



### Intentions and Meaning: A comparative view of Late Antique Hilltop sites in Europe

The workshop is the opening event of the scientific accompanying program of the planned international exhibition on Late Antique Hilltop settlements in Europe. It will deal with the origin, type and duration of settlement and the significance of these sites. Questions concerning the definition of hilltop settlements and the political, social and economic conditions that led to their emergence are particularly relevant. How can we define this type of settlement? What are the characteristic topographical and architectural elements of hilltop settlements? Who decided and was responsible for their planning, construction and financing?

These issues have fuelled research discussions from the beginning and are part of the overarching questions that the workshop addresses. In particular, it is important to critically evaluate the models that have prevailed in the past, which depend, among other things, on the data available. The comparison of national research traditions is also relevant, as is the analysis of the influence of such interpretive approaches. Following a regional division of the papers from Western Europe over the Alps to Balkan Peninsula, we will determine the temporal and spatial scale of the settlements and discuss comparative perspectives for further research.

**The National Museum of Slovenia** is the oldest museum in Slovenia: in 2021 it will celebrate its 200th anniversary. The National Museum of Slovenia is located in a neo-Renaissance palace built according to designs by Viljem Trebošnik and was opened to the public in 1888. The museum's history dates back to 1821, to the founding of its predecessor, the Provincial Museum of Carniola. Today it houses rich collections of valuable objects: archaeological, numismatic and graphic collection. Important pillars of the museum's activity are also research, the rich museum library and the department of conservation and restoration.

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**Venue:** National Museum of Slovenia – Metelkova, Maistrova ulica 1, Ljubljana

The workshop will take place live (with a limited number of participants or in accordance with the instructions of the National Institute of Public Health) and virtually. Please confirm your participation by September 21, 2021 to [matic.zupan@nms.si](mailto:matic.zupan@nms.si). You will then receive a link enabling you to access the event.

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International Workshop in Ljubljana

**22nd to 24th September 2021**

National Museum of Slovenia, Ljubljana



## Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

9:00 – 17:00

- 9:00 – 9:10 **Pavel Car** and **Daša Pavlovič** (Ljubljana): Greetings
- 9:10 – 9:30 **Zvezdana Modrijan**, **Tina Milavec** (Ljubljana), **Orsolya Heinrich-Tamaska** (Leipzig) and **Marcus Zagermann** (München): Introduction
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Tina Milavec** (Ljubljana): Late antique hilltop settlements in the southeastern Alps: state of research and open questions
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Elisa Possenti** (Trento): Late Antique Hilltop Sites in Southern Middle Alps
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Annina Wyss** (Bern): Hilltop sites in the central Alpine region: characterisation and contextualisation of a settlement form at the transition between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Alois Stuppner** (Vienna): Late Antique Hillforts in the Middle Danube Region
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:15 **Hrvoje Gračanin** (Zagreb): Comment from the historical point of view to the Alps
- 14:15 – 14:30 **Zvezdana Modrijan** (Ljubljana): Comment from the archaeological point of view to the Alps
- 14:30 – 15:00 Discussion
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Marcus Zagermann** (Munich): The phenomenon of hilltop settlements in the Vosges, Black Forest, Hegau and Swabian Alb
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Sebastian Ristow** (Cologne): Hilltop sites in Northern Gallia and Germania
- 16:30 – 17:00 **José María Tejado Sebastián** (Logrono): Hilltop settlements in Northern Hispania: state of research

## Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

9:00 – 17:30

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Andy Seaman** (Canterbury): Late Antique Hillfort Occupation in Southern Britain: Chronology, Context, and Interpretation
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Damien Martinez** (Lyon): Hilltop settlements in middle and southern Gallia
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Roland Steinacher** (Innsbruck): Comment from the historical point of view to the West
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Roland Prien** (Heidelberg): Comment from the archaeological point of view to the West
- 11:00 – 11:30 Discussion
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Slavko Ciglenečki** (Ljubljana): Hilltop sites in the settlements patterns of late antique Dalmatia (Höhensiedlungen in der Siedlungsstruktur der spätantiken Dalmatien)
- 12:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Chavdar Kirilov** (Sofia): Hilltop settlements at the Eastern Balkan peninsula between Late Antiquity and Early Middle Age
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Stavroula Sdrolia** (Larissa): Late antique hilltop sites in Greece
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Mihailo Milinković** (Belgrade): Hilltop Settlements at the territory of present-day Serbia and Montenegro
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Carolyn Snively** (Gettysburg): Fortified Late Antique Hilltop Settlements in North Macedonia: Purpose and Geographical Distribution

- 16:30 – 16:45 **Alexander Sarrantis** (Warsaw): Comment from the historical point of view to the Balkan
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Orsolya Heinrich-Tamaska** (Leipzig): Comment from the archaeological point of view to the Balkan
- 17:00 – 17:30 Discussion

## Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

9:00 – 17:00

- 9:00 – 10:00 Database
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 12:30 Exhibition: Venues, Content and Title, scientific background, partners
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Application Creative Europe, part 1
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 – 17:00 Application Creative Europe, part 2

