



Constructing the Limes

THE BORDER OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

In this newsletter, we are excited to share the latest updates on Constructing the Limes. Since our last communication, we've made significant progress and have some exciting developments to report. You will find more information about the start of two new postdocs on the project, updates on the team, recent publications, and upcoming events.

IN RETROSPECT

Mark Groenhuijzen

Fabricio Furni



»»» TWO POSTDOCS HAVE STARTED

C-Limes has welcomed their two final team members: the two postdocs Mark Groenhuijzen (UU) and Fabricio Furni (VU).

Mark will focus on the integration of the various spatial data that is required and being developed within the project, and contribute to the (computational) analysis of that data to answer archaeologically relevant questions regarding the functioning of the limes.

Fabricio is joining the team aiming to uncover information hidden in DNA, including ancient DNA and sedaDNA, found within the Limes archaeological context.

Read more information about Mark and Fabricio on our [teampage](#).

PUBLICATIONS: <<<

- 'Waiting for Today's Barbarians', by Luuk Winkelmolen, Paschalina Garidou and Henk van Houtum
- 'We are all borderworkers' by Paschalina Garidou, Luuk Winkelmolen, Henk van Houtum
- 'Archaeology meets Environmental Genomics: implementing sedaDNA in the study of the human past' by Kadir Toykan Özdoğan, Arjen de Groot, Gertjan Plets
- The illustration on the right is showing the standard workflow of a sedaDNA study in an archaeological setting.



»»» ANNUAL TEAM MEETING

The Constructing the Limes team gathered on April 18 in Ravenstein for an internal meeting on strategic planning and other collaborative efforts. They delved into all upcoming endeavors for the next couple of years, including the exhibition, and all planned publications.

Are you curious about the different disciplines, subprojects and partners of Constructing the Limes? Check out the handy animation [here](#)



UPCOMING <<<

> PUG collection: from collection of curiosities to valuable resource for science

The diverse collection of the Provinciaal Utrechts Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen (PUG), with 15,000 antiquities, many of which are Roman items, will be made digitally available and exhibited at Castellum Hoge Woerd starting 15 June as part of the research project Constructing the Limes.

[Read more here.](#)

> Midterm Consortium meeting (June 20 2024)

The planned midterm meeting for societal partners on February 1st was rescheduled to June 20th. This meeting will primarily center around the scientific progress of the PhD candidates' research projects. Following the meeting, a comprehensive report will be written and can be requested.

> C-Limes at EAA Annual Meeting (28-31 August 2024)

Constructing the Limes is hosting a session at the EAA conference with Marta Alberti, Dr. Kaja Stemberger Flegar, and Prof. Richard Hingley titled "Early Careers on the Roman Frontiers – Connecting People, exploring innovative methods, advancing interdisciplinarity." This session offers early career researchers from various disciplinary backgrounds the opportunity to present their research on Roman frontiers in a welcoming international setting.

> C-Limes at Reuvensdagen (14 & 15 November 2024)

Constructing the Limes is organising a session with the Municipality of Heerlen at the Dutch Archaeology Conference (Reuvensdagen) on the value of citizen participation and citizen science in archaeological research. The aim of the session is to demonstrate the added value and growing role of citizen science. We will share experiences and best practices to inspire and engage the archaeological field in citizen participation.

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