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Call for Papers

Along the Meuse and Rhine rivers and the surrounding countryside pottery production has a long tradition going back to Roman times and even beyond. High quality clays, large woodlands and good transport routes on the two rivers promoted an intense production and regional or international distribution of pottery.

The different pottery workshops competed for markets, but were also in close contact with each other. They adapted new kiln technologies and copied vessel forms and decoration patterns. At least for the post-medieval period we can get a glimpse of these contacts between different workshops, as historic sources report of the high mobility of potters. However, these migrations and influences did not always run in the same direction. While in the early Middle Ages many impulses seem to have come from northern France and Belgium to the Rhineland, potters from Frechen and the Westerwald emigrated to Belgium or England in the 17th and 18th centuries to set up new businesses there.

The conference will bring together archaeologists working on ceramics from the early medieval to the modern period, to provide an overview on newly excavated finds or new research on long known sites. Questions of innovation and adaptation, role model and copy, distribution and consumption will be explored both on production and consumer sites in Belgium, western Germany and the Netherlands. We encourage everybody interested in the topic to send their abstract of no more than 250 words by 15.5.2025 to Bartmann.abr@lvr.de. The conference will be held in English. The conference fee will be 50 EUR, covering the coffee breaks and trivialities.

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