The New and the Old:

Ancient Studies during Covid-19 Times Chances and Challenges

November 6th, 2020, Friday, 09:00 CET



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A one-day workshop for early-career researchers on their current research and alternative approaches to ancient studies in Covid times – tricks and trials of conducting antiquity research from the home office.

While restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic have closed or significantly limited researchers their access to libraries, archives, storage facilities, laboratories and/or archaeological digs, an opportunity has arisen for the use and popularization of electronic and online resources. Many archives, lexica, databases etc., are now available for all to use at home during self-isolation. Unlike in other scientific fields, in the field of Humanities one can take advantage of these tools in a more significant way, notwithstanding the impossibility of replacing practical activities such as archaeological excavations or the autoptic study of artefacts.

We warmly invite early-career researchers to an international workshop regarding the study of the Ancient World in its different aspects during the Coronavirus pandemic. By bringing together specialists from various field of ancient studies, we aim to provide a broad spectrum of approaches and tools that may be of use to colleagues in related disciplines. What are the methodologies applied to this field in the current context? How do you deal with digital tools and what are the main difficulties/advantages encountered while conducting your research?

What?

Present the current results of your research project and include an introduction into the digital tools you use. If suitable, introduce your particular strategies to cope with the pandemic limitations.

Who?

MAs, PhDs, Postdocs; senior researchers and experienced academics in a field of ancient studies.

When?

Friday, November 6, 2020 9:00am Central European Time.

Format:

10 or 20 minute presentation per zoom, with the opportunity to share your screen and electronic handouts, followed by 10 minute Q&A session.

How to apply?

Per email to chanceschallenges2020@web.de until September 25th, 2020. Include a 3-4-sentence description of your talk, indicating your research area and tools/strategies to be presented, as well as your prefered time slot (10 or 20 minutes) and language (English or German).

