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Non-invasive Techniques for Prospecting Archaeological Landscapes: Current Techniques & Future Developments

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Surface model of the Croatian Island of Palacol derived from Structure from Motion (Image: Geert Verhoeven)

The term "*landscape*" comprises both physical as well as cognitive space, with the latter referring to the concept of its dwellers. Based on the description of its physical remains in the form of archaeological and palaeo-environmental structures, an interpretation of its meaning has to be sought. There seems, however, still to exist a division between technical and interpretative approaches when investigating archaeological landscapes. The mission of the *Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Archaeological Prospection and Virtual Archaeology* is to bridge this divide by developing systematic, high-resolution, large-scale, integrated archaeological prospection ap-

proaches while at the same time focusing on novel methodological concepts for the archaeological interpretation of the in great quantity and quality collected data. By integrating traditional methods with near-surface geophysical as well as remote sensing techniques entire landscapes are thoroughly documented at multiple scales. The generated data form the basis for a four-dimensional GIS-based interpretation approach. All developments are systematically tested in the framework of international large-scale case studies conducted in Austria, Great Britain, Sweden, Norway and Germany. The results demonstrate that it has become possible and affordable today to acquire high-resolution data across large areas, measuring square kilometres rather than hectares. In combination with modern interpretation techniques this novel approach heralds a new era in archaeology, where archaeological excavation is no longer the primary source of information for archaeological research.

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Introduction by József Laszlovszky (Department of Medieval Studies, Cultural Heritage Studies Program, CEU)

The session will be moderated and the lecture summarized in Hungarian by Erzsébet Jerem (Director of Archaeolingua Foundation, Senior Research Fellow at Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of Archaeology, Budapest).