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**Cordial Invitation
to the Online Lecture (ZOOM) on 13.10.2022, 6:00 pm (CET)**

Dr. Gemma Jansen

**Fountains in Roman Garden Paintings (Case Study Pompeii)
(Lecture in English)**

Gemma Jansen is archaeologist and wrote her dissertation at Nijmegen University (the Netherlands) on water systems inside the three Roman towns of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Ostia. She has investigated Roman toilets and urinals at length, also at other Roman sites. Recently, she is investigating the relation between humans and Roman technology and she tries to find out - among other things – who the people were that built the aqueducts and what Romans actually thought about their sewer systems. At the moment she is writing a book on Roman gardens.

About the lecture:

The gardens of the Roman town of Pompeii show hundreds of fountains and fountain statues. Their diversity is enormous; they vary from simple waterfalls over steps up to large groups of statuettes spouting water in the air. It is apparent that the fountains painted on the fresco walls of Pompeii are rather different from the ones that occur in the real gardens. They are limited to a rather restricted assortment and – somewhat unexpected – they show other fountain types than the ones excavated in the nearby gardens. A closer look reveals that the painted fountains are no snapshot of real fountains. However, what are they? We are going to explore Roman fantasies in which water plays an important role.

The access data for the online meeting (ZOOM) are as follows:

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