

# THE RURALIA XVI CONFERENCE

Countryside and towns

Rural settlements in context of urban hinterlands in the Medieval and Modern Period



Kłodzko (Poland)  
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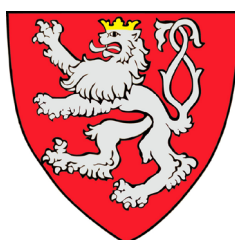
European Association of Medieval and Post-Medieval Rural Archaeology

RURALIA is an international association for the archaeology of medieval settlement and rural life. It provides a European-wide platform for the scientific exchange on current problems in rural archaeology in order to strengthen comparative and interdisciplinary studies. The conference covers the period from the Early Medieval to the Early Modern periods. The conference language is English.

RURALIA XVI will take place in Kłodzko, a city located in southwest of Poland. The theme is: Countryside and towns. Rural settlements in context of urban hinterlands in the Medieval and Modern Period

In addition to the papers, one full day and one half-day excursion and an optional two-day field trip to sites in southwest Poland and north Czechia will be offered.

The conference is jointly organized by Paweł Duma, Tomáš Klír, Maria Legut-Pintal, Jakub Sawicki, Agnieszka Latocha-Wites, Catarina Tente and Claudia Theune; with the support of Museum of Kłodzko Region in Kłodzko (Muzeum Ziemi Kłodzkiej w Kłodzku), Municipality of Kłodzko, University of Wrocław, Faculty of Historical and Pedagogical Sciences of the University of Wrocław, Institute of Archaeology of the University of Wrocław, The science foundation, "Archaeologia Silesiae", Association „Wieża Książęca w Siedlęcinie”, Yellow Point Publications, Archeologický Ústav AV ČR, Praha, v. v. i., Ústav pro archeologii Filozofická fakulta Univerzita Karlova



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## PROGRAMME OF THE RURALIA XVI CONFERENCE

	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Monday 8th Sept.</b>	Arrival	Arrival	14.30: Welcome 15.00: Keynote 16.00: Poster presentation	20.00: Open ceremony and Reception at the Museum of Kłodzko Land (Muzeum Ziemi Kłodzkiej)
<b>Tuesday 9th Sept</b>	9.00: Lectures	12.30: Lunch	13.30: Lectures 15.00: City tour	19.00: Dinner at hotel 20.30: Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 10th Sept</b>	9.00: Full-day Excursion to Museum of Papermaking in Duszniki Zdrój; Broumov region: Monastic landscape and rural settlement			19.00: Dinner at the hotel
<b>Thursday 11th Sept</b>	9.00: Lectures	12.30: Lunch	13.30: Lectures	20.00: Conference dinner (invitation of the Dean of the Faculty of Historical and Pedagogical Sciences of the University of Wrocław)
<b>Friday 12th Sept</b>	9.00: Lectures	12.00: Lunch	13.00: Main conference close 14.00 Departure to post Conference excursion (Strzelin-Świdnica-Jelenia Góra)	
<b>Saturday 13th Sept</b>	Excursion to Wleń Castle, Jelenia Góra region, Ducal Tower in Siedlęcin	Lunch	Excursion	Integration evening - Ducal Tower in Siedlęcin
<b>Sunday 14th Sept</b>	Excursion to Legnica (Castle in Legnica), Cistercian Abbey in Lubiąż, Środa Śląska (Museum), Wrocław	Lunch	Departure	

## PROGRAMME

**Monday: 8 September 2025**

Until 13.30 Registration of participants

14.30-15.00 Welcome to participants, opening of the conference

15.00-16.00 Keynote: **Rainer Schreg (Germany)**: Rural-urban dynamics from an ecological perspective. Current debates and approaches

### Poster Presentation (Alphabetic Sequence)

16.00-17.30 **Konrad Burek (Poland)**, Archaeological records of medieval élite culture on rural and urban sites

**Catarina Tente, Gabriel Souza, Tomás Cordero, Catarina Magalhães, João P Tereso, Pedro C Carvalho (Portugal)**, The early medieval iron workshop of Forja (Idanha-a-Velha, Portugal)

**Dóra Csepregi Horváth (Hungary)**, The socio-economic impact of the suburbs on the 11th-14th century power centres in Hungary

**Alicia Hernández Robles, Roque Modrego Fernández (Spain)**, Exploring rural-urban commercial relations in al-Andalus. A methodological proposal from Landscape Archaeology in the area of Sierra Mágina (Jaén, Spain)

**Ágnes Kolláth, Bianca Gina Kovács, Gyöngyi Kovács; Zsófia Náday (Hungary)**, The rural hinterland of Székesfehérvár, the coronation town of the medieval Hungarian kings

**Valerio Sordillo (Italy)**, Modern Age dovecotes in southern Italy: topographical distribution and economic function

**Thiago Tolfo, Arnaldo Rui Azevedo de Sousa Melo, Maria do Carmo Franco Ribeiro (Portugal)**, The relationship between the urban periphery and the city in the Middle Ages: the case of the Parish of Maximinos and its importance in the organization of the western peri-urban space of Braga (5th to 15th Centuries)

**Csilla Zatykó (Hungary)**, Between two towns: tracing connectivity in the Körös river floodplain, Hungary

17.30-18.00 *Break*

20.00 Opening ceremony at Kłodzko Museum with participation of municipal authorities and museum management (Muzeum Ziemi Kłodzkiej – Museum of Kłodzko Land)

**Tuesday: 9 September 2025**

**Section 1: General aspects, theory and state of research**

**9.00-9.30 Carenza Lewis (Great Britain):** Reconstructing relationships and interactions between rural and urban settlements in later medieval England

**9.30-10.00 Russell Ó Ríagáin (Ireland):** Rethinking hinterlands using medieval Irish urban–rural relations, c. 400–1300 AD

**10.00-10.30 Tomáš Klír (Czech Republic):** Hinterland of urban centres in Medieval Bohemia (1200–1500) - An Overview

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

**Section 2: Rural landscape**

**11.00-11.30 Rowin van Lanen (The Netherlands):** Calculating the rural–urban connection: Reflecting on modelling past land use and historical consumption in the Netherlands

**11.30-12.00 Laura Moro, Alessandro Panetta, Anna Maria Stagno (Italy):** The relationship between rural hinterlands and towns through the study of the road system.

