The aim of this project is to gain and exchange experiences in anthropological and interdisciplinary research on topics concerning water management and industrial heritage.

General Information
The Mgarr Ix-Xini site recently got some attention by the filming of the feature film *By The Sea*, directed by Angelina Jolie. Before it was a site not very well known by tourists. And although the beautiful sheltered bay is one of the favorite spots for locals, the valley that leads to the bay holds some unexplored treasures that grasped the attention of our research team.

One of the focus points of the valley is the abandoned water pumping station, built in times of British colonization. Mario Pace, a young architect and local expert on the site will accompany the Expeditions teams in the further research on the meaning of this site. The valley holds some other remnants that deserve further exploration. We already found a few basins carved in stone of which is very little known as well as some of the illustrious and unexplained cart-ruts (see small pictures above).

Our research project here will be primarily focussed on the meaning of this place from a contemporary perspective, whilst also providing our research team the opportunity of a more physical mapping of the site.

Goals
- Develop your own research topic related to the site.
- Explore the opportunities and limits of using ethnographical techniques in material culture research.
- Collaborate with local experts.
- Explore the potential of interdisciplinary methods and different ways of representation.
- Contribute to an anthropological publication on the Mgarr Ix-Xini valley.

Leading professors & researchers
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Dr. Marc Vanlangendonck (KU Leuven)

Practical Information
This workshop is part of the Off The Beaten Track field school. Registrations can be done on our website.

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