

From individuals' (hi-)story to cultural history

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Workshop
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What archaeology and the ancient studies constantly – notoriously – lack is data. Even though archaeological remains provide us with a wealth of information, what is left to assess is only a small fraction of what once was. The question on how to (re-)construct complex cultural and historical contexts based on incomplete records and fragmentary datasets is therefore one of the major research topics cultural, historical as well as social studies face.

In close cooperation with the well-established ‚BAK Reading Circle on Archaeological Theory‘ and the ‚Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies‘ (BerGSAS), we want to address this problem in an interdisciplinary workshop with the focus on individuals‘ records.

Taking into account written sources, such as (auto-)biographies, diaries & letters, as well as material culture, like statues & tombs, containing or providing (accessible) personal information from different time periods, junior scientists will present their methodological approach to be discussed and evaluated for their chances, benefits and applicability in other subjects.

JOIN US!

- 10:30 – 11:30 Introduction: E. M. Hemauer (HU Berlin, BerGSAS)
Anthropology as a source of history
- 11:30 – 12:30 Session 1: M. Dietrich (FAU Erlangen)
What information about history is provided by individuals‘ records?
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 – 15:00 Session 2: A. Hofmann (FU Berlin)
Extended case studies and their use for sociocultural investigation
- 15:00 – 16:00 Session 3: P. Heindl (LMU München, DW)
Identifying & interpreting signs – a semiotic approach to reconstruct social realities
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 17:30 Session 4: J. Schneider (HU Berlin,)
What do we actually need? ‘The typical‘ vs. ‘The exotic‘
- 17:30 – 18:15 Summary & Get Together
- 18:15 – 19:45 G. Cyrus/A. Veling (FU Berlin, BerGSAS)
BAK Reading Circle Session

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