

## **Molise Field School – Classical Archaeology (Italy)**



The fieldwork project in the Tappino Valley in Molise, Italy aims at better understanding the long-term history and development of a highland Mediterranean landscape and its inhabitants by applying a variety of archaeological methods. As our previous research shows, the Tappino area has a rich Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman and Late Antique period settlement landscape. A particularly dense landscape, with sanctuaries, hillforts and villages, developed in the Classical-Hellenistic period, when according to the literary sources the pre-Roman tribe of the Samnites lived there, whereas there is much discussion on the impact of the subsequent absorption of the area into the Roman empire. Our project investigates all time periods, but focuses on the Late Bronze-Age and Iron Age as well as the Samnite and Roman phases to study the long term character of the peculiar, non-urbanized society in the region, as well as the transformations brought about by the Roman conquest and incorporation.

We study the area using various extensive and intensive field survey methods, as well as remote sensing through aerial photography by means of small drones, geo-physical prospection (e.g. resistivity, tomography, coring), material culture analyses, and in selected cases stratigraphical excavation. The 2017 field school campaign will focus on the latter, continuing the excavation of a monumental structure dating to the Hellenistic and Roman Imperial period in località Sant' Andrea, near the modern village of Gildone.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/research/research-projects/archaeology/tappino-area-archaeological-project-molise>

Project leader/coordinator

Tesse Stek (project director) / Rogier Kalkers (project assistant)

Regional internship coordinator

Tesse Stek



Activities involved

Activities comprise excavation, both extensive and intensive field-surveys, remote sensing (both geophysical prospection and aerial photography using small drones), coring, and material culture study.

Internship period: when and how long

Precise periods to be announced, but in the period June – August 2017, ca. 4-6 weeks.

Provided facilities, housing etc.

During the field school we will stay in our study centre (the so-called Centro Didattico Internazionale di Studi Archeologici a Jelsi) in the defunct convent of S. Maria delle Grazie near the village of Jelsi.

#### Costs involved for student (tickets, visa, living etc.)

Accommodation, food, local travel is included. Return tickets from the Netherlands to Rome or Naples vary in cost between ca. €70 and €200. Trains from Naples/Rome to Campobasso cost between €10 and €15. To cover the logistics of the field school (e.g. accommodation, food, and local travel) we ask a participation fee of €400.

#### Number of students requested

Precise number to be announced (in total probably between 20-25 students).

#### Health and safety precautions/regulations

Students need to have appropriate health and travel insurance. We check this prior to participation. Also, a tetanus vaccine is required.

#### Visa requirements

Not necessary for Italy for EU citizens. Non-EU citizens can look up how to apply for a visa through the following website: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>.

#### Cultural aspects that students should be aware of

N/a

#### Application method

Other: in January we will organize an information meeting in Leiden, in which we will present our project and the precise plans and dates for the upcoming fieldwork season. After the meeting we set up a schedule for short interviews with all applicants.

#### Application deadline date

End of January.