. Edmunds served as an important catalyst, with the vast woodlands and rentals being sold off through the crown to private landowners. These natural resources went from being managed by a single, powerful institution to multiple, smaller landowners who may have shifted how they managed the lands and rentals. I am interested in whether these shifts, from the transition of the local economy from feudalism to agrarian capitalism, as well as the change in local landowning, influenced the way people managed natural resources for use in buildings.

RACHEL HOPKINS, PHD CANDIDATE, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO **EARLY TUDOR GARDENS AND THEIR DESIGN: WHAT DID THEY LOOK LIKE, AND WHY?**

This project examines castle gardens as features of the fifteenth- and sixteenth- century English lived experience. The role of landscapes in everyday life, particularly pleasure gardens, will be analyzed alongside the design components and changes in gardens of the early Tudor period. Part of my dissertation research, this project uses archival documents, maps, photographs, and archaeological evidence to determine garden layouts and designs and to identify aspects of the landscapes that changed following the end of the Wars of the Roses. The objectives are 1) to collect location data of early Tudor era pleasure gardens connected with castles and manor houses in England, 2) to identify which aspects of the site may relate to display and which to privacy, and 3) determine how visibility affected landscape design using viewshed analysis to assess the visibility of the gardens from upper levels of adjacent structures, as an important factor in understanding garden design.

SPMA funding will support fieldwork, including field survey, drone photography, and phenomenological analysis at three sites in England—Framlingham Castle in Suffolk, Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire, and Wressle Castle in Yorkshire, all of which were built or significantly altered during the early Tudor period, between 1480 and 1540 CE and owned by a member of court or the upper nobility.



Angel hill, looking towards Abbeygate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. The buildings are all examples of timber framed, vernacular architecture; a few of the many that survive in and around the town



Wressle Manor Map, c. 1610. Source: Falkingham family, Castle Farm, Wressle. Also at YAS MS1285/3 & WSA Garland N39261

SPMA RESEARCH GRANT HOLDER FIELD REPORT

**SARA SIMÕES, UNIARQ - CENTRE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF LISBON
2020 RESEARCH GRANT HOLDER**

**REPORT ON THE SPMA-FUNDED PROJECT 'LEGACIES OF THE SLAVE TRADE IN
CACHEU, GUINEA-BISSAU: ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE AND PUBLIC MEMORY.'**

In 2020, The Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology awarded me a grant to start a project that intends to locate and document early modern slave trade houses in the area of Cacheu, Guinea-Bissau. Due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic, fieldwork was postponed and plans had to be rearranged – I was only able to travel to Guinea-Bissau in April and March 2022.

Cacheu, along with Bissau, was one of the first and the most important Portuguese establishments officially recognized in the Senegambia region. Although it was the largest port for the trade of enslaved people in West Africa since the 16th century, it was only one of the several ports involved in the intense transatlantic slave trade. During the 17th century, the attempts

of the Portuguese Crown to centralize the trade led to the proliferation of parallel trade activities, with an increasing number of *lançados* (renegade traders). Consequently, the occupation of the territory gradually changed, resulting in the construction of trade houses and the settlement of the so-called Luso-African communities along the Cacheu River. Those sites continued to be used beyond the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade in the 19th century and some of them are still occupied today. In some communities, the memory of slavery is intertwined with late colonial practices of forced labour and the struggle for national liberation. My ongoing project aims at locating and documenting trade houses along the river Cacheu, examining the relationship between the transatlantic slave trade and the complex regional trade network that sustained it.

During my fieldwork I also collaborated with the team of another project - *Ecologies of Freedom: Materialities of Slavery and Post-emancipation in the Atlantic World* (<https://www.facebook.com/ecologiesoffreedom>), directed by Rui Gomes Coelho (Durham University and Centre for Archaeology, University of Lisbon). This project aims at acquiring new data on the history of slavery and forced labour on the coast of Guinea-Bissau, including Cacheu. It is focused on the social and environmental transformations that took place during and after the abolition of slavery in two regions of the Atlantic world: Portugal and Guinea-Bissau. Our ongoing projects have a key partnership with the Memorial of Slavery and the Slave Trade and the Guinea-Bissauan NGO "Acção para o Desenvolvimento".

We intend these projects to be community-based. We will be discussing the trajectories of our research along the way with the people from Cacheu, looking for ways to attract and grow local interest for archaeology. During our fieldwork, we organized dissemination activities locally, which included meetings and visits of schools and institutions from different regions of Guinea-Bissau.

We excavated in the Memorial of Slavery and the Slave Trade complex, which occupies what was once the trade house of "Casa Gouveia", a powerful Portuguese company in the last decades of the colonial empire. The main building was originally built in the 17th century. My ongoing project intends to locate and document trade houses along Cacheu River, so this excavation will inform the survey of similar spaces. The artifacts of European origin, but specially the important assemblage of regional ceramics, are representative of the complex commercial networks in which Cacheu was inserted. This information is relevant for my research and will allow me to start tracing interactions between sites and communities, identifying chronological and spatial patterns and, therefore, recognizing when and how regional trade networks developed and connected trading ports along the river. between sites and communities, identifying chronological and spatial patterns and, therefore, recognizing when and how regional trade networks developed and connected trading ports along the river.



Port of Cacheu (Photo: Sara Simões)

SPMA RESEARCH GRANT HOLDER FIELD REPORT (cont.)



