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Last Call and Invitation to Kick-off Meeting

5 Places still available

Student Papers on the Archaeology of Jordan
A Joint German-Jordanian Workshop
to promote Academic Writing in English for Students in Archaeology

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We invite all interested BA and MA students as well as PhD students in Archaeology at LMU to take part in the Kick-off Meeting for this project on **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 16:00-18:00 in room K427 (Schellingstraße 12, 4th floor).**

The remaining 5 free places in the workshop to follow will be allocated to participants of the Kick-off Meeting (with a preference for BA and MA students).

What is it about?

This course brings together students from Jordan University in Amman and Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich to work on topics about the archaeology of Jordan and write short academic papers on them. The student papers can address any topic connected to the archaeology of Jordan, from any period of the country's history. The main aim of the course is to ***promote the participants' skills in writing academic texts in English.***

What do we offer?

All participants take part in a joint ***Workshop on Academic Writing in Archaeology*** (June 23-25 and June 30) at Munich. The workshop is given by an English native-speaking writing tutor from the LMU Writing Center and the two organising archaeologists. It addresses the following topics:

- How to structure an academic paper in the Angloamerican writing tradition?
- How to formulate research questions and theses?
- How to argue in archaeology (specific types of evidence and types of arguments)?
- How to formulate an argument convincingly in English?

- How to cite correctly in academic texts?

While writing their paper, the participants can always **consult the two teachers** and all participants receive a **detailed feedback**, before submitting the final version of their papers. Moreover, they can take advantage of a **writing consultation** by the tutor of the Writing Center. Finally, the papers are to be assembled in a **reader**, that should be made available for members of LMU and Jordan University in the respective libraries and will be **presented publicly** at both universities by the end of the year. All participants receive one exemplar as well.

Note: BA and MA students from LMU can receive **formal recognition of their participation** within the respective study programmes (usually as a 6 ECTS course).

What do we expect?

Participants should have...

- a high interest and motivation for writing an academic text in English,
- a certain interest in the archaeology of Jordan – no matter what period (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Early to Late Bronze Ages, Iron Age, Persian, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, or Islamic periods – including the Crusader Period),
- cooperativeness (to work together with the students from Jordan), and
- willingness to explore and research a topic largely autonomously (though with support from the organising teachers and the tutor),
- willingness to write and submit a short paper, and to revise it again after having received feedback,
- ability to communicate and write in English (needs not to be perfect!).

Time schedule

- *Kick-off Meeting:* May 11, 2023, 16-18, room K427 (Historicum). Introduction to the project, explanation of aims, time schedule, possible topics etc.
- *Preparatory Meeting:* (beginning of June): Preparations for the workshop.
- *Workshop on Academic Writing in Archaeology:* Friday, June 23, 13:00-18:00, Saturday, June 24, 9:00-13:00, Sunday, June 25, 10:00-13:00, Friday, June 30, 14:00-18:00.
- Submission of first version of paper: Monday, August 14, 2023.
- Submission of revised final version of paper: Friday, September 22, 2023.
- Presentation of results: November/December 2023.

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