

Workshop 'Heritage in the *Extremo* and Contemporary Societies: reading and living the rural landscape'

2nd Meeting for research, education and socialisation of the heritage of Arcos de Valdevez



Braga/Extremo, Arcos de Valdevez. 27-28 October 2023

Within the framework of the research carried out over the last seven years in the Extremo site (Arcos de Valdevez) by UMinho's Archaeology Unit and Lab2PT, it has been possible to establish strong cooperation networks with the local community that have translated into a series of scientific, heritage and educational activities coordinated between scientists and local agents. In 2023 we were awarded the exploratory project IN2PAST From Land to Earth. Connections for Sustainable Territories (Land-CST) (EXPL/In2Past/2023/09) whose objectives include the development of methodological tools for the study of the landscape, in collaboration with the local community, with the intention of reversing the knowledge generated in the heritage sustainability of this territory affected by emigration, depopulation or the ageing of the population.

In 2023, with the aim of transcending the gaze located in this territory, we will converge with the investigations carried out by other archaeological teams that focus their gaze on the rural landscapes of the modern and contemporary periods. In collaboration with the project Long-term archaeological reading of the formation of rural landscapes in the Iberian Northwest (LEIRA), developed by the Institute of Heritage Sciences (INCIPIT-CSIC), we will be holding a workshop to discuss methodologies for archaeological reading of the landscape and the reversal of the results in projects co-constructed with local communities. This second part, on Saturday 28th, will be dedicated to developing various shared activities in Extremo between the scientists and the inhabitants of the village.

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Workshop programme

Friday 27 October 2023: reading the rural landscape

Location: ICS Conference Room, Gualtar Campus, Braga

9.30 Workshop presentation

- Fátima Ferreira, director of the Lab2PT
- Alexandra Esteves, vice-president of the ICS and coordinator of the Lands line at Lab2PT (UMinho)
- Rebeca Blanco-Rotea, researcher of the Lab2PT, coordinator of the workshop
- David González-Álvarez, Ramón y Cajal researcher of the INCIPIT-CSIC (Spain), coordinator of the workshop

Panel 1: Seed landscapes, architectures and paths (1h30')

Speaker: Francisco Andrade (Archaeology Unit, UMinho, Portugal)

- 10:00 António Teixeira & Hernâni Gerôs (Centre of Molecular and Environmental Biology, UMinho, Portugal): *Plant biology at the service of the study of modern and contemporary rural landscapes*
- 10:20 Marta Labastida (Lab2PT, UMinho, Portugal): *The New Ruralities: an atlas for the Far East*
- 10:40 Helena Paula Carvalho (Lab2PT, UMinho, Portugal): *Joining points in the landscape between Portugal and Morocco: paths, cadastre and territory*
- 11:00 Discussion Panel 1 (30')

11.30 Coffee break (30')

Table 2: Working landscapes: charcoals, corrals and terraces (1h30')

Speaker: Jesús García-Sánchez (IAM-CSIC, Spain)

- 12:00 Andrés Menéndez-Blanco (University of Oviedo, Spain/Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy): *Archaeology of natural resource management practices and rural settlement in the Asturian mountains (16th-21st centuries)*.
- 12:20 David González-Álvarez (INCIPIT-CSIC, Spain): *Variability in pastoral exploitation in the high Cantabrian mountains in modern and contemporary times: the case of Babia (León, Spain)*
- 12:40 Rebeca Blanco-Rotea (UMinho, Portugal): *Reading the stratigraphy of the Extremo landscape (Arcos de Valdevez): a methodological proposal*
- 13:00 Discussion Panel 2 (30')

13.30 Lunch (1h30')

Panel 3: Built landscapes: villages, streets and houses (1h30')

Speaker: Carlos Fernández-Piñar (UPM, Spain)

- 15:00 Xurxo Ayán-Vila (NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal) & Sonia García-Rodríguez (INCIPIT-CSIC, Spain): *The impact of late modernity on a medieval rural landscape: Terra de Lemos as an example (Lugo, Galicia)*.
- 15:20 Rafael Millán-Pascual (INCIPIT-CSIC, Spain), Álvaro Falquina-Aparicio (INCIPIT-CSIC, Spain) & Gonzalo Compañy (Universidad de Leipzig, Germany): *The spaces of abandonment: Archaeology of contemporary depopulated areas (Hontanillas, Spain)*.
- 15:40 Cristina Incio-del-Río (INCIPIT-CSIC, Spain): *The old walls of Silvaescura: archaeology of a modern village in Galicia*
- 16:00 Discussion Panel 3 (30')