Lama, a member of the team, leading a school visit to the excavation (Photo: Sara Simões)

This grant allowed me to meet with traditional community leaderships, and people from local and national organizations such as the Tarrafes de Cacheu Natural Park and the Institute of Biodiversity and Protected Areas. I could initiate a series of interviews with people from Cacheu and surrounding villages to understand how the community remembers the trade of enslaved people in the early colonial period and the most recent regime of forced labour, which lasted until the mid-20th century. In the communities' collective memory, different historical experiences often merge and coexist. Unsurprisingly, memories of slavery and the colonial past not only reveal the complexity of historical and individual experiences, but also veil multiple narratives and temporal layers.

Within the framework of my research, the collected testimonies will inform the analysis of migrations that potentially masked the trade of people, allowing me to locate archaeological sites. Interviews will also allow us to reflect on the evolution of colonial relations in the region, how contemporary communities mediate the memories of the slavery, and how they are mobilised in the present.

Following the information obtained through historical documentation and interviews, I also started to survey areas surrounding Cacheu and nearby villages, and mapped areas of archaeological potential for future investigations. This survey was also important to understand the evolution of the riverside areas, where mangroves substantially changed the configuration of the spaces along the Cacheu River, and affected archaeological sites.



Surveying the surrounding area of Cacheu (Photos: Sara Simões)

With the research support of SPMA I was able to establish contacts with local and national organisations, and discuss the importance of archaeology to understand the construction of collective memories and contemporary societies. These steps will ensure the continuity of my project. The future field season is already being prepared.

FIELD REPORT

ATTILA DÉZSI, RIA FREY, JOHANNES RELLER AND MAREN SCHLINGMANN: FIELD SCHOOL AT THE FORMER CONCENTRATION CAMP ASBACH

In the Neckar-Odenwald district in the Southwest of Germany, an archaeological survey of the material remains of the former concentration camp "Asbach" was carried out in August and November 2021. The investigation, organized by the State Office for the Preservation of Monuments in the Regional Council of Stuttgart (LAD), was supported by students from the Tübingen Institute for Prehistory, Early History and Medieval Archaeology as part of a seminar and field school. A systematic surface survey and metal detector survey helped us to identify and document numerous building remains and features from the camp period. This measure is part of the inventory project "KZ-Komplex-Natzweiler: Denkmalfachliche Evaluierung der Außenlager und Arbeitsstätten in Baden-Württemberg"(1) of the LAD – the goal of this project is to record and evaluate sites of former National Socialist concentration camps and their associated sites of forced labour in the state of Baden-Württemberg according to concerns of monument preservation.

The subcamp of the Natzweiler concentration camp is situated in the Hönigwald forest, where about 150 concentration camp prisoners were forced to build barracks and camp infrastructure from October 1944 to March 1945. This unfinished camp was designed to house 2,000 forced labourers from Eastern Europe who were to be used in armaments production at a Daimler-Benz warplane engine factory. In March 1944 the armaments plant was relocated underground into the nearby Obrigheim gypsum mine under the code name "Goldfish". The Asbach camp was part of a network of camps along the Neckar River consisting of a total of six concentration camps and seven other camps for so-called Eastern workers, military internees and detainees - around 10,000 people had been deported to and housed in these camps to work at the Goldfish armaments factory. This mass deportation of people and industrialization happened within only 12 months. However, the construction of the Asbach camp was never completed. At the end of March 1945, the prisoners were deported by the guards in the direction of concentration camp Dachau.

The area of Asbach subcamp is one of the few undeveloped and thus largely intact material testimonies of the late phase of the National Socialist camp system in Baden-Württemberg and is listed as an archaeological cultural monument.



Group photo of the field school participants at area of former concentration camp Asbach (Photo: LAD / Attila Dézsi)

As part of the field school, students learned methods of surveying modern archaeological sites in forested areas and ethical ways of dealing with sites of injustice while recording the location, extent, and state of preservation of the former camp remains. The existing written and oral history sources do not provide clear evidence of the extent to which the camp was completed. In the seminar, the written (invoices) and pictorial sources (several construction plans of the camp, Allied aerial photographs and a prisoner's drawing), as well as oral history of French prisoners were compared and summarized together with the students for the interpretation and evaluation of the archaeological site. Despite the dense source material, the actual construction progress of the 36 planned camp buildings, as well as the location of the prisoners' barrack, among other things, cannot be determined.

In the field school in August 2021, a systematic inspection of the suspected area and a survey of the features and individual finds was carried out with students, funded with the help of the Friends' Association for Medieval Archaeology Tübingen. During the three-day surface survey, it turned out that a surprisingly large number of varying features had been preserved in the terrain thanks to the low level

CONFERENCE DIARY

CHAT DECOLONIZE! : 11-12 November 2022, Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon is one of the largest open-air museums of colonialism in Europe. Like in many other towns across the continent, coloniality lingers on the streets, is embedded in our things, and shapes everyone's lives. Many of us are questioning this state of affairs. The conference asks what can we archaeologists do about this?

Further details: descolonizachat.chat-arch.org Follow [#CHATLisbon2022](https://twitter.com/CHATLisbon2022) on the CHAT Twitter feed [@CHATArch](https://twitter.com/CHATArch)



SHA CONFERENCE ON HISTORICAL AND UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: 4-7 January 2023, Lisbon, Portugal. Revisiting Global Archaeologies. The conference theme not only references the international location and outlook of the meeting alongside the modern history of Lisbon as the center of one of the most significant global European empires of the early modern period, but also acknowledges the transformation of historical archaeology into a truly global discipline.

REVISITING GLOBAL ARCHAEOLOGIES Further details: sha.org/conferences/

SPMA POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY CONGRESS: Early May, Poznan, Poland

SPMA will hold its first in-person conference since Glasgow 2019 in Poland in May 2023. Full details to follow: spma.org.uk/conferences-and-meetings



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For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/38gfV7p> or contact Dr Eric Tourigny (eric.tourigny@ncl.ac.uk)

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