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## New International Academic Journal for Archaeology: LEIZA Journal of Archaeology Launched

**Mainz, Germany. The Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie (LEIZA) in Germany is launching a new scholarly journal dedicated to international archaeology. Published in English and operating on an open-access basis, LEIZA Journal of Archaeology promotes interdisciplinary exchange, innovative research and new perspectives on the shared history of humankind.**

The new LEIZA Journal of Archaeology (LJA) is an online peer-reviewed journal focusing on the study of humankind and its social, cultural, economic and biological development, from the Palaeolithic to the Middle Ages. Its geographical focus is on Europe, Africa and Asia. LJA aims to provide an innovative platform for high-quality scholarly contributions that transcend established regional, chronological and methodological boundaries. Its primary focus is on research that brings together new findings, highlights broader connections and stimulates current academic debate. Against the backdrop of the ever-growing volume of archaeological data and individual studies, the journal seeks in particular to strengthen interdisciplinary synthesis and contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of human ways of life. In addition to original research and review articles, the journal also publishes discussions, commentaries, news and policy-relevant contributions.

### An Online Journal for International Archaeological and Interdisciplinary Debate

"LEIZA Journal of Archaeology aims to become an independent and distinctive voice for 21st-century archaeology. Our explicit goal is to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and build bridges between archaeology and other academic disciplines," says Dr Dimitri Van Limbergen, Managing Editor of LJA. He continues: "We want to

create a journal that reflects the global dimension of archaeological research, advances innovative scholarship and deepens our understanding of humanity's shared past. I look forward to embarking on this exciting journey, which we envisage as a long-term undertaking."

A particular distinguishing feature of LJA is its Diamond Open Access model: all articles are permanently available online free of charge. Authors are not required to pay any publication fees. Copyright remains with the authors. An international Editorial Board comprising 25 distinguished scholars ensures the journal's academic quality and direction. All submissions undergo a double-blind peer-review process, in which neither authors nor reviewers are identified by name to one another.

## LEIZA Journal of Archaeology Launches in November 2026

The inaugural issue, published in November 2026, marks the beginning of the journal with an editorial and two scholarly articles. The editorial, written by LEIZA Director General Univ.-Prof. Dr Alexandra W. Busch, LEIZA Administrative Director Dr Torsten Fischer and Dimitri Van Limbergen, examines the role of the new journal in a changing academic and publishing landscape. It outlines the guiding principles of Open Science, responsible scholarly publishing and research data transparency, while also offering an outlook on the journal's future development.

The first scholarly contributions are by two distinguished archaeologists. Prof. Dr Katharina Rebay-Salisbury, an internationally renowned expert in European prehistoric archaeology, incorporates gender, bioarchaeological and social archaeological perspectives into her research. Prof. Dr Birgit Maixner specialises in the Iron Age and Viking Age of Northern Europe, with research interests encompassing material culture, maritime landscapes, and trade and exchange networks.

"Carefully edited Diamond Open Access journals supported by established academic institutions offer a genuine alternative to profit-driven companies – combining rigorous peer review, editorial integrity and a clear commitment to quality over quantity," says Rebay-Salisbury, who is herself a member of the Editorial Board, emphasising the significance of this publishing model.

## A Contemporary Publishing Platform Initiated by LEIZA

With the discontinuation of the long-established Archäologisches Korrespondenzblatt and the launch of LEIZA Journal of Archaeology, LEIZA is responding to far-reaching changes in scholarly communication and to the need to raise the international profile of archaeological research.

"As a research institute with a global remit, investigating human development in its broader contexts over a period of three million years, the Leibniz-Zentrum für

Archäologie is particularly well placed to publish this new international journal of archaeology," explains LEIZA Director General Alexandra W. Busch. "With LEIZA Journal of Archaeology, we are creating a platform that combines academic excellence with disciplinary openness and social responsibility. Archaeological research helps us understand the long-term developments of human societies. This knowledge should be accessible to as many people as possible. The new journal therefore sends an important signal in favour of transparent, fair and forward-looking scholarly publishing," Busch adds.

The journal is accessible via Propylaeum, the "Specialized Information Service Ancient Studies" provided by the Heidelberg University Library and the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek in Munich, Germany.

Researchers are invited to submit their original research articles, review articles and discussion contributions to LEIZA Journal of Archaeology with immediate effect. Enquiries prior to submission may be directed to the Managing Editor.

Further information:

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https://www.leiza.de/forschung/publikationen/leiza-journal-of-archaeology

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As a Leibniz Research Institute and Museum for Archaeology, LEIZA studies humans and their development based on material remains that span three million years across time and space. The fundamental insights we gain improve our understanding of human behaviour, actions and the development of societies. In this way, LEIZA enriches our knowledge of humans from an archaeological perspective and creates essential foundations for reflecting on the present and shaping the future. With

archaeology, LEIZA views human beings in context and shares the knowledge gained in international dialogue. LEIZA is active worldwide and has successfully and comprehensively conducted research in various regions of Africa, Asia and Europe. The unique concentration of archaeological, scientific, restoration and information technology expertise, combined with important workshops, laboratories and archives, makes it possible to conduct object-oriented research into the archaeology of the ancient world (Asia, Africa, Europe) from the beginnings of human history to modern times. As one of eight research museums in the Leibniz Association, LEIZA combines excellent science with exhibitions and, with its educational mission, is also a place for dialogue with the public.

Until its renaming on 1 January 2023, LEIZA was known internationally as the Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum (RGZM), which was founded in Mainz in 1852 by resolution of the German Historical and Antiquities Societies. Since 2024, LEIZA is represented at four locations in Germany: Mainz, Neuwied, Mayen, and Schleswig. www.leiza.de

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