

ROUND TABLE ON PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY

University of Bucharest, November 21th 2025

In the framework of the **CIVIS project**

ArcheOPENLAB
Archaeological Citizen-science Project: Local & International Civic Inclusive Engagement

and of the UB workshop

Archaeology and Citizen Science



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The round table at the University of Bucharest is organised within the framework of the CIVIS Archaeological Citizen-science Project: Local & International Civic Inclusive Engagement (ArcheOPENLAB) and supported by the National Workshop Classical Antiquity and Citizen Science. The event aims to showcase the experiences of UAM and NKUA and to explore the implementation of this approach to social archaeology at a Black Sea site led by a professor from the University of Bucharest. Presentations followed by discussions will be given by professors from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens involved in public archaeology projects, by professors from the University of Bucharest engaged in archaeological projects with the potential to adopt a public archaeology perspective, as well as by renowned specialists involved in citizen-science initiatives.

ArcheOPENLAB seeks to build upon the objectives and challenges established in the CIVIS Open Lab *Heritage for All: Citizen Participation and Social Innovation*, coordinated by Javier Salido Domínguez (UAM) since 2021 as part of the 2nd CIVIS Open Lab Call. The goal of this Open Lab (OL) is to provide an open, collaborative, creative, and inclusive space where CIVIS universities and their partners engage with local communities to integrate archaeological sites into the social and economic fabric of municipalities. Its aim is to internationalize a model of archaeology with extensive citizen participation in excavation processes and heritage discovery. Through innovative initiatives and the involvement of various universities in citizen-science projects related to archaeology, the Open Lab has a positive impact on the broader community (Public Archaeology), with special attention given to individuals with functional diversity (Inclusive Archaeology). Citizen science can—and should—extend beyond academic instruction to immerse participants directly in the scientific experience.

The Open Lab explores ideas, models, encouragement, caution, and ideally, provides support to foster ongoing discussions and the growth of citizen science within the field of archaeology. The potential benefits of citizen science in archaeology for long-term site preservation, legal protection, public engagement, and stakeholder involvement are immense. These projects have transformed archaeological sites into tourist attractions and educational venues for small groups of students at various levels. This requires a comprehensive conservation plan that not only protects archaeological heritage but also ensures safe and informative visitor experiences.



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CIVIS added value of the initiative

1. Internationalisation of the Project: The creation of the OPEN LAB facilitates a fluid dialogue with the organising members of the CIVIS Open Lab. Recognising that internationalisation goes beyond student mobility and the signing of international agreements, the goal is to foster multilingualism, multiculturalism, and internationalisation through various activities developed within CIVIS Hub. This approach seeks to explore additional dimensions of internationalisation, such as the development of new, more globally-oriented training curricula and courses in collaboration with foreign partners. The project places a strong emphasis on cultural heritage, understood in its multidimensional and constitutive structure. This heritage is closely tied to discursive mechanisms that construct and reproduce operational identities, making it a subject of both national and international public policies. These policies focus on its existence, preservation, and its direct socio-economic and political impacts.
2. Creation of European-Level Research Networks: The project aims to consolidate transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research by involving various research teams from UAM and other CIVIS universities.
3. Establishing Collaborative Spaces: The project will create spaces for collaboration between CIVIS universities and entities associated with the current project, fostering dialogue and partnership.
4. Fostering Student Relationships: The project aims to facilitate interactions between UAM students and students from other CIVIS universities, encouraging cross-cultural exchanges and academic collaboration.

PROGRAM

D. Pompeiu Hall, 2nd floor, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest and online
<https://zoom.us/j/95753141430>

15 minutes talk followed by 10 minutes discussions

10.10-10.20 **Welcome speech**
Alexandra Lițu, Vice-Dean of the FIUB, UB

FIRST **Projects of public archaeology from Spain and**
SESSION **Greece (Chair Alexandra Lițu, UB)**

10.20-10.45 **Javier Salido Domínguez (UAM)**

From Public Archaeology to Citizen Science: UAM Projects of
Community Engagement in Northern Madrid

10.45-11.05 **Marlen Mouliou (NKUA)**

Public Archaeology: experiences for pupils and students as a
(Service) Learning process. Key take-aways from the excavation
site of Plasi, Marathon

11.05-11.20 **Coffee break**

11.20-11.45 **Esther Rodríguez González (Instituto de Arqueología**
 (CSIC-Junta de Extremadura)
online **Sabah Walid (Instituto de Arqueología, CSIC-Junta de**
 Extremadura)
 Juan José Pulido (La UNDERGROUND Colectiva)
 Sebastián Celestino (Instituto de Arqueología (CSIC-
 Junta de Extremadura)

Tarteso en Comunidad: a Community Science Project in Rural
Areas

11.45-12.05 **Evangelia Christodoulidou (NKUA)**

Integrating Archaeology in the school classroom. The case of
Cyprus

12.05-12.45 **Debate**

12.45-13.45 **Lunch**

**SECOND
SESSION**

**Archaeological projects and Cultural Heritage
in Romania. Potential for growth into public
archaeology**

Chair Alexandra Lițu (UB)

13.45-14.10

**Sorin Ailincăi (UB/ 'Gavrilă Simion' Institute for
Eco-Museal Research Tulcea)**

Heritage protection through explaining archaeology.
Some cases and stories from Dobrogea and Wallachia

14.10-14.35

**Mihai Constantinescu (UB/'Francisc I. Rainer'
Anthropological Research Center)**

Glina, a site for student archaeological practice and a
future archaeological park near Bucharest

14.35-15.00

**Cristian Ștefan (UB/'Vasile Pârvan' Institute of
Archaeology in Bucharest)**

The evolution of the Neolithic human habitation in the
Mureș valley: the case of Șoimuș-La Avicola (Ferma 2,
Romania)

15.00-15.25

**Valentin Bottez ('Dinu Theodorescu' Lab of
Classical Archaeology, UB)**

The Beidaud Archaeological Microzone – a challenge for
heritage conservation and public awareness

15.25-15.50

Iulia Iliescu (UB)

Pottery Analysis in Public Archaeology. The case of the
Western Black Sea Region

15.50-16.15

Final remarks and next steps in the CIVIS OpenLab