**SEEDS, WEEDS AND IMPLEMENTS: TRACES OF FARMING IN BRONZE AGE HILLFORTS IN LATVIA AND ESTONIA**

**On December 16th at 15.00 (EET), a lecture “Seeds, Weeds and Implements: Traces of Farming in Bronze Age Hillforts in Latvia and Estonia” by Dr. Uwe Sperling (University of Rostock) and PhD candidate Vanda Visocka (University of Latvia) will take place.**

The introduction of agriculture was a surprisingly late phenomenon in the East Baltic, not before the Bronze Age (1800–500 BC). Dr. Sperling emphasizes that the proper signs of field cultivation and mixed farming we can only see with the overall occurrence of hillfort settlements around 900 BC and later. In Ķivutkalns (Latvia) and Asva (Estonia), for instance, there are plenty of botanical macro remains such as charred seeds and imprints on pottery. In the lecture the results from a common research project by archaeologists and archaeobotanists from Riga, Rostock and Tallinn will be presented, with a closer look on the grain crops (barley, wheat, millet etc.) and the implements used in agriculture and food production.

Dr. Uwe Sperling studied Prehistoric Archaeology in Berlin and Tartu. Since 2018, he is running a research project at Rostock University, funded by the German Research Foundation, with focus on Bronze Age metal production.

Vanda Visocka is a PhD candidate in history and archaeology and research assistant at the University of Latvia, Faculty of History and Philosophy. She researches archaeological pottery during Bronze and Pre-Roman Iron Age in Eastern Baltic.

Language: **English**

Participation: **Free**

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