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## RLAHA Martin Aitken Seminar Series

Hilary Term 2026

Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm (BST)

We will be hosting our speakers at SPR1 and we will also set up the camera so that people can attend virtually.

We will also go to lunch after the talks which will give everyone a chance to meet with the speakers in person.

Link to the Teams Channel:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/j/channel/19%3A65821d8ca1b64c51a0c12b9189984e1a%40thread.tacv2/Martin%20Aitken%20Seminar%20Series?groupId=550fb0dc-672f-428e-81c4-e3d5e5f63b47>

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| <b>Jan 22</b>   | <b>Jacqueline K. Ortoleva (Oxford Archaeology)</b><br>Sensing sound: a new acoustic study of sound propagation at pre-Roman funerary and sanctuary landscapes       |
| <b>Jan 29</b>   | <b>João Teixeira (CIBIO, Porto, Portugal)</b><br>Denisovans in the Genomic and Fossil Record:<br>Bridging Genomics and Archaeology                                  |
| <b>Feb 5</b>    | <b>Lisa Briggs (Barca Archaeology Ltd)</b><br>DNA of the Mediterranean Diet: waterlogged botanical remains of grapes and olives from submerged archaeological sites |
| <b>Feb 12</b>   | <b>No seminar this week</b>   |
| <b>Feb 19</b>   | <b>Alice Williams (University of Oxford)</b><br>How to rigorously test an archaeological theory using simulated data  |
| <b>Feb 26</b>   | <b>No seminar this week</b>   |
| <b>March 5</b>  | <b>Mark Thomas (UCL Institute of Archaeology)</b><br>Dairying, diseases and the evolution of lactase persistence in Europe  |
| <b>March 12</b> | <b>Alex Valenzuela (IMEDEA - Mallorca, Spain)</b><br>Islands as Historical Frameworks:<br>Human–Animal Dynamics across the Ancient Western Mediterranean            |