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Cordial Invitation
to the Online Lecture (ZOOM) on 08.06.2023, 6:00 pm (CET)

Dr. Jens Köhler
„Der mittelalterliche Aquädukt und Brunnen in Perugia“
(„The medieval aqueduct and fountain in Perugia“)
(Lecture in German)

Jens Köhler studied Classical Archaeology, Ancient History, and the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East at Marburg and at Munich universities. He wrote his Ph.D. thesis on festivals and processions of the Hellenistic period. Since the early 1990s, he has lived in Rome, where he worked for several years as a senior researcher for the German Archaeological Institute (DAI), preparing the catalog of ancient sculptures in the Vatican Museums. Köhler is teaching at John Cabot University (JCU) and at The American University of Rome (AUR) courses in Roman archaeology and ancient technology. He is a member of the Frontinus Society since 1998; he helped organizing the 'big' Frontinus meeting in Rome 2018. His main research interests are the Roman thermo-mineral baths (or spa baths), a project that was inspired by the Terme Taurine near Civitavecchia, and the ancient aqueducts, for example those for the water supply of Hadrian's Villa and the Aqua Alexandrina.

Jens Köhler about the lecture:

Perugia, the ancient Perusia, now capital of Italy's Umbria region, owns a fountain famous for its sculptural decoration: the Fontana Maggiore on the main square of the city. Much less well-known than the beautiful fountain is the aqueduct that supplied it with water. The construction is a surprising witness for the legacy and revival of ancient technologies concerning water transport through hilly landscapes, in this case: the inverted siphon. With the approximate date of 1275-1280 it predates the Baroque aqueducts in Rome, the Aqua Felix and the Aqua Paola, more than 300 years. The aqueduct's sources at Monte Pacciano and its four-kilometer-long path, including several preserved arches, still lack investigation and documentation. This complex building seems not to stand alone in its time: some comparable aqueducts can be found not too far away in Gubbio and in Spoleto. After the transformation into a walkable ramp and only partial restorations during the last decades, lastly rose a major interest in the revalorization of this unique monument.

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