

# 2018 CASE BASTIONE FIELD SCHOOL - SICILY

## 8TH CAMPAIGN OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION 09 JULY-28 JULY 2018



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The **Case Bastione Field School** is part of a larger research project investigating the cultural and social dynamics of human occupation of the Erei upland in central Sicily, from the Neolithic to the Iron Age (5th-1st millennium BCE). *Case Bastione* is located along the valley of the Morello river, a tributary of the Salso/Imera meridionale, the longest river of Sicily. It's a large settlement where Late Copper Age and Early Bronze Age deposits (mid-3rd to mid-2nd millennium BCE) have been investigated over the last decade. Large domestic structures and a rich material culture, including painted pottery and lithics, have been exposed so far, including clear evidence of complex craft activities, such as dairy and textiles production.

The main aim of the **Case Bastione Field School** is to provide students with a better understanding of how archaeology is practiced in the field. This will be achieved with a specific classroom-based introduction to the fundamentals of field methods in archaeology, and by providing a specific and practical working knowledge of excavation, laboratory and field recording methods, also using cutting edge photogrammetric techniques, including digital and 3D systems. Secondly, students will be introduced to the prehistory of Sicily, a key period that is the basis for later developments of Greek and Roman Sicily. The *Field School* is then a great opportunity to work in a unique location, in the heart of Sicily and of the Mediterranean basin.

Site based activities include stratigraphic excavation, mapping and recording of archaeological deposits. Lab activities include processing, cataloguing and graphic documentation of finds, data management (database, GIS, digitization of site plans, etc.). Participants will also attend a series of lectures given by leading archaeologists and experts on issues related to the methodological and practical aspects of the archaeology of Sicily. Furthermore, visits to major Sicilian archaeological museums and sites can be also arranged on request for the weekend.

**Fees for the 2018 campaign have been set at 180 Euro (160 GBP; 220 USD) per week. Application must include minimum two weeks at choice of the participants (9-14 July; 16-21 July; 23-28 July). One can also apply for the full period (three weeks) at the total cost of 500 Euro (440 GBP; 620 USD).**

Fees include: excavation training, educational materials, meals, accommodation, local transport.

Fees not include: travel costs, personal equipment, optional activities, insurance.

Participation certificate will be provided at the end of the *Field School*, eligible to reclaim Academic credits. Fees must be paid within 30 days before the start of the campaign via bank transfer (further details after application).

For further informations and application, visit our web page [www.arkeos.eu/field-schools/](http://www.arkeos.eu/field-schools/), or contact us at [arkeos.field.schools@gmail.com](mailto:arkeos.field.schools@gmail.com), mob: +39 333-3643403, FB: *cooperativa.arkeos*

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