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Archaeological material remains and archaeological records of the past are the main sources of archaeological research. Growing ranges of methodological tools now help to interpret that record. The way in which we use these methods to define and decode the past predetermines the way in which the scientific goals of our research agendas are achieved. New research questions in archaeology go far beyond those posed using traditional methods of analysis and treatment of material cultural remains. An absence of evidence is no longer considered evidence of absence. Research now seeks to identify the potential cultural ‘presence’ behind absence in the record. Using new techniques, new analytical equipment and new procedures, in appropriate theoretical frameworks and contextual proxies, archaeological research continues to refine its interpretation of the past.

This theme is inviting sessions dealing with technology, survey, typology, statistics, ethnoarchaeology, geoarchaeology and other scientific applications to the research of archaeological evidence and artefacts. It is also a call for papers that address new questions to the technological records now available to research. What is sought is a diachronic perspective that reflects new methods of decision-making in research strategies and our understanding of social agency in archaeology. This theme seeks to address our cognitive and post-processual reading of the past as a tool in defining ‘artefact’ and biography, and informing our creation of narratives.
TH1-01 Abstract 03
Spirit Birds at Neolithic Çatalhöyük

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As they soar into the air and dive below the water’s surface, birds inspire awe for their superhuman capacity to pass among earth, air, and water. They are often seen as belonging to the spirit world, or at least as messengers to and from that world. Whereas at earlier sites in the region birds made a significant contribution to human diet, at Neolithic Çatalhöyük in Central Anatolia their nutritional significance is small. Body part distributions suggest that for the most part feathers were more important than meat. Birds remain, mostly the feathery parts of wings, appear in a number of special deposits at Çatalhöyük. Together with artistic representations, these deposits suggest that cranes and vultures played key roles in life cycle transitions and were invoked mimetically through dance. Additionally, waterbirds, particularly in association with newborn human infants, may have mediated interactions between human and spirit worlds. Although there is little indication that Çatalhöyük residents made much use of brightly colored feathers, bird wing deposits do attest to the importance of color symbolism at the site. Thus bird remains offer material evidence of aspects of Neolithic cosmoology and ontology.

TH1-01 Abstract 04
The Human-Bird Interfaces in the Epipaleolithic from Balkans

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The aim of this paper is to explore the complex interaction between humans and birds in the Köklücemal-Gümülcina-Karanovo VI communities (ca. 4500–3800 BC) from the Balkans (Romania and Bulgaria).

Thus, our investigation will cover the bird figurines iconography study from some key-sites in the target area (e.g. Marulita, Sultana, Vilanezi, Yunatata, etc.), in correlation with the zooarchaeological analyses, in order to identify the significance of avian species in the Epipaleolithic societies, both symbolically and economically. A special attention will be granted to some hybrid type of figurines that combines the anthropomorphic and zoomorphic elements of humans and birds because it reflects the best interface between both species, and it may help to decipher the particular biographies of those past communities.

This approach brings a whole new perspective on the construction of human-bird interfaces in prehistory, and how some specific artifacts (the hybrid human-bird figurines) have the potential to redefine the role of birds in the human societies. This research is funded by a grant of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research, CNCS – UEFISCDI, project numbers PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-1015.

TH1-01 Abstract 05
Birds in the cave painting during the recent Prehistory in the south of the Iberian Peninsula

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Birds were not one of the favourite issues in order to be used for rock paintings in the Iberian Peninsula. In spite of that, in the southern end of Spain it is focused the greatest amount of this kind of artistic manifestations. We are referring to the shelter of Tajo de las Figuras (Benalup-Casas Viejas, Cadiz), which represents the 99.94% of the total bird representations of Paleolithic rock paintings in the Iberian Peninsula. In 17 square meters of wall surface 962 pictograms are represented, of which 208 are birds. In it, social groups in the Recent Prehistory capture the rich ecosystem of the former Laguna de la Janda and where birds had a leading role. Our research group has recently made a detailed investigation of these paintings, in which we have been able to ascertain the existence of very diverse species and scenes of ethnology of these birds and an explanation of their existence, as a whole. Other scenes, even though they could be related to waterbird hunting, it is also possible that they have a shamanic ritual significance, in connection with life and death.

