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**HAEMUS** *international research network*  
**Archaeology and history of the Balkans  
in Late Antiquity (3rd-8th century AD)**

**1st International  
Workshop**

**Late Antique *villae*  
in the Balkans (3rd-7th c. AD):  
Current Research Questions  
and Perspectives**

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# 10 November 2021:

University of Lille, Pont-de-Bois Campus, Amphitheatre B7

*Welcome - Introduction*

**8:30-9:00:** *Welcome*

**9:00-9:15:** *Opening*

**Kathleen O’Connor** (Vice-President of the University of Lille for International Relations) and **Sandrine Huber** (Director of the HALMA-UMR 8164 research centre)

**9:15-9:35:** *Introduction*

**Orsolya Heinrich-Tamáska** (Leipzig),  
**Christoph Rummel** (Frankfurt am Main) and  
**Carla Sfameni** (Rome)

**9:35-10:00:** *The HAEMUS International Network, the Project, the Partners*

**Dominic Moreau** (Lille)

*Inaugural Keynote Lectures (Chair: Dominic Moreau)*

**10:00-11:00:** *The Decoration of the Piazza Armerina Roman villa and the Manifestations of Luxury in Late Antique Society*

**Patrizio Pensabene** (Rome) and  
**Paolo Barresi** (Enna)

**11:00-11:30:** *Coffee Break*

**11:30-12:30:** *Villae in the Late Roman West as Expressions of Aristocratic Culture*

**Simon Esmonde Cleary** (Birmingham)

**12:30-14:00:** *Lunch*

**14:00-15:00:** *Inside but Outside – Absentee Land Owners: Collapse but Surprising Continuity on the Lower Danube*

**Andrew Poulter** (Nottingham and Birmingham)

**15:00-15:30:** *Coffee Break*

*General Issues (Chair: Orsolya Heinrich-Tamáska)*

**15:30-16:30:** *The Archaeology of villae during Late Antiquity: status quaestionis and Research Perspectives*

**Carla Sfameni** (Rome)

**16:30-17:00:** *Coffee Break*

**17:00-18:00:** *Late Antique villae in the Balkans: Current Research, Questions and Perspectives*

**Tin Turković** (Zagreb) – Online

## **11 November 2021:**

Lille Métropole – Musée d'art moderne, d'art contemporain et d'art brut (LaM), Auditorium

*Villae, Cities and Military in the Balkans* (**Chair: Andrew Poulter**)

**9:00-9:30:** *Welcome*

**9:30-10:15:** *The Changing Relationship between villae and Cities in the Late Antique Balkans*

**Eftymios Rizos** (Serres) and  
**Konstantinos Ketanis** (Volos)

**10:15-11:00:** *Interactions between villae and the Military? Villae and/or Fortifications in the Danube and Balkan Provinces during Late Antiquity*

**Orsolya Heinrich-Tamaska** (Leipzig) and  
**Christoph Rummel** (Frankfurt am Main)

**11:00-11:30:** *Coffee Break*

### **Round Table 1: Villae, Landscape and Settlement Changes, Part 1**

**(Chairs: Michael Doneus and Nives Doneus)**

**11:30-11:50:** *Introduction – From villae to Landscape*

**Michael Doneus** (Vienna) and  
**Nives Doneus** (Vienna) – Online

**11:50-12:10:** *From Points to Meshes. Villa Landscape Researches in Pannonia*  
**Máté Szabó** (Lille)

**12:10-12:30:** *Outside the Balkans – What Geophysics can Bring for the Study of Roman villae? Comparison from 20 Different Surveys*  
**Michel Dabas** (Paris)

**12:30-14:00:** *Lunch*

**14:00-14:20:** *Villa rustica in Obelya (Sofia): Economic Specifications, Everyday Life and Abandonment*  
**Anani Antonov** (Sofia) – Online

**14:20-14:40:** *The Development of Rural Settlements around Ibida Fortress during the 4th Century AD*  
**Ștefan Honcu** (Iași)

**14:40-15:00:** *New Results of Archaeological Research of Late Antique and Early Byzantine Sites in Montenegro*  
**Mladen Zagarčanin** (Bar) – Online

