*Institute of Classical Archaeology*

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*Charles University in Prague*

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 4th **PeClA** **2015** International Postgraduate Conference (**Pe**rspectives in **Cl**assical **A**rchaeology 2015) held at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Thursday and Friday, 10th - 11th December, 2015**

**PeClA 2015** is a two days conference in Classical Archaeology and Classics for postgraduate and doctoral students in order to present their research to other colleagues. It traditionally offers a space for discussion, exchange of ideas and meeting others in a friendly and supportive environment.

This year the theme of the conference is:

**FROM ELITES TO THE OTHERS. DEGREES OF VISIBILITY**

Classical scholarship for centuries naturally tended to study unique and/or spectacular evidence of ancient world in both literary and material culture. Analysis of such facts was valuable in describing and understanding most influential social structures/factors/processes of the past. Several archaeological projects have recently set up a new perspective in viewing the ancient society. The focus on the lower class reflects structure and complexity of the past societies. The “invisible” mass of people always somehow stands behind the activity of the elites. Such approach can be applied to all possible archaeological components separately and/or together from rural and urban settlement, industrial and religious facilities, resources and communications to burials, supplemented with historical, linguistic and art-historical studies reveal the way of living and thinking of ancient populations. We believe that any research as well as new theoretical approach can attribute to creation of innovative interpretations and a shift in our understanding of classical culture.

Conceived broadly, this theme gives young scholars full play to present and discuss their opinions and thoughts applicable to the theme. Welcome are papers from postgraduates in all stages of their research, both theoretical and practical. We believe that this conference will allow participants to meet, collaborate and share their ideas in a helpful atmosphere.

**Keynote lecture:** Steven Ellis (University of Cincinnati, USA): XXX

Abstracts of no more than 500 words for a 20-minute paper or for poster (portrait, paper size 70x100 cm) are expected before October 15th, 2015 at e-mail: PEKLA@ff.cuni.cz. If you have any further enquiries, please use the same e-mail address before the deadline. Applicants will be notified by the beginning of November.

**Conference fee:** EUR 20,- (covers refreshment during the conference breaks; payable during the registration); **Conference language:** English

**The after-conference informal programme will culminate on Friday 11th December evening in the Departmental “Christmas/Saturnalia Party”!**

We are looking forward to seeing you in Prague!