

ISTITUTO PER LA RICOSTRUZIONE DEL CASTELLO DI CHUCCO - ZUCCO SEMINARI INTERNAZIONALI DIDATTICI  
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**“From a Ruin to a Building.”**

**Fortified 12th century castles  
The defence system of the Castles of Zucco and  
Cucagna in Faedis (Udine/ITALY)**

**20/07 to 16/08/2009**

*in collaboration with*

Humboldt-University Berlin – Institute of Early History  
Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg - Institute of Early  
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**Youth Exchange Programme of  
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**REGIONE AUTONOMA FRIULI V. G. -  
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**Languages: English, Italian, German.  
Deadline for application : 15.05.2009**

Application is open to young professionals and students from the 4th year of studies onwards. As the number of participants is limited to maximum 30, candidates will be selected. Please send in the application form together with a short curriculum vitae, which illustrates your course of studies, your professional working fields, your main interests and the motivations for joining this seminar.



**OBJECT: CASTLES of ZUCCO and CUCAGNA**  
Two ruins of fortified castles of the 12th century are situated on a hill on 300m and 350m a.s., 30 min. walking distance from the valley.  
Today the castle of Cucagna is a building site, unique example of philological reconstruction, open to young professionals of all the world interested in historical architecture, restoration and reconstruction, archaeology and history of art, traditional working techniques and materials.

A special aim of the course is to stimulate the collaboration between architects, archaeologists restorers and specialised craftsmen concerning the research and the conservation of cultural heritage in theory and practice.

**MATTERS OF STUDY AND RESEARCH 2009:**

The programme of the International Summer Seminar of Medieval Architecture and Archaeology is adapting every year to the latest development of the building site in progress.

In summer 2009 there will be offered three different study sections:

**1) Archaeological excavation**

(Holder of the licence is the Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg (D), the excavation works are going to be done under the supervision of the archaeological survey of Friuli-V.G..)

The stratigraphical documentation will provide important explanations about the history of construction and destruction of the castles. In 2008 there are planned two excavation sites inside the castle walls of Cucagna. Further there will be a first superficial research concerning the area north of the castle defended by a double moat.

The excavations will be directed in site by M.A. Holger Grönwald, A.-L.-University Freiburg (D), by Dr. Isabel Ahumada Silva (archaeological survey of Udine (I) and by Prof. Dr. Eike Gringmuth-Dallmer, Humboldt University Berlin (D)

**2) Consolidation and conservation of archaeological finds**

The course in conservation of the archaeological finds related to the latest excavations done in the castle of Cucagna is directed by the restorer Tobias Friedrich of the A.-L.- University Freiburg (D). The course is dealing with conservation and consolidation techniques for metal objects and with the reassembling of medieval ceramics, pottery and glass.

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Final aim of the course is the conservation and preparation of archaeological objects to be once exposed in the restored Palace of Cucagna Castle.

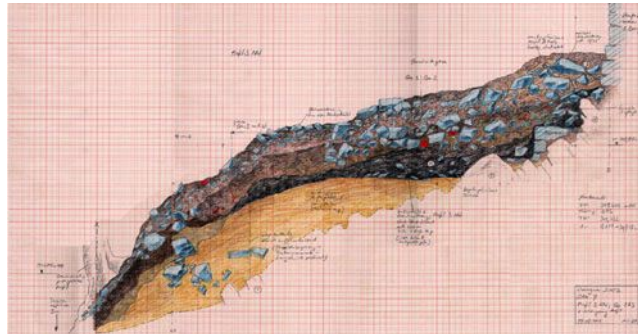


### 3) Restoration and consolidation of wall structures brought to the light during last year's excavation campaign

The main intention of this course, directed by the architects Roberto Raccanello & Katharina v. Stietencron, is to improve the collaboration between architects, conservators and archaeologists regarding the interpretation and conservation of archaeological excavation sites.

The architects will have to translate the archaeological plans and sections into an architectural project, giving an interpretation to the different wall structures or pavement levels, deciding about conservation or consolidation techniques, about reconstruction or integration of missing elements, about the final presentation of the site as an organic context.

The archaeologists on the other hand should inquire into architectural founds, study wall structures and textures and medieval building technology in general. They too should start to think about the future preservation and presentation of the excavation fields.



The course 2009 will deal with the consolidation of the wall structures which emerged during the last summer in the area of the first moat of Cucagna castle.

Participants will have to do an accurate documentation of the existing state, afterwards they will have to work out a suitable conservation and restoration project and in the end they will participate in the consolidation works on site done by specialised masons and stoneworkers.

The sculptor Dumitru Ion Serban will introduce the different old methods of chiselling out.



### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME

- Guided tours to historically important sites in Friuli V.G. (Gemona, Venzone, Buia, Sbroiavacca, Strassoldo, Rubbia, Prampero, Aquileia, Cividale, Palmanova, Gorizia, Spilimbergo, Zoppola )
- Introduction into the restoration technologies
- Conferences hold by the professors and lecturers
- In collaboration with "ESMEA" the masons school of Udine, reproduction of traditional mortar and plaster

### BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- advanced knowledge of the english language
- skills in free hand drawing, sketching and model building (NO CAD REQUESTED !)
- interest in practical work at the building site
- Presentation of a short lecture concerning topics of "restoration" or archaeological excavation in the country of origin. (In english language).