By the same token, systematic prospecting works in the surroundings allow us confirm the existence of a spatial pattern, where shelters with rock paintings are located in the territory in close liaison with settlements, necropolises, communication routes and catchment areas. Of special interest is the megalithic necropolis, located at the foot of the shelters (Necropolis del Callemar), due to its complex exchange of intervisibility between shelters with paintings (Arco y Tajo de las Figuras) and megalithic tombs.
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Human-bird interfaces in Han-dynasty China as displayed through kingfisher-ornaments in graves

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Kingfishers feature prominently in Chinese art. They are a common topic in medieval poetry and their brilliant plumage – a symbol of beauty – was used to adorn headaddresses, combs, fans and screens. Clearly mentioned as creatures living in regions to the south or in the south of the Chinese empire, historical records suggest that already during the 2nd century BCE local groups sent kingfisher feathers and sometimes even live birds to the imperial court as tribute. Even though kingfishers seem to have been known throughout a larger part of ancient China, this talk focuses on depictions that stem from regions forming part of the natural habitat of the various species of Alcedinidae – namely the modern-day provinces of Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan and Guangxi. Dating to the times of the Western Han (206 BCE-9 AD) and Eastern Han (25-220 AD) dynasty, graves uncovered there contain small kingfisher-figures made of clay and metal as well as depictions of the birds on tomb tiles. These representations thus provide the opportunity to reflect upon the construction of kingfisher-human interfaces as motivated through close contact and observation. The analysis of how kingfisher depictions were used in the funerary context further allows for conclusions about the possible meanings assigned to these animals. Ultimately, these findings can be contrasted with the modes of exploitation and usage of kingfishers in other regions of ancient China.

Keywords:

Eastern Baltic, Late Iron Age, pendants

The aim of this paper is to discuss bird-related pendants in the Late Iron Age (800-1200/1250 AD) Eastern Baltic. The symbolic side of the human-bird-relationship is usually approached through folklore, emphasising the importance of a Baltic-Finnic creation song in which the world is formed of eggs laid by a bird. In order to expand the current scope of interpretations, one should focus on archaeological materials and find contexts. Bird-related pendants are the most direct evidence in the material culture that indicate the special role of birds in these peoples’ worldview. Most of these pendants are cast alloy specimens that vary in style and presumably depict several species. The rest of the pendants were made from wing bones and claws. They have been found in association with human and animal burials, hearths, cremation burials and cremation burials, which points to broad usage and multifaceted meanings. In this paper bird-related pendants are juxtaposed with folklore along with a comparison of species.

Keywords:

Late Iron Age, pendants

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TH1-01 Abstract 10

Toward an Archaeo-Ornithology of the Bering Sea Region

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Archaeological evidence from the Bering Sea region of the North Pacific indicates that prehistoric human inhabitants possessed a broad and sophisticated knowledge of birds and their behaviors. Reconstructing human relations with birds requires integration of multiple lines of evidence, including imagery, narrative, and human and animal remains. In this presentation, I discuss the archaeological evidence that humans attempted to mimic or acquire the abilities and physical attributes of some bird taxa, such as lions (legers) and shorebirds. Human burials as early as the Chulitna period (c. 400 CE), caches, masks, amulets, and ethnohistoric narratives indicate that select bird taxa mediated the human experience of coastal environments.

Keywords:

Bering Sea, birds, human-animal relations

TH1-01 Abstract 11

Wild birds in medieval Italy: an investigation of their roles in diet, environment and society

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Wild birds are intrinsically associated with our perception of the Middle Ages. They often feature in heraldic designs, paintings, and books of hours; few human activities typify the medieval period as much as falconry. Almost obsessively portrayed in the famous Bayeux tapestry illustrating the Norman victory at the Battle of Hastings (1066), falconry has an especially prominent role in the Italian Middle Ages, not in small part due to the famous book by the Emperor Frederick II, which remains an important source of information on the subject. Prominent in medieval iconography, wild birds feature less frequently in written sources (as they were rarely a subject of trade transactions or legal documents) but they can be abundant in architectural or sculpted images. The subject is somewhat underexplored and this paper aims to contribute filling this knowledge gap by highlighting the nature of wild bird exploitation in Italian medieval societies, ranging from their role as food items to their ritual, status and symbolic importance. A survey of about 20 Italian medieval sites, dated from the 5th to the 15th centuries, reveals the occurrence of more than 100 species (certainly an underestimate of the real original number). Considerations on the habitats and behaviours of the identified bird species, coupled with parallel information from historical sources, help our understanding of the roles they played in medieval societies. Though some species were almost certainly hunted for food, as revealed by butchery marks on bones, others were more likely to have produced feathers or acted as hunting companions and status symbols. The paper will also contrast urban and rural evidence and investigate any apparent diachronic change.

Keywords:

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TH1-01 Abstract 12

Avian-Human Interactions in North Atlantic Island Environments: Modes & meanings of bird capture

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Birds were a small but often important component of diet and economy in the past, particularly in islands, as a diverse range of birds, especially aquatic birds, thrive in coastal and island locations. Large colonies of gregariously breeding seabirds would have provided past populations of these locations with a concentrated resource base that could be targeted intensively or sporadically for meat, eggs, oil and fat. Bird use in the North Atlantic Islands is therefore integral to fully understanding life, diet and resource use in these settings.

