

Call for Papers
13th Edition of *PONS AELIUS: Newcastle History, Classics and Archaeology*
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Individuals and Communities

Humans are often considered ‘social animals’, existing only within larger groups, though still maintaining a unique identity. This year’s issue of the *PONS AELIUS* E-Journal seeks to reflect on individuals and their relationships to their communities, as well as to each other.

Communities and individuals often construct carefully curated identities, which can be mutual or distinct. Prominent and conspicuous individuals have frequently emerged throughout history, either as protectors or challengers to communal identities; yet others, individuals who are not famous (either in their own, or our time) often prove to be just as important. What role can we, as historians, classicists and archaeologists, play in reviving and bringing back the individual from a historical period, ancient or more modern? Can we restore their agency? How important is the individual experience in society? How are communities organised?

We are seeking abstracts for papers of **4000 words**. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Individuals in communities
- Individuals outside communities
- Agency
- ‘Great-Man’ theory
- Public and private religion
- Organisation(s) and landscape
- Social roles
- International relations
- Social communication
- Family
- Gender and sexuality
- Class and race
- Creating society

Please send abstracts of 250-300 words, along with your affiliation and course, to Chris Mowat (c.j.mowat@ncl.ac.uk) by 15th August. If your paper is selected, the deadline for the paper will 26th September.

