

**ROOTS – Cluster of Excellence presents:**

# Public Lecture Series by JMA-Chairs\*

*Kunsthalle Kiel / Düsternbrooker Weg 1 / 24105 Kiel*

\* 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 on past social, environmental, and cultural phenomena. This sheds light on the 'roots' of current socio-environmental challenges and crises.

Pompeii, narrow street with shops in the city center (photo: Miko Flohr).

**21 JUNE 2023**  
starting 04:00 p.m.



## » **Wealth and Poverty in the Roman Empire - the case of Pompeii** «

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were part of the larger urban populace, and living in a modestly sized house? How did the city look like when you were socially dependent of others, or even held as a slave in one of the elite households? What does that diversity mean for our understanding of the Roman Empire more in general? And has it also something to say about the way we may look at our own cities?



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\*Führende internationale Expert\*innen, die aktuell Gastprofessuren im Exzellenzcluster ROOTS innehaben (Johanna-Mestorf-Academy-Chairs), geben Einblick in ihre Forschung und bereichern die umfassende, interdisziplinäre Initiative von ROOTS zu vergangenen sozialen, ökologischen und kulturellen Phänomenen. So werfen sie ein Licht auf die Ursprünge aktueller sozio-ökologischer Herausforderungen und Krisen.

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