**15:00-15:30:** *Coffee Break*

## **Round Table 1: *Villae*, Landscape and Settlement Changes, Part 2** **(Chair: Simon Esmonde Cleary)**

**15:30-15:50:** *Roman Architecture of Vižula, Croatia: Research Strategy for Large-Scale Coastal Settlement Sites*  
**Nives Doneus** (Vienna) and  
**Michael Doneus** (Vienna) – Online

**15:50-16:10:** *From the Laecanii to Tito. The villa maritima expolitissima in the Verige Bay (Brioni, Croatia)*  
**Mario Bloier** (Weissenburg)

**16:10-16:30:** *Outside the Balkans – Villae & Landscape: New results from the Hinterland of Treveris and Northern Spain (La Olmeda)*  
**Felix Teichner** (Marburg) and  
**Florian Hermann** (Marburg) – Online

# 12 November 2021:

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**8:30-9:00:** *Welcome*

## **Round table 2: Palace and/or villa?** *(Chairs: Lynda Mulvin and Nigel Westbrook)*

**9:00-9:30:** *Introduction – Palace and/or villae? A status quaestionis*

**Lynda Mulvin** (Dublin) and  
**Nigel Westbrook** (Perth) – Online

**9:30-9:50:** *Gamzigrad-Felix Romuliana: Palace and/or villa?*

**Stefan Pop-Lazić** (Belgrade) and  
**Christoph Rummel** (Frankfurt am Main)

**9:50-10:10:** *The Theodosian Palace at Stobi, a Residence of an Elite Roman Citizen*

**Ljubinka Džidrova** (Skopje) – Online

**10:10-10:30:** *The Villa Armira in Thrace (Bulgaria): Current Research Questions*

**Gergana Kabakchieva** (Sofia) and  
**Benjamin Frerix** (Vienna) – Online

**10:30-11:00:** *Coffee Break*

**11:00-11:20:** *The Luxury villa of Valerius Dalmatius, Governor of Lugdunensis III at Nagyharsány, Hungary*

**Zsolt Mráv** (Budapest) – Online

**11:20-11:50:** *Glac: A High Status villa Complex in the Hinterland of Sirmium*

**Stefan Pop-Lazić** (Belgrade) and  
**Richard Miles** (Sidney)

**11:50-12:10:** *A Roman villa discovered in Tirana*

**Mariglen Meshini** (Tirana) and  
**Rigert Çako** (Tirana)

**12:10-12:30:** *Complexity and Contradiction in Diocletian's Palace*

**Goran Nikšić** (Split)

**12:30-14:00:** *Lunch*



**14:00-14:20:** *Outside the Balkans – Cercadilla, a Late Roman villa in Hispania*  
**Javier Arce** (Lille)

**14:20-14:50:** *Discussion*

### **Round table 3: Villae, Culture and Religion** **(Chair: Christophe J. Goddard)**

**14:50-15:10:** *Introduction – Villae and Religions in Late Antiquity: Misunderstandings and Illusions*

**Christophe J. Goddard** (Paris)

**15:10-15:30:** *Constantine the Great's Legacy at the Late Antique Complex of Mediana (Naissus)*

**Nadežda Gavrilović Vitas** (Belgrade) – Online

**15:30-16:00:** *Coffee Break*

**16:00-16:20:** *Diaporit (Albania): From villa to Pilgrimage Centre?*

**William Bowden** (Nottingham)

**16:20-16:40:** *The villa of Nerodime and its Late Antique Representation of the Seven Wise Men*

**Marigona Ademi** (Paris)

**16:40-17:00:** *Discussion*

**17:00-17:30:** *Coffee Break*

### *Conclusions*

**17:30-18:00:** *General Conclusions*

**Javier Arce** (Lille)

Pictures: Vegetation marks revealing the Roman *villae* in Steinbrunn and Bad Sauerbrunn (2nd-4th c. AD), south of Vienna, Austria (© Department of Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology, University of Vienna, 2003) // Portrait of Chilon of Sparta, fragment of the mosaic floor of the Roman *villa* of Nerodime – e Poshtme / Donje Nerodimlje (© Archaeological Institute of Kosovo).

