

Living Lab Heritage & Society: Theoretical and methodological background for co-constructing heritage knowledge with the local community



Dates:

23-27 June 2025

Location of the on-site classes

[Extremo](#) (Arcos de Valdevez, Portugal)

Arqus universities organizers:

University of Minho (Portugal), Leipzig University (Germany), University of Granada (Spain)

Titled “Living Lab Heritage & Society: Theoretical and methodological background for co-constructing heritage knowledge with the local community”, this workshop seeks to use the village of Extremo as a living laboratory, drawing on previous archaeological work, memory and heritage analysis and community-based research.

The workshop will allow students, teachers and researchers to engage with the local community, addressing local development issues through co-creation and collaborative knowledge building, focused on cultural heritage and the agrarian landscape. The experience will be enhanced by the contribution and experience of lecturers and researchers from 3 Arqus universities (Granada, Leipzig and Minho), as well as from other universities such as A Coruña and Oviedo (Spain).

Programme overview

Modality: Blended

Place of celebration: local council of the parish of Extremo, Arcos de Valdevez; fields of Extremo; online

Language: English, Portuguese, Spanish

The workshop morning classes will be streamed. [Registration is required.](#)

Afternoon classes and workshops with the local community will be recorded and later uploaded to the Arqus YouTube channel.

Theme 1: Architectural and Archaeological Rural Heritage

Coordination: Cidália Sílvia e Rebeca Blanco-Rotea, Lab2PT, University of Minho

23 June: (Lisbon timetable)

10.00-10.10: Workshop presentation. Rebeca Blanco-Rotea (Lab2PT, University of Minho) // On site /online

10.10-11.00: Opening talk & conversation: Living Labs, Heritage, and Arqus. *Steffi Marung*. Leipzig University // Online

11.00-12.00: Uncultivated Landscapes: Metamorphosis of the Galician Hill. Cristina Fontán (University of A Coruña, Spain) // Online

12.00-12.30: Discussion // Online

12.30-14.30: Lunch

14.30-17.30: Walking as a Practice for Territorial Recognition. Cidália Silva, Célia Alves, João Alves, Rodrigo Pereira (Lab2PT, UMinho) // On Field

24 June: (Lisbon timetable)

9.00-10.00: Heritage for Sustainable Territories: the case of Extremo. Rebeca Blanco-Rotea (Lab2PT, University of Minho) // On site /online

10.00-11.00: The rural archaeological heritage of Extremo: documentation processes. Rebeca Blanco-Rotea (UMinho) // On site / Online

11.00-12.00: How to Document Rural Archaeological Heritage? The case of Vigaña (Oviedo, Spain). Margarita Fernández Mier (University of Oviedo) // Online

12.00-12.30: Discussion

12.30-14.30: Lunch

14.30-17.30: Collaborative maps as tools for the social construction of heritage. Rebeca Blanco-Rotea (Lab2PT, UMinho), Diego Machado (Lab2PT, UMinho), Eduardo Alves (Lab2PT, UMinho) // On Field

Theme 2: Archaeological heritage and society (Elena Correa; UGR)

Coordination: Elena Correa, MemoLab, University of Granada

25 June: (Lisbon timetable)

9.00-10.00: (Community) Archaeology as a tool for intervention in the territory: the MEMOLab of the University of Granada as a model. Elena Correa // On site / Online

10.00-11.00: Cultural landscapes of water, historical irrigation systems, social management of water and irrigation communities as cultural heritage. Documentation and valorisation. Elena Correa // On site / Online

11.00-12.00: Examples of intervention in the territory developed from MEMOLab (recovery of irrigation ditches, collaborative maps, citizen science, public archaeology programmes...). Elena Correa // On site / Online

12.00-12.30: Discussion with Liliana Neves (Lab2PT, UMinho)

12.30-14.30: Lunch

14.30-17.30: Collaborative maps as tools for the social construction of heritage. Elena Correa (UGR), in collaboration with Liliana Neves (Lab2PT, UMinho) // On Field – Session recorded, subtitled and subsequently distributed.

Theme 3: LIVING LAB – Data to Understand, Share, and Value Heritage

Coordination: Natália Botica – Lab2PT, UMinho

26 June: (Lisbon timetable)

9.00-10.00: Living Labs and Digital Citizenship. Natália Botica // On site / Online

10.00-11.00: Structuring to Understand. Natália Botica // On site / Online

11.00-12.00: Creating to Share – Collaborative Approaches. Natália Botica // On site / Online

12.00-12.30: Discussion

12.30-14.30: Lunch

14.30-17.30: Visualizing to Engage. Natália Botica // On site / Online.

Theme 4: Communication and divulgation with society and communities

Coordination: Emília Araújo, José Gabriel Andrade Júnior, CECS, UMinho

27 June: (Lisbon timetable)

9.00-10.00: Communication in Cultural Heritage. Jose Gabriel Andrade // On site / Online

10.00-11.00: The Impact of Digital Communication on Preservation. Jose Gabriel Andrade // On site / Online

11.00-12.00: Audiovisual Production for the Valorization of Local Heritage. Jose Gabriel Andrade, Diana Mendes // On site / Online

12.00-12.30: Discussion

12.30-14.30: Lunch

14.30-15.30: Living Labs: Citizenship Labs and the Future of Communities. Emília Araújo // On site / Online

15.30-16.30: Screening of 'A Festa do Emigrante' and Discussion. Emília Araújo // In local.

17.00-18.30: Storytelling and Final Reflections. Emília Araújo // In local.