1st Water, Landscape & Society Conference in the Past (WaLS Conference)

We are pleased to present the **1st WaLS Conference**, an academic event exploring the historical interactions between water, landscape, and society. The event will take place on **October 9–10, 2025**, at the Roca Barcelona Gallery (Barcelona).

First circular now available!

Registrations and abstract submissions are now open. The deadline for submitting proposals is **May 26, 2025**.

- Organized by: Institut de Recerca de l'Aigua, IdRA (UB)
- In collaboration with:
  - Institut Català d'Arqueologia Clàssica, ICAC
  - Institut d'Estudis del Pròxim Orient Antic, IEPOA (UAB)
  - Grup de Recerca Ambiental Mediterrània, GRAM (UB)
  - We Are Water Foundation
  - Càtedra UB d'Estudis en Territori i Resiliència
  - Observatorio BioEbro, OBE

Conference Objectives

The WaLS Conference is designed as a space for multidisciplinary reflection and dialogue among researchers and professionals interested in the historical relationship between water and society. This first edition will emphasize collaboration among Spanish-speaking researchers and lay the groundwork for future international meetings.

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Find all the details in the **first circular** of the WaLS Conference.

Main Session Topics

1. **Water Territories:**
   - Water as a structuring element in the organization of urban and territorial space.
   - Adaptation and resilience in landscapes affected by flooding.
   - Regional studies on settlements and water sources.
1. **Water Technology, Management, and Culture:**
   - Innovations in water management throughout history.
   - Sustainable infrastructures and their cultural dimension.
   - Gender perspectives in water management.
1. **The Symbolism of Water:**
   - Narratives and legends related to water.
   - The cultural and artistic role of water in different historical contexts.
   - Philosophical and anthropological perspectives on the symbolism of water.

Participation and Registrations

Those interested in presenting papers or posters are invited to submit an abstract following the instructions on the conference website or in the **first circular**.

For any inquiries, please contact us by email at **congres.wals@ub.edu**.

Key Dates

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- December 9, 2024: Opening of registrations and abstract submissions.
- May 26, 2025: Abstract submission deadline.
- July 14, 2025: Registration deadline for participants.
- September 19, 2025: Registration deadline for attendees.
- October 9–10, 2025: Celebration of the 1st WaLS Conference.

  The registration fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, and participation or attendance certificates.

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About the Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC)

The Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC-CERCA) is **a CERCA center** established as a consortium in 2003 by the Government of Catalonia and the Rovira i Virgili University. It is a Catalan institution with an international scope, at the forefront of research and conservation of archaeological heritage. Its headquarters are in Tarragona, a city recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Its researchers work to understand the past, through the study of archaeological remains, and promote the preservation of the historical legacy. We are CERCA!

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