

## **COST Action COST-ARKWORK CA15201 Training School 2017 - Call for Trainees**

**Theme:** Studying Archaeological fieldwork, knowledge production, and the digital environment

**Date & Location:** Athens, Greece, 6.-10. Nov 2017 (5 days)

**Local Host:** Digital Curation Unit/Athena Research Centre, Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports, Association of Greek Archaeologists

**Venue:** Association of Greek Archaeologists

### **About this Training School**

The training school aims to get participants acquainted with the goals, theories, concepts and methods of the study of archaeological practices, by examining state-of-the-art digital field methods and how these have changed archaeological knowledge production in science and heritage management. During the training school we will explore how archaeologists are conducting fieldwork and how they document their work and findings in different countries and contexts. We will further examine how this analysis of archaeological knowledge work can contribute to developing fieldwork practices and the use and usability of archaeological findings by different stakeholder groups.

### **Learning outcomes:**

Having completed the training school, participants are expected to be able to:

- identify, describe, and select appropriate methods for studying archaeological fieldwork practices and knowledge work in the digital environment;
- conceptualize and model an archaeological fieldwork project, and the actors, research methods, digital tools, information resources and goals it involves, as a knowledge practice;
- analyse, classify, and evaluate critically diverse archaeological fieldwork practices;
- identify different digital tools and environments used in archaeological fieldwork, and assess their use in the field of archaeology and heritage;
- describe different documentation methods and approaches used during archaeological fieldwork, and, outline their implications on archaeological documentation and interpretation;
- enumerate and analyze the factors involved in deciding which methods and tools to use in a given archaeological fieldwork project;
- recognize the challenges of balancing expert-based planning, stakeholders, sociocultural and institutional policy considerations in archaeological work;



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## **Practical details:**

The duration of this Training School is five working days (Trainees to arrive in Athens on 5/11 and depart on 11/11/2017). Part of the days will be spent in the classroom and part on site. The Grant of up to 800 EURO (up to 400 EUR for the residents of the country where the training school is organised) will be provided for accepted participants as a contribution to the travelling costs, accommodation and subsistence during the Training School.

## **Organized by ARKWORK**

This Action brings together the multidisciplinary work of researchers of archaeological practices in the field of archaeological knowledge production and use. The aim of the network is to make a major push forward in the current state-of-the-art in knowing how archaeological knowledge is produced, how it is used and how to maximize its positive impact on society. The focus of ARKWORK is on training the next generation of scholars and stakeholders by involving future leaders of research as well as high profile experts employed by the industry and public organizations.

## **Application process**

Researchers at different ranks are eligible to apply to the training school, including graduate and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and professionals. Researchers from any branch of archaeology, as well as information science, archival science, informatics, computer science, anthropology, sociology of knowledge, and other disciplines are welcome to apply, provided that they have an interest in archaeological practices and knowledge work in the digital environment

## **Applicants to the training school asking for funding should submit:**

1. A motivation letter, not exceeding one/two page. Note: Must include a clear indication of experience relevant to the topic of the training school; provide a rationale of why you are interested in the training school and how you envisage the training school to contribute to your learning and research objectives.
2. A short CV (2 pages max)

## **Please write to:**

Dr Antonia Davidovic-Walther: [antoniadavidovic@gmail.com](mailto:antoniadavidovic@gmail.com)

The applicant will be informed about acceptance for grant via Email. Applicants that will not receive a grant can participate with their own or their institutes funding.

**Closing date for applications is 3rd July, 2017**



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## **Preliminary programme**

### **Monday, 6.11.2017 - Introduction and student research projects**

9-11 Introduction - scope, theoretical framework

11-4 pm (three sessions): trainees present their own questions and/or research focus in the context of the school.

for preparation: trainees should bring material about their own research topics/questions

4-5pm - learning portfolios - students write down their learning objectives, start diary

### **Tuesday, 7.11.2017 - Digital practices and methods panorama**

9-5pm a panorama of archaeological fieldwork practices in the digital environment

Half hour presentations (8-10 in total) about different methods, quick case studies/experiences of using digital methods and tools

### **Wednesday 8.11.2017 - Studying archaeological practices: critical issues in cross-disciplinary context**

9-11 Roundtable I - anthropological and STS issues and approaches

11.30-1.30 Roundtable II - information science and informatics issues and approaches

Afternoon: individual reflection by students

Assignment: 500 word reflection on issues of fieldwork as knowledge work



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Acropolis view from training school site



View of training school site with Acropolis in the background

**Thursday, 9,11,2017 - Studying archaeological practices: research methods**

9-1pm

Case study I - Ethnography of Archaeology – Tonia Davidovic, Matt Edgworth

Lecture/class interaction (9-10:30)

Workshop on basis of dossier/case materials (11:00-1:00)

2-6pm



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Case study II - Interviewing and document analysis – Costis Dallas, Agiatis Bernadou  
Lecture/class interaction (2-3.30)  
Workshop on basis of dossier/case materials (4-6)

**Friday, 10.11.2017**

9-5pm Final discussions, Conclusion

Excursions are possible at Sunday, 5.11.2017 and Saturday, 11.11.2017



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