

ROOTS – Cluster of Excellence presents:

Public Lecture Series by JMA-Chairs*

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* This new Lecture Series provides novel research perspectives to unveil interwoven past social, environmental, and cultural phenomena, shedding light on the 'roots' of current socio-environmental challenges and crises. Leading international experts joining the Cluster of Excellence as guest chairs (Johanna-Mestorf-Academy-Chairs) give insight into their research, enhancing ROOTS large interdisciplinary initiative.

From 2016 to 2021 Axel Christophersen coordinated a cross-disciplinary research project on Medieval urban health using Trondheim as a case study (Photo: Jan Steffen).

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» Why does she act this way?

An oblique look at interdisciplinary cooperation, opportunities and limitations in archaeological observation, documentation and analysis work. «

The citation is taken from a book of Astrid Lindgren, where a subterranean being wonders why two human legs are sticking out of the ceiling of her earth cave. In interdisciplinary projects, one can be confronted with such questions: What is this? Why is it done that way, etc.? Urban archeology in the Nordic countries has always been much about experimenting and working with natural sciences methods, old and new once. In the wake of such collaborative relationships, notorious challenges have arisen about how different scientific practice traditions are explained (or not) and assumed (or not) by the collaborative partners. Often this theme is reduced to a question of weak communication and a lack of

insight into cross-disciplinary routinized practice patterns. But there are more than misunderstanding and superficial communication generating this challenge. It is worth thinking of the fact that in the last instance interdisciplinary cooperation is not about what one intends to do, *but what one do*. So, what do we do?



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