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**Cordial Invitation
to the Online Lecture (ZOOM) on 14.03.2024, 6:00 pm (CET)**

Prof. Dr. Inge Uytterhoeven

Bathing in a Private Setting

**Baths as Reception Spaces in the Roman and
Late Antique Elite Houses of Asia Minor
(Lecture in English)**

Inge Uytterhoeven is a Full Professor in the Department of Archaeology and History of Art and an Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University in Istanbul. After her studies in Ancient Greek and Latin Language and Literature and Archaeology at KU Leuven (Belgium – 1991–1998), she obtained her PhD in Archaeology in 2003 from the same university with a dissertation on the Graeco-Roman village and necropolis of Hawara in the Egyptian Fayum (published in 2009). Her research integrates material and written evidence and focuses on housing, public architecture, and broader urban studies in Hellenistic, Roman, and Late Antique Anatolia, and the Eastern Mediterranean. She has worked on archaeological sites in Belgium, Italy, Greece, Egypt, and especially Turkey, where she has been part of field research at Sagalassos (Ağlasun, Burdur – KU Leuven project) and Limyra (Finike, Antalya – Austrian Archaeological Institute project) since many years.

Inge Uytterhoeven about her lecture:

As crucial elements of guest reception in Roman and Late Antique houses, private baths took a central place in the lives of the ancient well-to-do. Provided with sophisticated heating and water systems and embellished with lavish décor, they formed the stage where the ancient elite host would receive his guests before receiving and entertaining them at the evening banquet. Starting from examples known from Roman and Late Antique Asia Minor, including the private baths investigated during our fieldwork in the Pisidian city of Sagalassos, this paper looks into the role private baths played in the houses of the urban elites. It discusses how private baths modelled after "Roman" baths in Italy appeared in Asia Minor in the early Roman Imperial period and how they developed into extended complexes with rich ornamentation in Late Antiquity. The presentation will especially focus on the functioning of private bath suites within the context of receiving visitors in the residences and pay attention to the different users of the houses who had access to the private baths, including the host, his relatives, and his guests, as well as the personnel that contributed to making bathing in a private setting a pleasant experience.

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