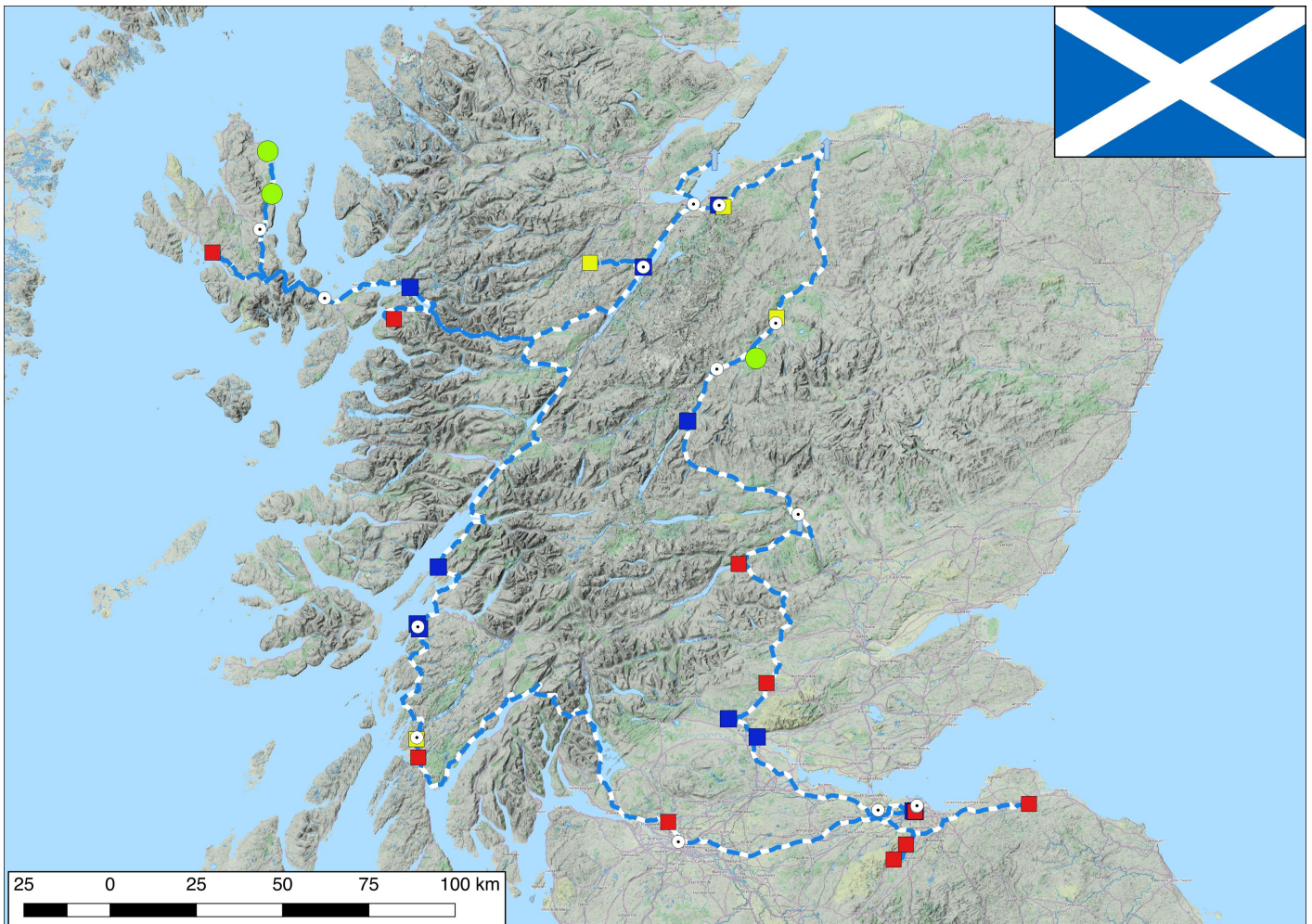


A TRANSITION PERIOD IN THE LIFE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

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The career of an archaeologist usually has its ups and downs and is not a straight forward road. No surprise that I am again somehow between 2 jobs. Well, okay, I started my current job at the Research Centre of the “Keltenwelt am Glauberg” nearly 3 months ago (<http://www.keltenwelt-glauberg.de/en/research-centre/the-research-centre/>) – the museum is a must-see if you are interested in the Early Celts and if you want to see the rich burials of three Early Iron Age men with bronze flagons, gold rings and necklaces, prestigious brooches and many other things more, not to forget the life-size sand-stone statue of one of the buried persons).

But my past job as a stand-in for the Assistant Professorship for Digital Geoarchaeology at Bamberg University (<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/ivga/>) still needs my contribution: In my Bamberg time I had organised this summer’s student field trip to Scotland.



Bamberg University Archaeology Fieldtrip 2016

On the Day of Archaeology 2016 we will visit the Corrimony Chambered Cairns (<https://canmore.org.uk/site/12256/>), Urquhart Castle (<https://canmore.org.uk/site/12547/>)



Urquhart Castle



Dun Telve Broch

and the Glenelg Brochs (Dun Telve: <https://canmore.org.uk/site/11798/> and Dun Troddan: <https://canmore.org.uk/site/11797/>) – definitely not the worst places to spend one's day!



Dun Troddan Broch

We will travel around Scotland with its rich and fascinating heritage to show the students places with a highly interesting landscapes and with sites from the Neolithic to the modern era.

This trip ties in to my research plans for investigations in Scotland, comparing indigenous societies and 'their landscapes' in the light of the Roman occupation in areas in Scotland and in the German state of Hesse. Meeting various Scottish colleagues to talk about this project idea will be part of the trip as will be the preparation of a special exhibition we plan at the Glauberg museum (more to come as soon as our ideas become more 'stable'). So it's a great opportunity to combine old obligations with plans in my new job (and of course with enjoying Scotland, its landscapes, its archaeology and last but definitely not least its people and their various [cereal] products).

As I will most likely not be extensively online (and not in the mood to work online) too often during that trip I will use the images of a previous trip to Scotland to illustrate this day in the highlands. I might however – depending on my mood – use Twitter (@posluschny) every now and then.