16:30 Conclusions and closing of the workshop: Thinkathon 'reading and living the rural landscape' (30')

- Rebeca Blanco-Rotea (Lab2PT, UMinho, Portugal)
- David González-Álvarez (INCIPIT-CSIC, Spain)

Saturday 28 October 2023: experiencing the rural landscape

Activities with neighbours in Extremo, Arcos de Valdevez

Meeting point: Portela-Extremo Parish Council site

9.30 Activity 1 Visit to the archaeological interventions carried out in 2023 at the Bragandelo Fort. Visit guided by archaeologists (1h30')

Georadar survey inside the Bragandelo Fort with the local community carried out by Jesús García-Sánchez (IAM-CSIC, Spain)

11.00 Break (30')

11.30 Activity 2: Visit to Extremo guided by neighbours and documentation of toponymy, knowledge and legends by Communication Sciences students (1h30')

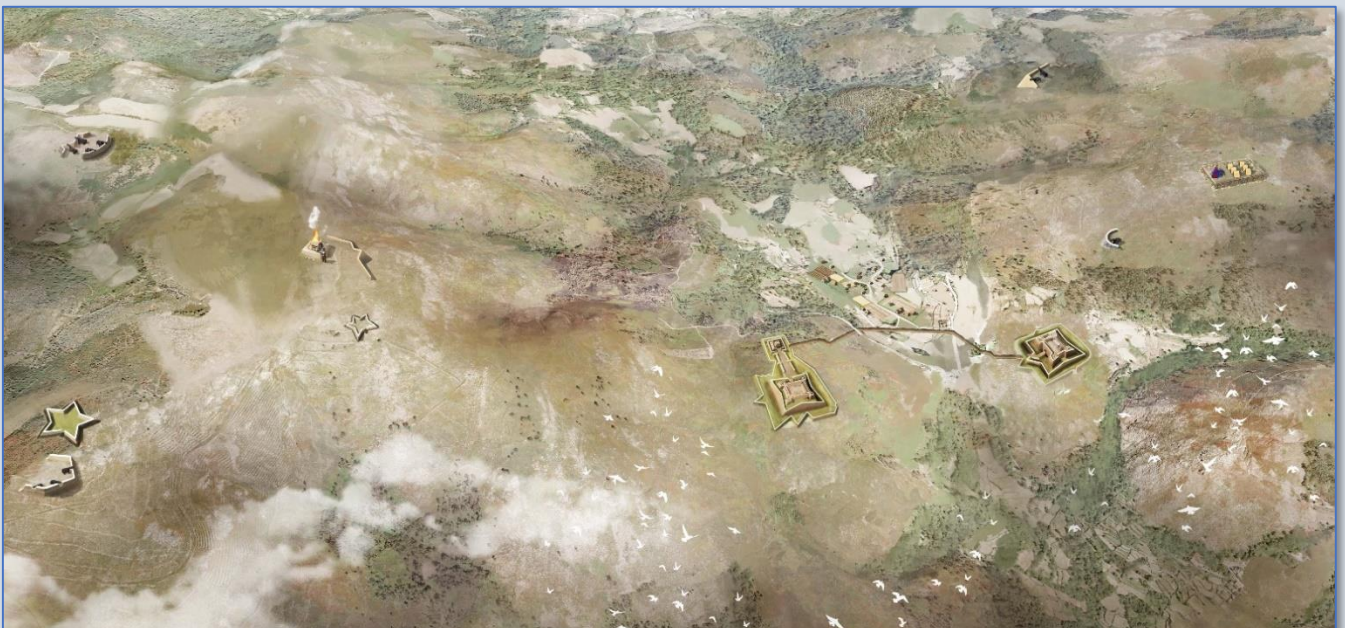
13.00 Community lunch at the parish council (1h30')

14.30 Activity 3: Visit to *Moinhos do Extremo* and collection of oral information (1h30')

15.30 Going up to the Pereira Fort (30')

16.00 Activity 4: Neighbours vs scientists football match (1h30')

17.30 Award ceremony (30')



Reconstruction of the fortified landscape of Portela do Extremo in 1662 (Drawing: Luis Taklim, 2021) for the PIPA PAIX 2018-2021 project (IP: Rebeca Blanco-Rotea).