

# **1st Heidelberg International Summer Seminar in Ancient Studies**

***Life on the Fringes of Civilization***



***July 23rd to August 2nd 2007***

At the Centre for Ancient Studies  
the University of Heidelberg

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From July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007, the Centre for Ancient Studies at the university of Heidelberg will offer its first ever International Summer Seminar. The seminar is a pilot project for what we hope will become an enlarged and regular programme (summer school) beginning in 2008.

*The theme chosen for this year's programme is: Life on the Fringes of Civilization. Many inhabitants of the ancient world spent their entire lives far removed from the areas we usually consider as central to ancient civilizations. Such fringe areas often included boundaries between one cultural group and another. Where overlap occurred, there was both the promise of positive interaction (e.g. trade), but also the threat of conflict and war. As its main case study, the seminar will consider the frontier of the Roman Empire in Germany and its immediate hinterland. The developments and events that occurred in and around this border zone were often instrumental in determining the history of the entire Roman Empire. Participants will receive a series of classes on Roman Germany and the limes, including excursions to major monuments and archaeological sites. Additionally, a series of distinguished guest lecturers will discuss theoretical aspects of frontier and border archaeology both within Roman Germany, and in other regions, cultures and periods of the ancient world. Can useful generalisations about life in fringe areas be made? We hope to develop a lively discussion and interaction with the participants about this topic.*



Gravestone of a Roman soldier.

The seminar will be based in the Centre for Ancient Studies, in the heart of old Heidelberg. The language of instruction is English. The deadline for applications is **April 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

Participants interested in learning the **German language** at an introductory or advanced level can enrol in the International Summer School for German Language and Culture, which is organised by the International Office of the University of Heidelberg, and runs from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2007. For more information see:

(<http://www.zuv.uni-heidelberg.de/AAA/ifk/english/index.htm>)

*The seminar is primarily intended for graduate students and upper level undergraduates of Archaeology, Ancient History, Classics and other related disciplines. Others are welcome to apply, but enrolment is expected to be limited to 10 to 15 participants.*



Note to graduate students: Graduate students are invited to give a short presentation of their research, and how it reflects the theme Archaeology on the Fringes of Civilization, or the archaeology of Roman Germany. We can also arrange for access to the centre's libraries for those interested in conducting their own research.

More information and an application form can be downloaded from our website:

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Institute for Ancient Studies below.

## Tentative Programme

**Guest lecturers and the key-note speaker have yet to be finalised.**

**The schedule is somewhat flexible, so that excursions to outdoor sites and museums can be switched in the event of for rainy days. Sessions for student presentations and discussions have yet to be planned in.**

### Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 -13:00. Morning – Arrival and Orientation.  
 12:00-13:00 *Lunch Break.*  
 14:30 – 17:00 Roman Germany, the land, people and landscape. (Kiernan)

### Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 12:30 The Establishment of the Limes. From an Imaginary Line to a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Kiernan)  
 12:30-13:30 *Lunch Break.*  
 13:30 *Excursion:* Roman Heidelberg: the Kurpfalz Museum, the Celtic and medieval site on the Heiligenberg.  
 19:00: *Guest Lecture:* Augustan Expansion in Germany. New Light on Some Old Questions. (Prof. R. Stupperich)



A reconstructed watch-tower in the Taunus limes.

### Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 - 12:30. The Roman Army and its Settlements. (Kiernan)  
 12:30-13:30 *Lunch Break.*  
 14:00- ?? *Guest Lecture:* “The Dead of Heidelberg. New Discoveries in the Roman Cemetery in Heidelberg.” Followed by a hands-on session in the magazine of the museum. (Dr. A. Hensen)

### Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 *Excursion:* Ladenburg Museum and Gross Sachsen.  
*Lecture on site:* Life in the Vicus and Villa.



17:00 *Guest Lecture:* “Cultural Contact between the Scythians and Greeks in the Classical Period.” (Prof. R. Stupperich)

### Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 - 12:30 *Lecture:* Monumental and Minor Art in Roman Germany. Celtic versus Roman Influence. (Kiernan)  
 14:30-16:30 *Guest Lecture:* The Form and Function of Grave Monuments in Roman Germany. New Research on the monuments of the Pfalz. (Ditsch).  
 19:00 *Key Note Speaker:* Art in the Periphery and Centre (t.b.a)

### Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 *Excursion* to Osterburken. A Roman Fort and Sanctuary on the Limes.  
*On Site Lecture:* Religion and Trade on the Border.  
 18:00 *Guest Lecture:* “Cross Cultural Trade in Border Areas of the Aegean Bronze Age” (Prof. Panagiotopolous)

A Jupiter-Giant column.

**Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00

*Excursion to the Landesmuseum Museum in Karlsruhe with the recently renovated provincial collections. Roman and Greek Collection. Temporary exhibit 'Beauty in ancient Egypt.'*

*On Site Discussion Topic: Presenting the Past in Germany.*

**Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00

*Excursion to Saalburg and the Taunus Limes.*

*On site lecture/discussion: Do city walls and border walls actually work?*

**Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00

*Excursion to Trier: The Big City and Imperial Residence Behind the Frontier.*

*Landesmuseum: Regular exhibits and and the temporary exhibit: Constantine the Great.*

*Other Sites: The Porta Nigra and Amphitheatre, Roman Bridge and City Wall*

*- Spend night in a Youth Hostel in Trier. -*

**Weds. August. 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00

*Roman Trier Continued: Basilica, Palace with ceiling paintings (?), Bridge and City Walls, The Monumental Baths, the Romano-Celtic sanctuary complex at Tawern.*

*Lecture/Discussion: The end of the Roman Empire and the the border. Ausonius and the Mosella.*

*c. 19:00*

*Return to Heidelberg.*

**Thurs. August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00-12:30

*Summary and Discussion, Seminar Evaluation.*

*Evening BBQ?*

**Fri. August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Heidelberg international Summer School in the German Language and Culture begins.*



The entrance to Saalburg Roman Fort and Museum

One of the two famous Mithraic reliefs in Karlsruhe

