The Alberese Archaeological Project

Roman Archaeology in the Heart of Tuscany, Italy

Located in the midst of unspoilt Tuscan countryside, near the modern city of Grosseto, the investigations are focused on the river port linked to the Etruscan–Roman city of Rusellae.

This exceptionally rich and well-preserved site was a hub for trade and a production-center for luxury goods on a scale unmatched in the area.

The Field School projects are aimed at students, early career scholars and those passionate about archaeology. No prior experience is required. They are offered as for-credit courses and as certificate of participation.

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The Field Schools are led by an outstanding team of young European academics. The number of participants is limited to ensure an exceptional learning experience.

The location offers a host of opportunities for independent weekend activities: relax on the near-by beach, explore the natural park, or visit fascinating Italian cities, like Rome, Siena and Florence.

Established in 2009 **the research project is shaping a new understanding of international exchange networks in coastal Southern Tuscany between the mid-Republican period and late Antiquity.**

Current excavations focus on the newly identified Roman cabotage port linked to the Etruscan-Roman city of Rusellae. **This exceptionally rich and well-preserved site has revealed an extensive workshop complex manufacturing bone, metal and glass objects throughout the Roman Imperial period.**

The Project also encompasses **landscape and infrastructure studies centred around the via Aurelia vetus and excavations of a sanctuary dedicated to Diana.** These provide important new evidence for the relationship between cities and rural settlements as well as for the 'Romanization' of Etruria.

The Field Schools are an integral part of the research excavations, and the participants contribute actively to this through their on-site and off-site work.

The excavations are carried out by the University of Sheffield and the Alberese Archaeological Project, in collaboration with the Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici della Toscana and John Cabot University, Rome.

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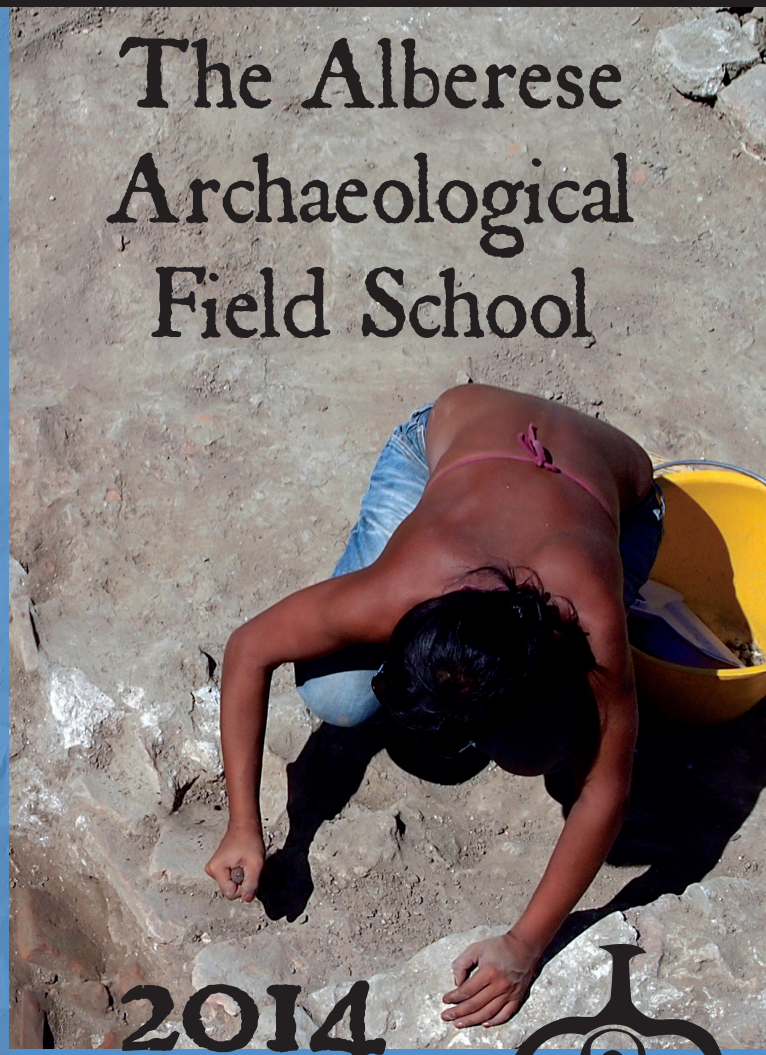

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Field School in Archaeological Excavation and Methodology

July 21 - August 16, 2014

The excavations concern **the Roman river port of Rusellae, in particular the complex of artisan workshops and ateliers.**

The primary component of the course is **training in on-site archaeological field methodologies.** Subjects include methods for excavating and drawing contexts; recording contexts and finds; handling stratigraphic documentation; and electronic surveying.

This is complemented by studies of the excavated artifacts from the site for a nuanced **interpretation of stratigraphic data**: finds handling; off-site recording; and artifact studies (ceramic, glass, metal, bone, and numismatic material).

The course is complemented by **visits to local archaeological sites and museums** for a contextual understanding of the port site.

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Field School in Material Culture Studies

June 16 - July 13, 2014

The Field School investigates **the finds from the ateliers of bone-, metal- and glass-artisans active in the workshop complex at Roman river port of Rusellae.**

The primary component of the course is **training in handling, recording and analysis of artifacts and objects.**

Seminars and practical learning projects led by specialist will introduce students to the **identification and study of particular materials and objects**: ceramics, glass, metal objects, bone, and numismatics material.

This is complemented by studies of excavation methodologies for a nuanced **interpretation of archaeological data**.

The course is complemented by **visits to local archaeological sites and museums** for a contextual appreciation of the material and of museological approaches to archaeological displays.

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Field School in Magnetometry Survey

January 20-25, 2014

Surveys will be conducted **in the area of the excavations of the Roman river port of Rusellae.**

The primary component of the course is **training in on-site application of ground-based physical sensing and the methodologies of interpreting the findings.**

Subjects covered include **survey design methodologies**; setting up a grid and the equipment; general topographic survey; as well as interpretation of data. This is complemented by considerations of the landscape morphology and the impact of environmental changes in the area.

The course is accompanied by **seminars on the results from the excavations** carried out by the Alberese Archaeological Project for a contextual understanding of the survey data.

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