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**Cordial Invitation**  
**to the Online Lecture (ZOOM) on 16.05.2024, 6:00 pm (CET)**

**Dr. Natalie de Haan**

**Under Construction - the Central Baths at Pompeii**  
**(Lecture in English)**

Nathalie de Haan studied Ancient Languages and Classical Archaeology in Nijmegen, where she completed her doctorate in 2003 with a dissertation on Roman private baths. From 2000-2006 she was a research officer for archaeology and ancient history at the Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut in Rome (KNIR) and initiated the research project on the "Terme Centrali" in Pompeii together with Kurt Wallat. Since 2006 she works at the Radboud University Nijmegen as a teacher and researcher for Ancient History (RICH - Radboud Institute for Culture and History). Her research focusses on Roman bathing culture, the Flavian period in Rome and the history of ancient studies in Italy.

Nathalie de Haan about her lecture:

*When Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD, the Central Baths were still under construction. As a consequence, these large public baths were never used. Their unfinished state provides us with a unique opportunity to learn more about the original design of the baths, dating to the early Flavian age. Hardly any other public bath building of the same period has survived in its original lay-out. The fact that the Central Baths remained unfinished offers the possibility to study building processes, the division of labour and the sequence of the work. Moreover, the Central Baths were designed and built in a crucial period in the history of Roman baths and bathing culture. Had the Central Baths been finished, they would have offered the inhabitants and visitors of Pompeii a completely new bathing experience, due to the perfection of the planned (and partially completed) facilities.*

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