This paper presents results from a large-scale investigation of Medieval to Post-Medieval bird use in the North Atlantic Islands that involved collating pre-existing avian data and combining it with new, in-depth analyses. The archaeological dataset is considered alongside modern species profiles, and contextualised within the wider historically documented tradition of fishing. The zooarchaeological dataset indicates that whilst many birds were sourced locally, others required specific fishing trips to more distant areas of the landscape. Several key species exploited through time and space (such as gannet and guillemot) would have been acquired from dangerous areas of terrain such as cliff-faces. These targeted avian species demonstrate that fishing was part of a wider picture of mobility and interconnectivity in marine resource use that involved moving around the seascape and to different island landscapes. Changes are seen in the exploitation of locally sourced taxa resulting from preference, seasonality, and species populations (including sustainability issues as evidenced in the great auk’s decline and extinction). The creation of unique fishing profiles responding to specific needs (e.g. netting of waders in winter to supplement the diet) indicates a degree of liminality in these landscapes. Historically documented case studies such as the fowlers of St Kilda characterise the duality of isolation and connection in these island locations and their human resource networks.

Keywords:

Avian Archaeology, Islands, Seabirds

Presentation Preference - Oral

TH1-01 Abstract 13

Beyond the bones: a multi-strand approach to past perceptions of avian associations

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Birds form an important part of human society, culture and subistence both now and in the past. Combining analysis of faunal remains and material culture at archaeological sites, this paper examines attitudes towards birds between the Bronze Age
to Roman period, across Europe. Particular focus is given to one of the most commonly found birds, the domestic chicken. Comparison of bird species present in avian assemblages at archaeological sites during this period is used to identify cultural and behavioural changes in human-bird relationships. The combination of species, site location, and the type of sites within which they are found can tell us much about the societies with which they are associated, from religious practices, to subsistence strategies, and even entertainment.

Employing a multi-strand approach identifying avian importance through depiction in material culture, enables consideration of human-bird interactions even in contexts where zooarchaeological data are limited, and provides complementary data where both types of evidence are present. Choosing to depict birds on items of value or significance, such as grave goods or signet rings, represents individual bonds between humans and birds, while frequent depiction on coins identifies a broader societal relationship. The combination of species depicted, both faunal and floral, can be used to better understand aspects of ecology and morphology, and identifies the human-bird connections present in the minds of those creating these artifacts. Such an approach allows us to see beyond just the bones, to better understand the complex relationships between birds and humans.

Changes in goose and duck use from the early Roman period until the post-medieval period in Britain
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Geese and ducks have been used in Britain from late prehistory until the present day for a multitude of reasons including for their meat, their eggs, their feathers, and their fat. We know from historical sources that the economic and cultural significance of these animals has changed over the years since the Roman occupation of our country, but archeology can greatly improve our understanding of the use of these birds. The problem is that these animals are rarely meaningfully discussed within an archeological context. This is because their osteological remains are particularly difficult to identify to the species level, even when a comprehensive comparative reference collection is used. This has prevented some key questions from being addressed satisfactorily. However, as we learn more about the domestication of these animals, and the relative frequency of examples of depiction and use of birds and value its symbolic role in the Roman Culture.

This paper discusses the changing use of these birds from the early Roman period until the postmedieval period in Britain by comparing osteological assemblages from several sites, including a range of different site types and geographical locations. Key changes in the use of these birds will be discussed using four main proxies; differences in taxa frequencies, the relative frequency of intact bones, variation in butchery practice, and changes in size through time. Taxon identification was achieved using recently developed morphometric criteria at the University of Sheffield. This paper was possible due to combining results from two post-doctoral projects and one PhD project at the University of Sheffield.

Food for the Dead or Symbol of Rebirth?
Culinary offerings and incubated eggs from a Roman cemetery
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Slight differences of an eggshell's microstructure can provide evidence of its potentially incubated state. These modifications result from the avian embryo resorbing calcium from the shell to form its skeleton. However, although the recovered eggs of Octopus alba are normally recovered in the sites, sometimes as waste from daily life and other times as result of ritual actions. In this last case birds go with human remains insides urns and pits such as domestic or funerary offerings. The identified species are: chicken (Gallus gallus domesticus), partridge (Alectoris rufa), golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos), mallard (Anas platyrhynchos), little bustard (Tetrax tetrix), goglem (Columba livia/vesparia), little owl (Athene noctua), barn owl (Tyto alba), Eagle owl (Bubo bubo ), white stork (Ciconia ciconia), gull (Larus sp.) and Cory’s shearwater (Calonectris diomedea). Some birds are hunted and the bones used to create musical instruments (Ibarna 2004; Ibarna and Pérez Jordà 2013; Ibarna, 2016; Canals, 1994).

