

The legacy of Adriaan Verhulst

Interdisciplinary Workshop Medieval Landscape and Settlement Research

MSS Collaborative Research Seminar

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In 1995, Adriaan Verhulst published his *magnus opus* 'Landschap en landbouw in middeleeuws Vlaanderen', discussing transformations in medieval landscape, settlement and agriculture in the County of Flanders. Verhulst was a big advocate of incorporating archaeological and historical research, but at that time, just too little archaeological information was available to be able to supplement or challenge the historical models. Now, some 25 years later, such archaeological data is abundantly present, and ongoing research conducted within the Historical Archaeology Research Group aims to offer an archaeological view into this intriguing subject.

Indeed, currently two PhD-projects are involved with the archaeological study of medieval settlement and landscape in the County of Flanders. Ewoud Deschepper researches domestic space and rural settlement of early medieval farming communities. Gerben Verbrugghe studies planted rural settlements in the context of high medieval landscape reclamations and international migrations. Both projects actively interact with Verhulst's ideas, and with respectively two and three years in, the time has come to present this research to international experts.

The Historical Archaeology Research Group and the Henri Pirenne Institute for Medieval Studies at Ghent University would therefore like to cordially invite you to a day of discussion on the topic of medieval settlement and landscape in Flanders and beyond, and to offer your expertise on this subject.

Programme

9:15 – 9:30: Walk in with coffee/tea

9:30 – 9:45: Adriaan Verhulst and medieval landscape and settlement research

Prof. dr. Wim De Clercq, Ghent University

9:45 – 10:00: Setting the scene: the Late Roman period (TBC)

Dr. Vince Van Thienen, Ghent University

10:00 – 10:45: The Early Middle Ages between North Sea and the *silva Carbonaria*

Ewoud Deschepper, Ghent University

10:45 – 11:00: The Bioarchaeology of the Medieval 'Agricultural Evolution'

Prof. dr. Helena Hamerow, Oxford University

11:30 – 12:00: Discussion

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:00 – 13:45: Little Flanders beyond Wales

Gerben Verbrugghe, Ghent University

13:45 – 14:30: Review of Medieval Settlement Research in the UK, 2007-2016

Prof. dr. Stephen Rippon, University of Exeter

14:30 – 15:00: Discussion

15:00 – 15:30: Closing remarks

Location: Lecture room 1.3 (1st floor), Rozier building
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