

Categorising Ceramics

Methods and Issues in
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Call for Papers

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Aims

Although the way we deal with pottery is highly dependent on research traditions in different periods and geographic areas, we time and time again face the same methodological problems, which can simply be summarised by: **How do we categorise ceramics?**

The workshop aims to create a platform for exchange and discussion and to connect all those at the IAW (and beyond) who work on ceramics. Besides PhD and postdoc researchers, we encourage in particular BA and MA students to participate!

Rather than presenting the material culture of a site, region or period, we would like you as a participant to explicitly address the problems when studying a pottery corpus: Pick a problem you've faced and present it in a way that colleagues from other areas can participate in the discussion and share their expertise and experience.

Central questions may include but are not limited to:

- How can we define the criteria of classification of a specific pottery corpus?
- Should we create distinct typologies for morphological features, decorations, and technical characteristics, or should we combine these elements into a single typology, and if so, how?
- Which scientific methods are appropriate and helpful to answer specific research questions?
- How may digital and computational solutions and tools contribute to categorisation and classification?

Keynote speakers

Reinhard Jung, Austrian Academy of Sciences & Florian Janoscha Kreppner, University of Münster

Participation, formalities and abstracts

- 10–15 minutes of presentation and 20 minutes of discussion for each contribution
- If possible, you may bring some examples of your sherds or samples
- Abstracts (up to 300 words) sent to the organisers **by 31 December 2023**
- Preferably in English (German and French are possible, too)

For further questions, please contact the organisers

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