Bird pictures (figures) are usually represented on ceramic vessels, where they appear in different types of scenes. Scenes of hunting, war, funerary and domestic life. Although they can also be find others materials such as ceramic, sculpture and metal craft. To what extent are birds important in Roman gardens?
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Viewing various species of birds, especially the peacock, peahen, guinea fowl, partridge, duck, is a frequent motif on floor mosaics with a garden theme in the Roman world. There are also wall frescoes depicting gardens full of birdlife for example from Livia’s house at Prima Porta near Rome from the 1st century AD and from a house at Viminum (today’s Zollfeld) in the Roman province of Noricum from the 2nd century AD. But does it reflect keeping birds in garden itself? On some particular sites are remains of architectural structures reckoned as aviaries, which will be displayed on example from the Roman province of Gaul on Mele-Witzen site from the 3rd century AD and for further comparison those from Maison de Valère in Carthage in province of North Africa from the beginning of the 3rd century AD. Either many types of cages are painted on garden frescoes or it is possible to rely on literary sources as well. Thus the iconographic sources represent a graphic image transmission of an aviary or a hunting park, in analogy to the mosaics in North Africa, which belonged to the villa and which is otherwise difficult to prove. It may also represent a sacrificial, hunting wild birds within venal/a munera, which is mentioned in Palladius’ work. Similarly in this way is also reflected a higher social status of the villa owner. Based on literary, iconographic and archaeological sources it is obvious that birds were kept in Roman gardens for pleasure or some use. The meaning of bird’s presence in focus amouros is still not sufficiently clarified.

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PETRIFICATION PROCESSES IN (PRE )HISTORY

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Presentation Preference: Oral

The moment we want to describe, quantify and compare processes over large distances, from different periods and in diverse material categories, we use diachronic concepts. To do this in a highly materialistic subject like Archaeology, a concept will have to be as concrete and measurable as possible. At the same time, it must be transferable to the intangible as well as to the – in our conception – magical minds of the people we study. Such a seemingly simple concept is petrification. Apart from its obviously Christian roots (Apostle Petrus) it describes increasing durability, weight and regularity in objects and processes.

My personal approach to petrification comes from the study of the reintroduction of stone architecture in the medieval period. This – according to M. Shapland – conscious choice of stone over wood as building material especially for churches, town walls and funerary monuments is connected with other phenomena like the attempt to normalise calendars, the transition from oral to written communication – a g. the production of books and especially of historico- and hagiographic in the Roman tradition.

The introduction of Rome-centred Christianity probably also led to deforestation, parcelling of the land and hierarchisation of society which all can be described as processes of petrification.

Petrification leads not only to physical boundaries in the landscape, but also to differentiation of concepts in our minds. Essentially, how we divide the past into distinctive periods is a result of this separation process. In our conception and description of the past we seem 'petrified' because phases of petrification can be perceived more easily and thus tend to be overestimated.

A diachronic perception like this – attempting to ignore the barriers between epochs and to a certain extent time itself – will at the same time be a chance and a challenge. Petrification offers a concept with which we can observe, describe and compare processes without judging them emotionally or morally. The opposite concept of petrification could be called ‘equilibration’; it will be the topic of a follow-up session.

TH1-02 Abstract 04

‘Petrified’ societies? An Egyptological survey

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Ancient Egypt is renowned for its monumental pyramids, temples, and tombs as well as the stability of its kingship concepts, and the continuity of artistic display. Though perishable materials and transient traits are studied as well, stone features and longterm standards remain the major attraction in antiquity as well as today.

Ancient Egypt therefore provides an exemplary ease to study the potential of the concept of petrification. It not only stresses the need to differentiate between ‘active’ and ‘passive’ petrification, but also of a direct – i.e. building for eternity in stone – vs. a more figuative meaning of the concept: the ‘petrification’ of ancient concepts and techniques to promote their perdurability. In addition, the approach encourages the question to which extent this undeniably inherent characteristic is only one side of ancient Egyptian society and its cultural output. It strongly highlights the discrepancy between contexts aiming at imperishability and others in which the concept is irrelevant or perhaps even revoked: even for the royal spheres, every-day life in ancient Egypt has to be reconstructed to a large extent from sacral and funeral sources. Is this due to lack of preservation or the deliberate usage of unending materials for finite aspects of life?

The approach has a further dimension when applied to past research: To which extent do the preserved ‘petrified’ monuments and social concepts trigger a stereotype academic approach to ancient Egyptian societies and their remains? The contribution will present a selection of sources exemplifying these issues.

TH1-02 Abstract 05

The hardness and the eternal: petrification of human images and social contradiction

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The formalization of human images as figurines can be seen as a relevant act of selfrepresentation, reflecting an idea of the human being and possibly of the sacred. In fact, as we may be experiencing even today, Iconoclastic attitudes are important inallowing, or denying, space for peculiar representations, and the human one is a core problem in that sense. Anyway, when we can observe human representation to take place, we can easily recognize differences in materials implied, and in the size and context of the representation.
The quantitative analysis of the observable materials can suggest different attention was played in setting figures in connection with concepts like durability and social transmission of messages. Anyway, other formation processes of the archaeological record are relevant, too: factors of preservation of different materials should bring more caution in evaluating presence/absence of less durable materials as used in the production of figures and statues. The use of different materials can also underline different strategies of dissemination of information, of its personal use and of “demonstration” of the impact of the underlying message. The case can be raised of contradictions in the social context of message transmission.