Case studies from Ligurian Apennines between the 18th and 21st centuries

**12.00-12.30 José Abellán Santisteban, Anna María Stagno, Ylenia Paciotti, José María Martín Civantos (Italy):** From the mountains to the towns: The role of *cortijos* in the mutual exchange between mountain and urban economies in the Sierra Nevada (Spain), 17th–21st centuries

12.30-13.30 *Lunch break*

**Section 3: Expansion and abandonment****13.30-14.00 Paweł Duma, Mirosław Furmanek, Radosław Zdaniewicz (Poland):**

The hinterland of cities in the era of medieval colonization: the example of the village of Kornice (Poland)

**14.00-14.30 Maria Legut-Pintal (Poland):** Wood over wheat? Deserted villages in the hinterland of small Silesian towns

15.00-18.30 City tour of Kłodzko

19.00 Dinner at the hotel

**Wednesday: 10 September 2025**

Full-day bus trip. Highlights of the Czech-Polish border area: Museum of Paper-making in Duszniki Zdrój; Broumov region: Monastic landscape and rural settlement (Hvězda viewpoint, Wooden Church in Broumov, Benedictine Monastery).

**Thursday: 11 September 2025****Section 4: The Rural hinterland and power structures****9.00-9.30 Tibor Ákos Rácz, László Ferenczi (Hungary, Czech Republic):** A multidisciplinary GIS-based investigation into the problem of longterm settlement development in the hinterland of Pest (Pest County, central Hungary)**9.30-10.00 Ladislav Čapek (Czech Republic):** The rural hinterland of royal towns in West Bohemia in the medieval and early modern period – a comparative assessment of socio-economic relations between the countryside and towns**10.00-10.30 Roland Filzwieser, Leopold Toriser (Austria):** The rural hinterland of Laa an der Thaya (Lower Austria) and its impact on the medieval town

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

**11.00-11.30 Uglješa Vojvodić, Vesna Bikić (Serbia):** Archaeological perspectives on periphery-centre interactions in medieval Serbia**11.30-12.00 Miklós Takács, Péter Langó (Hungary):** The problems of the periphery and centres, seen from the perspective of medieval rural archaeology in Hungary

**12.00-12.30 Michał Starski (Poland):** Rural hinterland and small towns: the formation of settlement relations in Gdańsk Pomerania (Poland) in the late middle ages

**12.30-13.00 Athanasios Vionis (Cyprus):** Power structures, settlement and territorial control in the rural hinterland of late medieval Cyprus (13th-16th)

13.00-14.00 *Lunch break*

### **Section 5: Economic aspects – Production and exchange I**

**14.00-14.30 Jakub Sawicki (Poland):** Village vogue. Production, consumption and material networks of dress accessories in medieval rural Europe and small towns

**14.30-15.00 Orsolya Mészáros (Hungary):** Background of medieval glass production: rural or urban environment?

**15.00-15.30 Radosław Biel (Poland):** The role of iron production in the Zgorzelec Forest (Poland) in the medieval and early modern period

15.30-16.00 *Coffee break*

**16.00-16.30 Edit Sárosi (Hungary):** From deserted “puszta” lands to an intensive network of villages and isolated farmsteads. Land management and socio-economic changes in the Great Hungarian Plain in the post-Ottoman Period (17th-19th century)

20.00 *Conference Dinner*

**Friday: 12 September 2025**

### **Section 5: Economic aspects – Production and exchange II**

**9.00-9.30 Marie Ødegaard, Kjetil Loftsgarden (Norway):** Rise and fall of urban centres in Viking Age and Middle Ages in Norway – resources and socio-economic dynamics

**9.30-10.00 Alf Ericsson (Sweden):** The Royal pasture – a long and broad drove-way in southernmost Sweden

**10.00-10.30 Yannick Signer (Great Britain):** Potting in town and country: re-evaluating the relationship between rural and urban pottery production in the medieval

landscapes of Northern England

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

**11.00-11.30** *Alicia Hernández Robles, José Abellán Santisteban, Jorge Rouco Collazo, José María Martín Civantos (Spain):* The hinterland of Guadix throughout the Middle Ages. An approach to the economic integration of a medium-sized Andalusí town, Spain

**11.30-12.00** *Ivana Hirschler Marić, Jelena Boras, Andrej Janeš (Croatia):* The rural surroundings of medieval town of Gorjani (Croatia)

**12.00** Main conference close

12.00-13.00 *Lunch break*

#### **Post-conference weekend excursion**

14.00 **Departure to post-conference excursion**

15.00-17.00 Visit to the exhibition on the deserted village of Goschwitz in Strzelin, Church of Peace in Świdnica, Transfer to accommodation (near Jelenia Góra)

#### **Saturday: 13 September, 2025:**

From 9.00 Full day excursion (Wleń Castle, Jelenia Góra region, Ducal Tower in Siedlęcín, selected historical monuments and archaeological sites)

#### **Sunday: 14 September, 2025:**

From 9:00 Excursion to Legnica (Castle in Legnica). Cistercian Abbey in Lubiąż and Środa Śląska (Museum), end of excursion in Wrocław