



# Varieties of Urbanism, Settlement Dynamics and Climate Change

Workshop organisers: Manuel Fernández-Götz and Roland Fletcher

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY – UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH  
JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Edinburgh, 2–3 June 2023

Venue: School of History, Classics and Archaeology; Meadows Lecture Theatre

## Friday 2 June

10.30-10.40 Manuel Fernández-Götz (University of Edinburgh)

Introduction to the workshop

10.40-11.10 Roland Fletcher (University of Sydney)

Perspectives: Explanatory fashions and their role

11.10-11.40 Sam Leggett (University of Edinburgh)

The bioarchaeological impact of urbanism: Diet, health and stress in pre-modern Europe

11.40-12.10 Patrick Roberts (Max Planck Institute Jena)

Insights from the tropical past as a resource for planning the global urban future

12.10-12.40 Roland Fletcher (University of Sydney)

A message for the megalopolis?

12.40-13.00 General discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.30 Søren Sindbæk (Aarhus University)

Comparing sustainable cities: The editor's pick. A view from the Journal of Urban Archaeology

14.30-15.00 Bisserka Gaydarska and John Chapman (Durham University)

How could a Trypillia megasite survive for two centuries?

15.00-15.30 Leonardo García-Sanjuán (University of Sevilla)

Long before urbanism. Aggregation, monumentality and socialisation in Copper Age Iberia: The Valencina megasite

15.30-16.00 Coffee

16.00-16.30 Timothy Beach (University of Texas at Austin)

Climate change in Mesoamerica

16.30-17.00 Amy Bogaard (University of Oxford)  
Farming and early urbanism in Europe

17.00-17.30 General discussion

## **Saturday 3 June**

10.00-10.30 Kirrily White (University of Sydney)  
Demise of large, low occupation density settlements (LLODS) in contexts of climate change

10.30-11.00 Dan Penny (University of Sydney)  
Linking climate forcing to outcomes: Integrated palaeo-environment and palaeo-demographic analysis of low-density settlements

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30-12.00 Dan Lawrence (Durham University)  
Persistence, inequality and productivity: Exploring long-term trends in urban sustainability in southwest Asia

12.00-12.30 Michael Leadbetter (University of Oxford)  
Archaeology of fluid cities: Amphibious transformations and creative problem solving as pathways to sustainability

12.30-13.00 General discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.30 Manuel Fernández-Götz (University of Edinburgh)  
Persistence and fragility in Iron Age urbanism: The role of climate change

14.30-15.00 Ian Ralston (University of Edinburgh)  
Urban Bourges and environs around 500 BC: From fragile state to failed state?

15.00-15.30 Tom Moore (Durham University)  
Alternative paths to sustainable urbanism? Examining the resilience of low-density Iron Age *oppida*

15.30-16.00 Coffee

16.00-16.30 Beatrijs de Groot (University of Edinburgh)  
Producing for the city: Urbanism and technological change in Iron Age Europe

16.30-17.00 Andrea Brock (University of St Andrews)  
Building the eternal city in a floodplain: Landscape change and urban resilience in early Rome

17.00-17.30 Final discussion