The theoretical situation and a model of analysis will be explained through cases involving a trans-Mediterranean perspective (i.e. both in Africa and in the Near East and in Mediterranean Europe), during the Neolithic and up to the Bronze Age.

TH1-02 Abstract 06
The temporality of stone: communities and early sculptural traditions in late prehistoric Iberia
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Stone is regarded as “eternal” in many cultures, past and present, across the globe. It appears to be frequently linked to monumentality and ancestor worship, phenomena that are seemingly universal. When investigating stone in the context of human-related events and processes, its durability instantly turns into a central issue in the articulation of social, cultural, and historical narratives. In this context, stone is considered to play a key role in the so-called “petrification” or “lithification” of social structures and institutions. Indeed, if compared to human temporality, stone has the potential to work across much longer-lasting temporal frames. However, while stone persists it is not eternal neither static nor stable. Stones are in constant flux. They transform as they interact with a broad variety of agents, from air, water, and acids, to living organisms, including microorganisms, animals, or people. And as they interact, stones engage in the crafting of complex meshes of social relationships with varying temporalities (and spatialities).

This paper seeks to explore the temporality of stone and its role in the late prehistoric communities of Western Iberia through the analysis of their sculptural traditions. Western Iberia is home to an extraordinary collection of stone steles and statue-menhirs that were placed in the landscape and represent life-size human bodies decorated with weapons and elements of dress and adornment.

Much attention has been given to the classification and cultural affiliation of stele and statue-menhirs based on their iconographies. Less attention, however, has been put on the very nature of these stones as monuments, on their persistence and the role of this property in the fashioning of iconicographic standardization, the long-term crafting of these sculptural traditions and, ultimately, the social reproduction of the communities associated with them. This paper will address these issues while also taking into account the variability and constant changeability of these stones, their workings within short-term temporalities and their involvement in the reformulation of key social aspects of the communities related to them.

TH1-02 Abstract 07
Genetics, Migrations and Language Dispersals: Re-theorizing mobility and the formation of culture and language among the Corded Ware Cultures in Europe
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We are now finally in a position where migrations can be documented rather than debated. This has lifted an interpretative burden from archaeology, in much the same way as C14 dating did when it was introduced. The new freedom can instead be invested in properly theorizing and interpreting local processes of migration, integration and assimilation, which has been an underdeveloped field of research. By integrating recent results from archaeology, isotopic tracing and historical linguistics this will in turn allow us to formulate better-founded models for the interaction of invading and settled groups, the formation of a new material culture, and consequently also for language dispersals and language change. In this paper I forward a theoretical model that accounts for the formation of Corded Ware cultures as a result of local adaptations and interaction of immigrant Yamnaya populations with still existing Neolithic cultures.

TH1-02 Abstract 08
Tracing “petrification” in prehistoric architectural processes
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Even ephemeral archaeological remains of prehistoric buildings can be studied as evidence for architectural processes. In this definition, these processes started with thinking and shaping prehistoric space via a structure, but did not stop once this structure was built. Prehistoric architecture was also transformed by unplanned events during construction, use and abandonment of the buildings. Architectural analysis reads these deliberate and fortuitous processes from pits and postholes, wear patterns and structural remains. In this way, the creating, shaping and sheltering of prehistoric life can be traced, as well as any changes in architectural practice.

The proposed paper will focus on such changes, specifically from fluid to more solid concepts of later prehistoric architectures, described in this section as “petrification.” It starts with recent work on Bronze Age timber roundhouses in northeast Scotland. This identified reactive, shape shifting architectural responding to the activities and energies produced by the forms and, however, unrelated to the building materials as such practices can also be recognised in roughly contemporary Scottish stone houses. Yet by the Iron Age, external shape and form seemingly had solidified. The paper will map such developments of architectural concepts through time and space, from organic and dissolved phases of life to the formation of rigid structural shells. Drawing on later prehistoric and early medieval evidence from Britain, Scandinavia and the continent for comparison, architectural analysis will trace such patterns of “petrification” within the domestic sphere.
activity in the alpine uplands (suggested mainly by palaeoenvironmental proxy data), as if the earliest pastoral groups exploited much more ephemeral shelters. This observation opens a series of interpretative questions: What triggered the construction of these permanent structures during the Bronze and Iron Age? Was it just for functional reasons or was it also a way to facilitate ‘possession’ of this ‘marginal’ environments? In this paper the origin of dry-stone pastoral structures in the Alps will be investigated. The available archaeological data will be revised, to assess the chronology of their diffusion and to find structural similarities that might mirror functional and cultural aspects. Insights from recent ethnoarchaeological investigations will enable the role of these structures within the upland landscapes to be inferred.

