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CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS DE ARQUEOLOGÍA VIRTUAL

III COURSE ON ARCHAEOLOGY FIELDWORK AND MANAGEMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDS USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES

THE ROMAN VILLA OF *PORTUS MAGNUS* IN
PORTMAN,
LA UNIÓN-CARTAGENA, SPAIN

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Currently, the urgent need for any intervention on the archaeological heritage requires rigorous recording for later analysis, interpretation and diffusion for the public today that wants to know their heritage.

This is our intention, complete the training offered in the classroom using the best means available to us, with comprehensive training in fundamental aspects such as stratigraphy, topography, field drawing, photogrammetry, use of digitisation programs, all of which are necessary for understanding, interpreting and disseminating the results of an archaeological intervention.

This is one of the reasons why we created this course, which aims to show how to obtain an archaeological record that is enduring, consistent, complete and facilitates the continued reading and reinterpretation.

To achieve this, we will work at the site of the Roman Villa of *Portus Magnus* in Portman (La Unión-Cartagena, Spain). The villa was declared a site of cultural interest for Spain over two decades ago, and is one of the most important Roman sites in the Region of Murcia in terms of structures and material remains. The villa itself is in a terraced area next to the sea, which potentially would have occupied around a hectare.

There have been several excavations since its discovery in the late 60's, and since 2009 has been under the direction of the profesor of this course, Alicia Fernández Díaz of the University of Murcia. In recent years, the archaeological focus has been on the second to last of the five terraces that formed the villa, a number corresponding to the *pars urbana*, the area related to the residential structures. The recent seasons have revealed an area of around 225 m², completing the mapping of the villa and establishing how the twelve rooms were articulated.

The archaeological excavations at the site in addition to the material, architectural and decorative-ornamental context of the village, help us to understand the potential phases of occupation of the site, and in the absence of total excavation, so far/ include beginnings in the 1st century BCE on the first two terraces, and reaching its apex in the 1st or 2nd century CE which included decorative and constructive reno-

vations and expansion to four terraces. The last use-phase of the site and the eventual abandonment occurred somewhere around the 2nd or 3rd century BCE.



ORGANIZATION

The Course comprised of 10 ECTS credits, equivalent to 250 hours of both presencal and non-presencal instruction.

Fieldwork and excavation dealing with the collapse of rooms 7 and 8 of the Roman villa and planimetric and topographic survey of existing structures in the different terraces of the site will be undertaken throughout the week (Mon-Fri) in the mornings.

The afternoons (Mon-Fri) will be used for lab work, inventory, drawing of archaeological material, as well as theoretical instruction and seminars where practical instruction on conservation of archaeological heritage will be taught (particularly conservation relating to the site). Special attention will be given to archaeological databases, archaeological photography for archaeological material, including vectorization and digitalization of the graphic documentation of the site.

REGISTRATION

400 euros: includes a accommodation for four weeks of enrolled / as, maintenance weekday of enrolled /as, moving to the site during the week and during weekends for visits or trips planned and attendance at theoretical and practical sessions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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