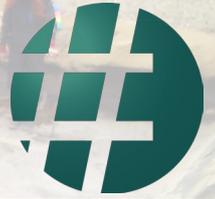




UrbNet highlights 2015



UrbNet vision

Centre for Urban Network Evolutions explores the archaeology and history of urban societies and their networks from the ancient Mediterranean to medieval Northern Europe and to the Indian Ocean World.

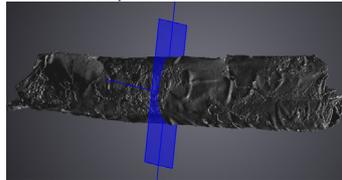
We are an interdisciplinary research initiative, which integrates new methods from the natural sciences with contextual cultural studies rooted in the Humanities.

Approaching urbanism as a network dynamic, we aim to develop a “High-Definition Archaeology” to determine how urban networks catalysed societal and environmental expansions and crises in the past.

A silver scroll from Jerash

For the first time ever, digital imaging methods were successfully applied to complexly-folded material, and a silver scroll excavated in Jerash, Jordan, proved that traditional Semitic and Greco-Roman practices survived throughout centuries beyond the Christian era and well into the Early Islamic period.

Barfod et al. 2015, *Nature Scientific Reports*, 5, 17765.



The scroll was found in 2014, during excavation of an Early Islamic building.

Digital imaging allowed researchers to examine the scroll without destroying it.

New employees

Assistant professor Michael Blömer

Research focus: urbanism; sculpture and religious iconography in Asia Minor and the Roman Near East; trans-local cults in the Roman Empire; field archaeology; excavation of the Iuppiter Dolichenus sanctuary near Doliche in South East Turkey.



PhD student Neeke Hammers

Research focus: archaeobotany; network connections and urban development in northern Europe during medieval times; isotope analysis; trade connections; preservation and representation of organic remains in urban contexts.

Events organised

Conferences and workshops: 6
Lectures and seminars: 5
Other: 4

Lectures and outreach

Invited talks: 37
Radio and TV interviews: 22
Press and online media: 31

Publications

Journal articles: 17
Book chapters: 12
Monographs: 2
Others (edited books, reports etc.): 16

Honours and awards

Max Planck Society Distinguished Lecturer in the Human Sciences
EliteForsk award 2015
Elected membership of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters
Tagea Brandt Travel Scholarship for female researchers
Pro Futura Scientia Fellowship, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study

Educational activities

PhD courses: 2
MA/MSc courses: 2



Søren M. Sindbæk admires the intact find at the excavation site.