TH1-02 Abstract 11
Set in stone? The influence of petrification on Mediterranean urbanism (c. 700-300 BCE)

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Research on pre-modern cities has mainly focused on two aspects of the ancient Greek polis: On the one hand, the polis has been seen as the substrate for urban culture based on a politically active class of citizens. On the other hand, many scholars have emphasized the “straight” qualities of ancient Greek cities: In this view, the ‘petrified’ shapes of public buildings and meeting places have been taken as direct indicators for social and cultural ideas. However, recent approaches in urban studies, sociology and classical studies tend to contradict such a straightforward separation between materiality and semantics of ancient cities. First of all, the meaning of public urban spaces as well as their basic definition and ideal-typical description were constantly changing both in time and due to human agency. Urban designs which were theoretically conceptualized for future generations could be fundamentally transformed by changing courses of real-life-cycles, losing their historical eminence in the process. Especially in the Greek colonies throughout the central Mediterranean, processes of petrification played an important role in the formation of urban communities. Archaeological evidence allows for the conceptualization of petrification as combining both resource management and social negotiation amongst the inhabitants of newly defined urban centres. Furthermore, our written sources need to be put into perspective using the results of archaeological investigations. Literary descriptions from the 5th century BCE onwards stand against ample archaeological evidence for a high degree of regional diversity in both centre and periphery of the Greek world. The present paper thus aims at comparing the different sets of sources and their respective interpretive potential. In a second step, the concept of public space in Greek cities shall tentatively be defined by looking at discontinuities and interactions between ‘petrified’ urban fabric, social space and normative discourses.

TH1-03 Abstract 01
Medieval Play and Archaeology: an Introduction and a Challenge

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Medieval Play and Archaeology: an Introduction and a Challenge Before looking at archaeological remains of play, we need to try and understand what that concept meant to a medieval person. In his “Homo ludens”, Huizinga defined play as a free act, intentionally outside ordinary life, without direct material profit, within a distinct time and space, orderly to certain rules, and creating communal ties. People can play in sober earnest - like children, footballers and chess players - but still know well they are playing and that it is not the real world. Following this, we should be looking at a large variety of medieval ‘playful’ activities. Until recently, the archaeology of medieval play has been largely limited to the recognizable material remains of board games, and children’s toys, while specific designated areas for play have been touched upon as part of excavated buildings or landscapes. The way forward may be, in the wake of Huizinga, to see play and its material dimension less as an isolated outside category and more as a fixed part of most medieval activities.

This paper can provide a historiographical and theoretical background to the session ‘Homo ludens medievalis’.

TH1-03 Abstract 02
Playing the Heroic Hunter: The Role of Play in the Design and Utilization of Medieval British Parks

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Medieval British park landscapes are often discussed in terms of aristocratic leisure and the prestige associated with ownership and use of such impressive feats of monumental architecture. As hunting grounds, these enclosures offered social venues for...
royals and noblemen to participate in performance and play, providing arenas where heroic fantasies could be fulfilled in gaudy fashion. By combining archaeological, historical, and environmental evidence this study explores how play and performance influenced medieval British park design, function, and meaning, and ultimately shaped the landscape during the Middle Ages. This work argues that the intricate designs and organizations of parks through the incorporation of dramatic topography and managed natural resources, like wood, represent the medieval perception of an idealized nature. Furthermore, by hunting often volatile animal species, providing opportunities for hunting quests to escape, performing such displays in front of crowds, and designing a "natural" habitat contributed to a more exhilarating and realistic experience to an otherwise pacified form of hunting. Thus, the theatrical hunting displays carried out within park confines is representative of an effective form of medieval play that centered around the symbolism of domination over nature, war, and the mythic hero, subsequently reinforcing signals of power.

**TH1-03 Abstract 03**

**Ludicrous space in the late Middle Ages cities on the south Baltic coast**

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**Keywords:** amusement, space, toys

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**TH1-03 Abstract 04**

**King Louis XIII’s real tennis court at Versailles**

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This paper gives an account of some of the archaeological discoveries made in the courtyard of the Great Commons of the chateau, where the Kings’ real tennis court (Jeu de paume) was excavated. The architectural project was the work of Philibert Le Roy, architect to the King. Architectural features of Louis XIII’s tennis court are described, and compared with textual data. Three of the four inner walls are bordered by covered galleries for public enjoying the game. The shape given to the room for the court paume game has allowed historians to propose two hypotheses for the medieaval origins of the game. It may have originated in the cloisters of monasteries or in the streets. The change in the flooring of the real tennis court, terracotta and stone paving first, then stone paving only from 1639 onwards, gives some information on the way the points were scored. The ancillary structures associated with the tennis court are a water cistern, latrines and the house of the maître paumier or games master, an artisan who managed and maintained the court and acted as a umpire for the game. He also made balls and 350 balls. This changing game was also used for rest and refreshments, to play dice.

