

Ecology of the Crusades

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Workshop I with Dr. Aleks Pluskowski

Monday, February 17, 2014 at 17:10, CEU Faculty Towers, room 809

Landscapes of holy war in the medieval eastern Baltic: From multi-disciplinary techniques to inter-disciplinary understanding

Dr Aleks Pluskowski teaches the archaeology of later medieval Europe and crusading. His interests include exploring ecological diversity across medieval Europe, focused on zooarchaeology and inter-disciplinary perspectives of human-animal relations.

This session will present the range of techniques used within the Ecology of Crusading project which is investigating the environmental change associated with conquest, colonisation and religious conversion in the medieval eastern Baltic region. It will consider how different forms of evidence at varying scales of resolution can be integrated to answer a common set of research questions.

Workshop II with Dr. Alex Douglas Brown

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 17:10, CEU Faculty Towers room, 409

Environmental archaeology and the medieval landscape

Alex Brown's research interests centre on the application of palaeoecology as a tool for investigating past human-environment interactions over the course of the Holocene. He has also worked extensively across Central and Eastern Europe, most recently as part of the Ecology of Crusading Project.

In this workshop session we will consider the application of a range of scientific techniques more commonly used in the study of prehistoric landscapes, but increasingly being applied to medieval landscape research. Techniques considered include a range of plant micro and macrofossils – where and how are they preserved and how do we analyse and interpret this data within a cultural-historical context? The application of these techniques is considered in relation to common research themes, with examples from Scandinavia and Central and Eastern Europe.



Coring work outside Radzyń Chełmiński