

Archaeological excavations in Bohemian Paradise

Two field excavations will be carried out between 18th and 29th July 2022 in Eastern Bohemia (Czech Republic) under the supervision of members of the Department of archaeology, Philosophical Faculty, the University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic (details of the excavations follows). We would like to invite international students of archaeology to participate in these excavations on the platform of [Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes](#) (BIPs). We aim to create a group of 15 - 20 international students divided into two subgroups. These subgroups will alternate between the two excavations. The excavations will be preceded by an online workshop presenting the results of the previous excavation seasons and the archaeological context of the excavations.

Basic information:

- Organizer: Department of Archaeology, Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové (CZ HRADEC01)
- short physical group mobility (12 days) in combination with virtual components
- physical mobility: 18th-29th July 2022
- 5 ECTS
- students of archaeology (BA, MA, Ph.D.) with communication level of English
- Each participant should get from her/his sending institution mobility grant: individual support is €70 per day.

Shortly about the excavations

Excavation 1: Research of the quadrangular enclosure complex in Markvartice, okr. Jičín

Quadrangular enclosure complex in Markvartice (district Jičín, Czech Republic) represents one of the few sites of this type known from the territory of the Czech Republic. The period of its origin and existence falls into the final phase of the Late Iron Age (LT C2-D1; 180-50 BC). It is a multifunctional super community complex that is associated, among other things, with the residential activities of members of the social elite of the time. The upcoming excavation season is focused on revising the old excavation (held in 1969) of the rampart and the completion of the knowledge on constructions built in the interior of the enclosure. Students will learn the basic excavation procedures, documentation, sampling, and, if conditions are right, field walking. [Site location](#).





Excavation 2: Sandstone abris in Bohemian Paradise

In this part of the field research, students will get acquainted with specific stratigraphies preserved in the sandstone overhangs of the Bohemian Paradise. Their uniqueness lies in the continuous sedimentation throughout the entire Holocene and the excellent preservation of the remains of human activity (fireplaces, structures) and nature (malacofauna, macro-residues, charcoals, etc.).

During the excavations we will move in the valleys of Jordánka creek in a romantic landscape near the castle Trosky. We will excavate the overhangs of Čin Čan Tau and On The Road with rich Mesolithic settlements. Students will get acquainted with the methods of detailed research of the Mesolithic in a stratified situation and the procedures of total sampling of environmental data.



Accommodation

Basic accommodation will be provided in the [camp near the archaeological sites](#). From here, students will be transported to the excavation sites. Alternatively, in Markvartice site, it is possible to be accommodated directly on the site, but students need to be equipped with their own tents in this case. Basic camp facilities (fire pit, grill, cooker, communal tent with seating, mobile toilet) are also built on site. Hygiene facilities and the possibility of outdoor bathing at the swimming pool are available in the village of Rakov (about 4 km). The possibility of buying food and hot meals in the pub is offered by the village of Markvartice (about 3 km)...and if there is time, we also go on trips to the picturesque landscape of Bohemian Paradise.

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