

# ARCHAEO.SOCIAL & ARCHAEO.DEV



Decentralised, collective digital infrastructure for archaeology  
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## Reclaiming the scholarly social web

### Who owns your research infrastructure?

The nearly-overnight collapse of 'Science Twitter' in 2022 destroyed a worldwide, interdisciplinary scholarly network born from many years of community engagement. This disruption exposed a vulnerability many had overlooked: **scholarly communication built on corporate platforms is fragile by design**. Enshittification, data colonialism, and hostile acquisitions are not aberrations – they are features of the system.

The lesson was clear: we can't afford to give control of scientific discourse to private corporations. Yet most of our digital infrastructure, including social media, code sharing and collaboration tools, still belongs to a **handful of tech giants**.

### archaeo.social & archaeo.dev are different

We are a **community-run, open-source collective** providing decentralised digital services for archaeology. Our infrastructure is **resilient, transparent, and collectively-owned**, with hundreds of users and several scholarly societies drawing value from it and providing support.

Pooling resources across our community makes this sustainable. We invite CAA members to use our services – and help shape their future!

## Already there?

Share your Fediverse address, Matrix handle or old-school blog with the CAA community:

### MASTODON

[archaeo.social](#)

Mastodon is a **free and open-source microblogging platform**, and is a main alternative to Twitter/X. It's plugged into the "Fediverse" — a series of independent yet interoperable servers that exchange information using a common protocol, similar to how email works across different institutions. **archaeo.social is a popular academic server** with hundreds of members.

### MATRIX CHAT

[chat.archaeo.social](#)

Matrix is a **decentralized instant-messaging platform** and the popular open source alternative to WhatsApp, Slack and Discord, with a strong focus on user privacy and encryption. Aside from our general-purpose chatrooms, we host several archaeology-related interest groups including SPAAM, SSLA, and Young Researchers in Archaeometry. Join us today at #CAA2026:archaeo.social.

### GIT FORGE\*

[forge.archaeo.dev](#)

We maintain an independent software development forge using Forgejo, a **free and open source alternative to GitHub**. Forgejo enables developers and researchers to track changes to code, data and prose using Git, with additional tools for issue tracking, project management and code review. A great platform for open and reproducible research!

### BLOG RING

[webring.archaeo.social](#)

A webring is an **'old school' way to connect blogs** following a common theme – in this case, archaeology! By adding your blog to our directory and including navigation buttons on your site, readers will be able to jump across the network, making all of our work more discoverable.

### COLLABORATIVE WRITING\*

[md.archaeo.dev](#)

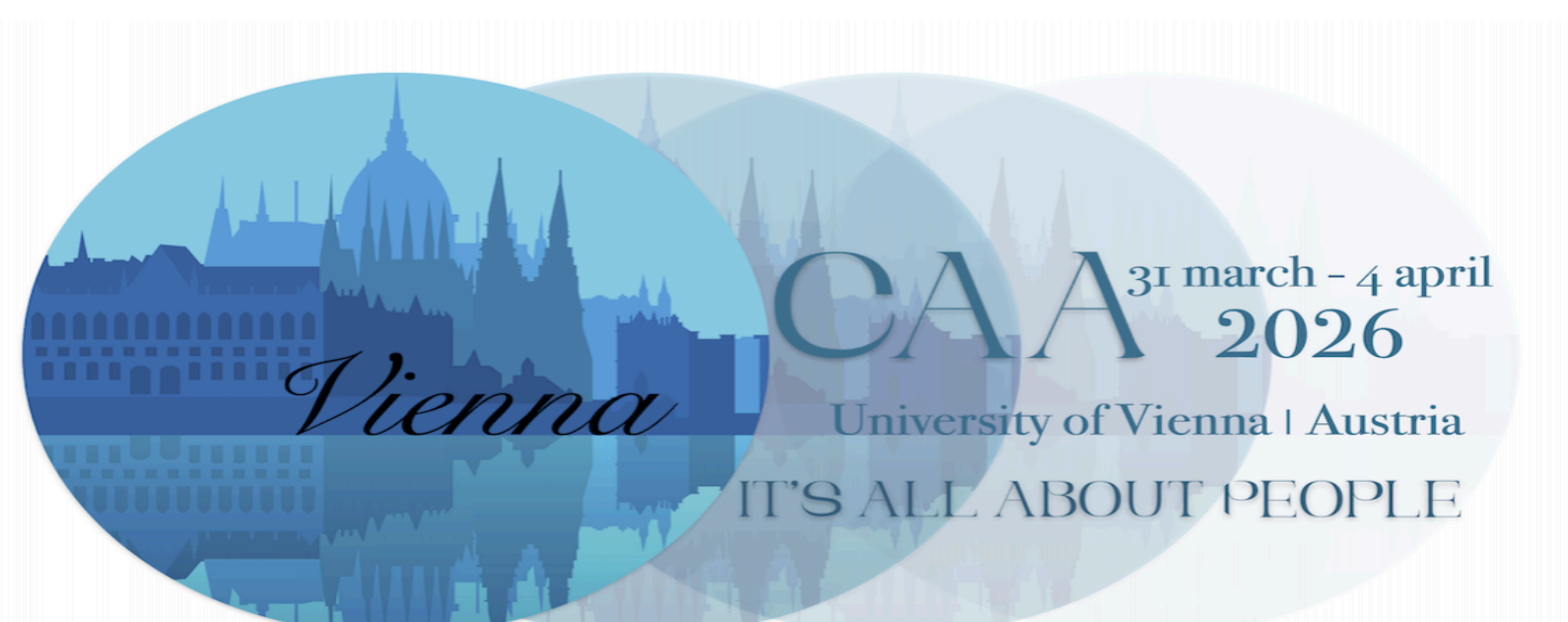
Hedgedoc is a lightweight Markdown editor for **collaborative writing and note-taking**. It's fully compliant with numerous Markdown extensions, including graphs, diagrams and presentations. Great for pooling notes for the next conference session!

### MORE TO COME...

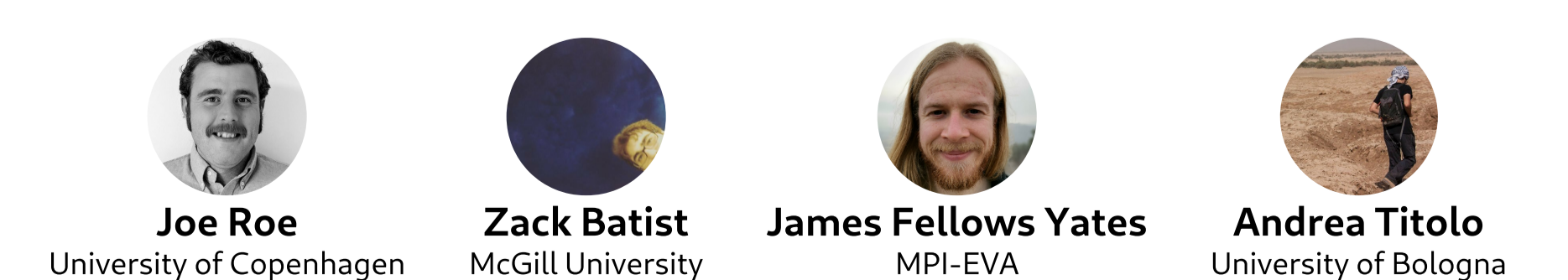
[codeberg.org/archaeo-social/org](#)

We **welcome suggestions** for additional software and services that match our mandate to maintain free, open source and federated scholarly communication infrastructure for the archaeological community.

Our main constraints are time and money – collective ownership doesn't mean free!



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