



*Connecting archaeologists across
the Roman frontier since 2023.*

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Upcoming Events



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY LECTURES FOR ALL
INSIGHTS

 **Newcastle University**

Society of Antiquaries of
Newcastle upon Tyne Lecture:
**Last line of defence? Excavating
the Roman frontier at Magna fort**
Rachel Frame, The Vindolanda Trust

Wednesday 29 October, 6.00pm

Last line of defence? Excavating the Roman frontier at Magna fort

29th October, 6pm

Rachel Frame, Senior archaeologist at the Magna Project for the Vindolanda Trust, is giving the annual public lecture for the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne. If you are in

Newcastle, book your spot below and pop in the Herschel Building on Campus.

Her talk will deal with the five-year research project investigating the Roman fort of Magna, on Hadrian's Wall, and its surrounding landscape. The project has so far explored five trenches to the north of the fort. These have covered both features of the Hadrianic frontier and those associated with the fort. The results of the excavations have shed light onto the different functions of this frontier landscape and the people who inhabited it.

Book your in-person place here!

If you would rather join on Zoom, copy and paste the following link into your calendar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86871243410?pwd=ycZQbN6ngaebEbZy8BuxlzXd5P9ewt.1>

For your safety, and to make sure no unauthorised people access the meeting, you may need the following:

Meeting ID: 868 7124 3410 Passcode: 063194

Commercial archaeology in the UK and beyond: a FREE workshop

The Roman Frontiers ECR network, in partnership with the Roman Provincial Interest Group (RPAIG), is planning another free professional development workshop! If you enjoyed our last one, on public archaeology and the media, don't miss our next event! In November we take a deeper look at Commercial Archaeology, or archaeology done as a condition of planning permission. We hope to host panellists from the UK, Canada, and beyond. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter!



Roman Finds Group Conference

The next RFG conference will be held on **Friday 31st October** online via Zoom. The theme is "Recent Finds from Volunteer Excavations in the Roman World", and will include speakers from the UK, Italy, and Romania. Book your spot below, this conference is **FREE!**

Book your space

Call for Papers

CFP: Outside the Workshop: the Artisan as an Actor in Premodern Societies 2026

The Institut des études anciennes et médiévales at Université Laval in Québec City, Canada, is looking for papers on craftworkers and their role as social actors for **March 26th-27th, 2026**. Since the 19th c., the historiography of craftworkers in the ancient world has been shaped by the paradigm of the artisan-producer or largely defined by their productive activity, entrenched in negative preceptions. This conference is looking for papers focusing on artisans that extend beyond their artisanal tasks.

They invite proposals exploring artisans' roles in the following areas:

- Religious life
- Land transfers
- Monetary loans
- Participation in public life
- Social and family relationships
- Conflict mediation
- Evergetism
- Military participation
- Administrative functions

They strongly encourage an interdisciplinary approach and research on non-Western regions, including the Muslim world, India, and China.

Requirements for proposal:

- maximum 350 words
- clearly present research question, methodology, and sources used
- accompanied by a short biography (max. 200 words) including institutional affiliation, main research interests, and major publications (if applicable)

Proposals due: October 15th 2025 to alexandre.beaudet.2@ulaval.ca and jordan.monaci.1@ulaval.ca

For more information, see the flyer below!

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LAST Call! Submit your abstracts for RAC/TRAC 2026 in Aarhus.

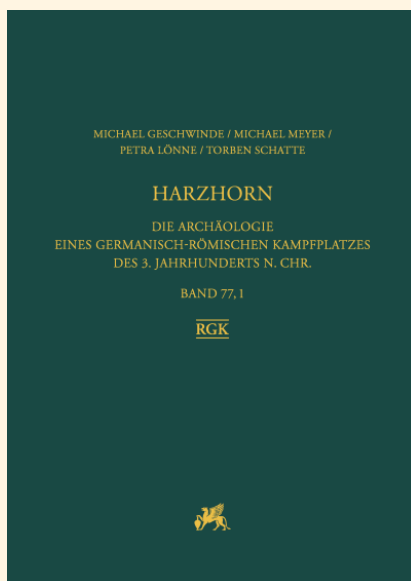
Abstracts for RAC/TRAC are due by **10 October, 2025**. There are many great sessions on frontiers, including some organised by ECR network members.

Check out:

- RAC 1 Public Archaeology of the Roman Empire: from Engagement to Participation
- RAC 6 At Empire's Edge: Rethinking the Limes of the Roman Empire
- RAC 10 Supplying the Roman Army: Centralised or Decentralised Production of Military Equipment?
- RAC/TRAC 18 The art of assessing burials – from developing methodologies to incorporating scientific analyses
- TRAC 1 Crafting Connections: Communities, Identities, and Practices in the Roman World
- TRAC 3 Dry data? Archaeology on the arid fringes of the Roman empire as inter- and trans-disciplinary research

And many more!

Publication of the Month



News on Roman battlefield archaeology!

Harzhorn: Die Archäologie eines germanisch-römischen Kampfplatzes des 3. Jahrhunderts n. Chr.

by Michael Geschwinde, Michael Meyer, Petra Lönne, Torben Schatte (eds.)

Harzhorn – A Romano-Germanic combat site. In 2008, Roman finds from a mountain ridge in southern Lower Saxony – a site situated about 150 km outside the Roman provinces – were reported to the regional archaeologist. Soon, archaeological research was organized, including large-scale detector prospections and small-scale, goal-oriented excavations. This volume presents the results of subsequent research that was conducted between 2008 and

2020. It is divided in five parts, which refer to “site and field research” (part 1), “finds” (part 2), “analysis” (part 3), “bibliography and appendixes” (part 4) and, finally, “catalogue and plates” (part 5).

[More information](#)

Researcher of the month

Paul Kitching

Hello everyone! My name is Paul, and I am an Honorary Research Fellow at Durham University. My research focusses on questions of epistemology in archaeology — exploring how we use a partial and fragmentary archaeological record to reason about the past. This extends to how archaeological knowledge of all periods is constructed, but I am particularly interested in the frontiers of the Roman Empire and maritime archaeology.

My PhD thesis (2020–24) explored how evidential reasoning is conducted in archaeology, using the Roman frontier of Hadrian’s Wall as a case study and in 2026 I will commence a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship. This project, ‘Maritime powerscapes: reconnecting late-Roman littoral infrastructure in northwest Europe’, will run for three years and involve a historiographic and archaeological analysis of late-Roman coastal infrastructure, examining how the physical reworking of the coast reinforces imperial power far beyond the shore. By harnessing legacy data, reconnecting sites previously viewed in isolation and studying them in their maritime context, the research seeks to re-evaluate the Roman approach to maritime frontiers and the broader Atlantic world.

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