**What was the place of real tennis in medieval and modern society?** The exercise of power has its ‘implications’ for the body: it must be robust. The games of the Middle Ages were rough with hard physical contact: wrestling, soule, hockey, jousts and tournements still fill contemporary popular imagery. Tennis is the first such game to be developed which does not involve direct contact with the opponent. In 1596, Francesco Gregory d’Ierni observed in Paris, two hundred and fifty fine and well furnished tennis courts, which give livelihood to some seven thousand people: guardians, masters of games, kenser, racket makers, .... This was indeed the golden age for the game. Playing tennis requires dexterity, strength and reflexion, even strategy, all qualities which are required of a prince. By bringing out the qualities of a player, by allowing a privileged moment of interaction between those who play, tennis is also an art of the Court. Under Louis XIII, tennis was considered as an art by the puritans and as a game by the populace, but not yet as a sport.

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**TH1-03 Abstract 06**

**Which game is it anyway? Mobility, cultural transfer and board games**

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**Keywords:** cultural transfer, mobility, play

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

This paper will explore board games as a facet of play in the context of mobility, mobility at both the micro (on the board) and the macro (within and across cultures) scales. Here that mobility is characterised not as diffusionism but as the complex cultural interaction between and across societies and cultures, exploiting trade, military conquest, gift giving and religion and ritual as avenues of exchange and interaction. Considering board games within the framework of mobility raises some key issues around their social significance: how and why did they spread? Movement is, of course, essential to games (as it is to play) both for the games to work - they are at the core of the ‘capacity to move’ that is the definition of its mobility in its Latin origin – and for them to spread across cultures and between peoples. Like other forms of play they allow the individual to perceive their existence through performance, combining physical, sensory enactions with mental agility and strategic thinking. At their most successful they can produce a feeling of flow. Reflexively they allow an escape from the world as we see of re-defining it (including re-locating the individual within it). Board games speak to the mobility of peoples - physically, intellectually and spiritually. They help to reify and crystallise rituals and social orders whilst at the same time opening up a space for encounters that might change things. They are both of this world and allow movement away from it or the making of new worlds. Board games are both structured by and structure mobility. The next move is yours!
THI-03 Abstract 09

Early medieval Sandomierz Chess Set: confrontation of old and new excavations results

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The chess defined as „Sandomierskie” were unearthed on the stand no 7 in Sandomierz on the, Old Town Hill. According to the tradition passed over by Jan Długosz (polish chronicler: 1415-1480), this place is considered to be the oldest part of this town. From the year 1958 on through the period of 10 consecutive years systematic archaeological works were carried out on some other parts of the hill. On October 9, 1962 in the south-western corner of the homestead some unique find was uncovered, namely, an almost complete set of chess with only three pawns missing, made of antlers in the Arabic style, now known as “The Chess of Sandomierz”. This is definitely not only one of the most interesting discoveries of the Early Middle Ages chess pieces on the territory of Poland but also an impressive example of the development of the Early Middle Ages Europe. The area then examined, not widened due to the requirement of finishing the works, allowed to determine the place of the discovery as a small, modest half unburied. In the material gathered at that time the chess figures were the only such spectacular finds, others being ceramics from the 12th century.

Such a picture of the circumstances of finding The Chess of Sandomierz was dominating in the professional literature for long years constituting a source of many hypotheses and speculations on the reasons of finding the figures on such an unexpected site. The hut being the only dwelling place in this area did not belong to any settlement and was a phenomenon of its own difficult to be interpreted. It was supposed to be a poor half unburied of a small size in which two almost complete sets of chess figures from the Early Middle Ages were found. For over half a century the site of discovering the chess was not researched archeologically. Undertaking the verifying works in the year 2014 was connected with the willingness to recognize a wider scope of the problem of chronology and the space relations of the stand no7 and to determine the context of the appearance of the Chess of Sandomierz in this area. During the two research seasons in the year 2014 was connected with the willingness to recognize a wider scope of the problem of chronology and the space relations of the stand no7 and to determine the context of the appearance of the Chess of Sandomierz in this area. During the two research seasons (2014-2015) many artefacts connected with the elite culture were registered within the area the hut occupied. The exclusive character of the items uncovered both in the hut with the chess and its neighbourhood seems to confirm the above mentioned interpretation of this construction as somehow a house rather than an ordinary dwelling place. The discovery of a vast homestead or a manor house which was burnt down around the mid-13th century and which might have been the seat of the local elite was very surprising. This offers a new opportunity of interpreting the mysterious presence of The Chess of Sandomierz in this place.

