

THE RURALIA XIV CONFERENCE

Household goods in the European Medieval and Early Modern countryside



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MONDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

- Morning & Lunch **Arrival and registration (12.00)**
- 15.00–15.30 **Welcome from the President of Ruralia and the Head of the Organising Committee**
- Panel 1:**
- 15.30–17.00 **Archaeology and the household**
Chair: *Claudia Theune*
- Bert Groenewoudt*
 Is that all there is? Some comments on the archaeological visibility of household goods.
- Irina Zaytseva*
 Household and home life in the XVI-XVII centuries Russian Countryside according to archaeological finds in Alexandrov Sloboda.
- Pavel Vařeka*
 Household goods in Bohemian villages during the Thirty Years' War: testimony of burnt farmsteads.
- Alessandro Panetta*
 Goods and waste. The social context of refuse disposals during the late middle ages in Sardinia (Italy).
- 17.30–19.00 **Tour of Historic Centre of Viseu** guide by EON, Indústrias Criativas
- 19.00–21:00 **Reception and buffet dinner, Casa do Miradouro, Viseu**

TUESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

- Panel 2:**
- 08.30–10.30 **Temporary households**
Chair: *Catarina Tente*
- Giulia Bizzarri and Anna Stagno*
 Landscape, building materials and material culture between rural and urban spaces: first results from the study of Monte Fasce settlements, Liguria, Italy (17th- 21st centuries).
- Marie Ødegaard and Kjetil Loftsgarden*
 Household goods for winter travel in Scandinavia.

Ádám Pátkai

Household in a settlement dealing with large animal husbandry from the 10th century in west Hungary.

Sara Prata and Fabián Cuesta-Gómez

My house, my rules: an archaeological analysis of peasant agency in Early Medieval domestic contexts from Central-East Portugal.

Coffee Break

10.30–11.00

Panel 3:

11.00–12.30

Living conditions and the household

Chair: *Tomáš Klír*

Dempsey, Karen

'Making a House a Home': ordinary households in later medieval Ireland 1200-1600 AD.

Rachel Brody

Checking-in at the Multispecies Hotel: Nature culture and the Early Medieval House.

Ágnes Kolláth, Bianka Kovács, Gyöngyi Kovács and Zsófia Nádai

Always on the Edge – Household goods of Ottoman soldiers in the 16th-17th century Hungarian countryside.

Lunch

12.30–13.30

Poster Presentation (Alphabetic Sequence)

13.30–14.30

László Ferenczi, Edit Sárosi and Csilla Zatykó

Peasant household - noble household: objects and structures.

Marloes Rijkelijhuizen, Jørn Zeiler, Joyce van Dijk, Kinie Esser, Leida van Hees

Online database osseous and keratinous materials from the Netherlands.

Catarina Tente, Gabriel de Souza and João Veloso

10th century peasant houses in Beira Alta (Portugal). A comparative analysis.

Claudia Theune and Iris Winkelbauer

Household goods illuminated by motivation and need theories in Hanfelden Castle in the early Modern Countryside of Styria, Austria.

Panel 4:

15.00–16.00 **Household and spatial structure**
Chair: Mette Svart Kristiansen

Jan van Doesburg

The spatial distribution of finds as a key for understanding activities and the use of space in medieval houses.

Alfonso Vigil Escalera-Guiado

So many valuable things forgotten in the yard: the archaeology of maintenance activities in early medieval Iberian households (450-900 AD).

Carlos Tejerizo

Scale change, social inequality and household goods in Central Iberia during the Early Middle Ages.

Nikoletta Lukács

Settlements of Arpadian Age from the Homokhátság of Danube-Tisza Interfluve.

Coffee break
 16.00–16.30

Panel 5:

16.30–18.00 **Household objects and social and economic status?**
Chair: Csilla Zatyko

Tomáš Klír, Jan Horák and Martin Janovský

Household goods in the late medieval countryside in the Czech Lands: Archaeology and written history.

Mette Svart Kristiansen

Household goods of Medieval and Early Modern peasants in Denmark – stolen, lost, listed, preserved, and recovered.

Juan Antonio Quirós Castillo

Local societies and household economies in the light of the medieval Basque Country archaeological record.

19.00–20.00 **Dinner at Grão Vasco Hotel**

20.00–21.30 **Committee Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER

All Day

9.00–18.00 **Field trip to Visiting Ucanha Bridage and Tarouca Monastery (Direção Regional de Cultura Norte) and Linen/Flax Museum of Calbe. Packed lunch.**

19.30 **Self-selected dinner in Viseu**

THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER**Panel 5:**

9.00–10.30 **Household objects and social and economic status?
Chair: *Mark Gardiner***

Tibor Rácz

Every piece counts. The evidence of metal detector surveys in the reconstruction of late medieval households.

Andrej Janeš

A Prince in the Mud: can the houseware indicate the existence of a social class.

Pawel Duma, Jerzy Piekalski and Anna Łuczak

Household goods from excavations at farmstead in Kopaniec, Poland.

Frode Iversen

Big Spenders in the Middle Ages

Coffee break

11.00–11.30

Panel 6:

11.30–12.30 **Particular household objects and particular activities? (Part 1)
Chair: *Christiane Bis-Worch***

Jérôme Bouillon

The 9th-12th century terracotta cooking bell: an alternative to the domestic oven?

Elisabeth Lecler-Huby, Pauline Petit and David Jouneau

The Priory Manor of Saint-Crespin (Romilly-sur-Andelle - Eure, France): material living environment of an elite Norman habitat from the late Middle Ages to the modern era?

Lunch
12.30–13.30

14.00–17.30 **Half day field trip to Molelos Pottery workshops (Município de Tondela).**

19.00 **Conference Dinner at Grão Vasco Hotel**

FRIDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER

Panel 6:

9.00–10.30 **Particular household objects and particular activities? (Part 2)**
Chair: Niall Brady

Rózsa Zoltán, Szigeti Judit

A 12th century bakery house and its Byzantine connections.

Anastasiya Fedorina

Locks and keys at the rural sites of Suzdal': evidence of lifestyle and social relations.

Marloes Rijkelijhuizen, Jørn Zeiler, Joyce van Dijk, Kinie Esser, Leida van Hees

Household goods of osseous and keratinous materials from the Netherlands, a research synthesis.

Coffee break
10.30–11.00

10.30–12.00 **Particular household objects and particular activities? (Part 3)**
Chair: Niall Brady

Tuuli Heinonen

The use of medieval and early modern stoneware ceramics in rural Southern Finland.

Rainer Schreg

Daily life pottery in rural households of Southern Germany - indicators of socioeconomic change.

12.00–12.30 **Final remarks and discussion (Rainer Schreg)**
Main conference close

Lunch
12.30–13.30

13.30 **Departure**