



Open to students from all disciplines studying at the Dutch KNIR-partner universities, as well as those studying at Italian and other international universities.

Accommodation and local transport is free, travel costs reimbursed up to €100,00 for students enrolled in the KNIR partner universities.

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6 ECTS

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KNIR ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome

20 September - 10 October 2021



Exploring Mountain Society in Ancient Samnium

In this field school, you explore the archaeology of ancient mountain societies with a small, international team working on mountain sites in the southern Apennines. Together we develop the best field methodology for each site and area, combining hard old-fashioned field work with Lidar, satellite and drone data.

The history and archaeology of ancient societies often focus on coastal settlements in fertile plains, well-connected by the Mediterranean Sea. Mountain societies have been understudied because of negative, primitive stereotyping, and simply because field work is much harder in thin air and thick vegetation. Yet, highland sites in the Apennines were often much more complex than previously thought and display dynamic connections within as well as outside the region. In this campaign, we try to shed light on sites such as hillforts, villages and farms and their role in the local ecosystem as well as in the wider ancient Mediterranean world.

Besides acquiring practical skills in the field, in the lab you learn to study ceramics and other finds, as well as to process Lidar, drone and other remote sensing data. The campaign is physically demanding, but guarantees beautiful views of the Apennine mountains and an encounter with a very special area of Italy, far from beaches, metropoleis and tourists. We will stay at the study center in Jelsi (CeDISA), and/or in the mountain-top castle of the village of Castelpetroso.

