

Geoarchaeological investigations at Taċ-Ċawla, Gozo



**SEMINAR PRESENTED BY THE CENTRE FOR
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PRESENTER: CONOR MCADAMS

Conor McAdams is a Ph.D. candidate at UOW. His research interests include exploring sedimentary records of human-environment interactions, soil micromorphology as an interpretative tool in archaeology, and exploration speleology.

SEMINAR OVERVIEW:

In this short presentation he will discuss settlement and subsistence strategies in Temple Period Malta, particularly site scale environmental reconstruction at Taċ-Ċawla on the island of Gozo, excavated as part of the FRAGSUS ERC Funded Project. Temple Period Malta has been described as Europe's first flourishing of civilisation. While the spectacular ritual monuments and prehistoric art of this restricted island landscape have long been a focus of research, the domestic and economic aspects of the archaeological record remain fragmentary and largely unexplored. This preliminary study demonstrates how an integrated, geoarchaeological approach can furnish archaeological interpretations despite extremely challenging preservation conditions, common in eroded and heavily developed Mediterranean landscapes with long histories of intensive occupation.



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