



Integrated Methods in Archaeological Settlement Studies (IMASS)

Dear colleagues,

We would like to draw your attention to the start-up workshop for IMASS: *Integrated Methods in Archaeological Settlement Studies*, to be held on **March 31-31 2017** at the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology at the University of Amsterdam. IMASS is a network of researchers who share a positive vision for new combinations of methods and perspectives in settlement archaeology. The premise of IMASS is that archaeology already has access to the necessary tools to further advance field, but that it needs additional platforms that connect specialists and specialisms within the field of settlement archaeology, and allow researchers to coordinate theoretical reflections on methodological integration and formulate joint strategies for dissemination of new insights and knowledge.

The network's inaugurate event will be a workshop on the general theme of: *The life-histories of settlements and methodological integration in north European rural settlement archaeology*. The aim of this workshop is to spread new ideas for integrated methods and to establish a core group of researchers who wish to continue collaboration in joint future activities.

Our aim is to assemble a broad group of researchers and discuss the possibilities for developing new methodologies to better grasp the complexity of past settlements. We welcome researchers from all specialisms of archaeology as well as adjacent fields. We aim to provide both the IMASS network and the workshop with a relaxed atmosphere for methodological reflections. We therefore encourage the submission of not only tested settlement archaeological methodological combinations but also contributions exploring untested ideas for the future.

For more information about IMASS and the upcoming workshop please see our website:

www.imass.live

The deadline for abstract submissions is **December 20 2016**.

Sincerely,

The IMASS-team



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