



Current Contexts and Transformations of Antiquity Conference for Young Researchers

Dear colleagues, students and interested parties,

The first **Current Contexts and Transformations of Antiquity Conference for Young Researchers (ConTrA)** will take place on **10th April 2026** at the Archaeological Institute of the University of Cologne.

With a focus on *Antiquity between Fan Fiction, Communication and Research*, various aspects of the reception of antiquity will be discussed by young researchers in six talks.

When: 10.04.2026, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Venue: Archaeological Institute, Kerpener Straße 30, 50937 Cologne

Cost: €15 conference fee (incl. coffee, tea and snacks), payable on site

Optional: Joint dinner (at your own expense). Please indicate when registering if you are interested in participating.

Please register by **2nd April 2026** by sending an e-mail at contra.conference@outlook.com



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Program

10:00 - 11:00	Check-in and registration		
11:00 - 11:15	Dajana Ehlers	University of Cologne	Opening remarks
11:15 - 12:00	Anna Falke	Boardgame Historian	Keynote: History on the board – representations of Roman antiquity in modern board games
12:00 - 12:30	Anna Ladu	Heidelberg University	Digging into Virtuality
12:30 - 13:00	Simon Sulk	Museen Weißenburg	Vitalis and the old-fashioned archaeologist. Biriciana Augmented Reality brings the romans on your device
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 - 15:00	Lukas Lammers	University of Cologne	Ad Armas! Authenticity versus accuracy
15:00 - 15:30	Dajana Ehlers	University of Cologne	Thinking in Levels. Abstraction and the Reception of Antiquity in Digital Games
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00 - 16:30	Ian Salcedo	University of Ferrara	Playing with the Roman past: Resonance and speculative fictions in Ryse: Son of Rome and The Forgotten City
16:30 - 17:00	Rebekka Müller	Heidelberg University	Changing Receptions of Antiquity in Rosemary Sutcliff's The Eagle of the Ninth and Its Adaptations
17:00 - 17:45	Closing Discussion		
from 18:00	Networking Reception with Drinks and Snacks		
from 20:00	Conference Dinner (advance registration required)		

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