



What Remains Steadfast in Fluid Spaces? Salt and Other Stories

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As research pivots away from fixity towards fluidity in re-imagining ancient societies and tries to capture the extent and nature of mobility within them – we still have to acknowledge that places are also tangible, even if in midst of crisscrossing routeways and flows. The land with its resources and surrounding waters is identifiable, walked on, dug through, shaped, settled, abandoned, fought over, and sought out for conquest or refuge. It also can have magical qualities and be under the remit of divine entities. This paper will take several cases from pre-Roman Italy that help towards an understanding of the diverse ways that land, territory, and settlement were positioned within the wider conceptualisation of community building and creation of membership groups. What do the remaining laws, stories, burials and habitation structures tell us about the commitment to particular sites, their stewards and how they differ across socio-cultural groups?

Im Anschluss bietet ein Umtrunk Gelegenheit zum Austausch.