THI-03 Abstract 10

Medieval game pieces with a square base from Central Europe – interpretations

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Presentation Preference - Poster

Game pieces in the shape of a low pyramid with a square or almost square base, with surfaces often ornamented or marked with punched or drilled dots and incised lines, are found in numerous archaeological sites in Central Europe. These small objects, made mostly of bone, are dated between the 12th and 19th centuries and are generally identified as board game pieces, but it’s unknown how exactly and in which types of games they were used. The following poster presents new interpretations of their function based on their own physical characteristics, but also on their archaeological context and on the current knowledge about medieval games.

THI-04 Abstract 01

Close encounters. Setting a new research agenda to understand migration beyond explanatory models

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Although studies on mobility have been the focus of greater attention in archaeology over the past 150 years, they evolved in constant tension with those emphasising the notion of indigenous evolution. Consequently, the long-standing debate between ‘immoblist’ criticism and migration theory inevitably affected the ways of thinking about the role of migration in the past, preventing the discipline from developing more elaborate interpretative frameworks. Moreover, such an approach to migration has not kept pace with the ever-growing and ever more sophisticated data produced by the innovative analytical tools commonly applied to archaeological research, which cannot be convincingly understood by applying polarizing explanatory models. Clearly, investigating the archaeological record only to substantiate opposing arguments in favour or against migration is fundamentally misleading, and greatly reduces the potential of studying any populations’ movement.

In this paper, we argue in favour of a more open notion of mobility, which needs to be considered as a dynamic concept and not only as a vector of material change. Migrations may be large-scale phenomena, taking place independently from local or individual agency, as well as more subtle types of demic spread, taking place on a small-scale and depending on individual agency. Likewise, the traces left behind by people on the move need to be addressed by combining different disciplines and analytical methods. The shift from generalising models to a multi-scalar notion of mobility brings on the table new questions and a new research agenda. By gathering a wide array of case studies, crossing
Changing world changing creativity?

Human mobility dynamics and late Paleolithic handicrafts

Italian territory (peninsula as well as nearby islands) is a very peculiar area where to carry on research for past and also recent human migration events. By interdisciplinary analysis on engraved and painted signs on stones of sites from Italian territory we try to reconconsider people movement and human-environment interaction around 12.000-10.000 BP. The analysis of decorative technologies (e.g.: engraving, stitting, piercing, painting, sticking) helps to understand and to trace styles/traditions, methods and ability, the analysis of mineral and of organic materials used as decorative medium help to explore and to trace substance provenance and to better focus in what is a “local” tradition about the use of a substance and what is not.

In this paper, we mainly focus on sites from southern Italy (Puglia, Calabria and Sicily) in comparison with other sites from Italian territory and from wider Mediterranean and Alpine contexts, to discuss the insight of human creativity and perception and to evaluate human mobility dynamics in relationship with their potential original ethnicity, the raising of new creativity and the ways of making material imagination.

Migration or Acculturation? The Mesolithic–Neolithic conundrum

Archeology is often governed by national boundaries or focussed on particular cultures. The evolution of the Neolithic is seen as a multifarious process occurring over many millennia in several formative zones of Anatolia, the Levant and Cyprus, and its study is only partially governed by national boundaries. The spread westward of the Neolithic is imperfectly understood, with numerous archaeologists attempting to draw the ‘big picture’, often supplying or endorsing one or several ‘models’ to explain the process.

The spread of the Neolithic into Western Anatolia and Europe occurred over several millennia, involving migrants as well as local players. The reasons for the spread are complex, as are the manner in which the spread occurred. In the Central Mediterranean Basin, the first archeological evidence for Neolithic attributes goes back to 9000 BC in the Aegean Basin, and at the head of the Adriatic the Transition to the Neolithic is completed by 4500 BC in the Trentino-Alto Adige.

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Why so early and why so late?

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If archaeology is the means by which to write prehistoric history, we need to visualise the players in their environment, and try to understand their lifeways, motivations and evolution over many generations to pretend to grasp the extent of the Transition from a life lived in symbiosis with nature to one in which nature is controlled, and which, unknown to the players, heralded the legacy of exploitative demographic growth.

In this paper we will present some of the possible reasons for the spread of the Neolithic, and how some of the autochthonous populations responded, using a few case studies from the Neolithic and Adriatic Basins. Sicily and the Balkans, from which we can glean an insight into the highly complex human behaviour and response, when faced with the phenomenon.

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Pottery with cord decoration dated into the late 4th millennium BC to the 3rd millennium BC from the southeastern Europe has been regarded as one of the most representative components of Yamnaya cultural block, which was formed in the North Pontic-Caspian area (Mallory 1991, Harrison and Heyd 2007). While this kind of statements have been often made in terms of topics of...
migration by nomad-herdiers. Little efforts have been put into the interdisciplinary studies of the pottery with cord decoration. This presentation aims at examining characteristics of the pottery with cord decoration in the Balkan Peninsula and their temporal and spatial distribution, and explaining how Yamnaya groups and their descendants migrated from the North Pontic area to the Balkan Peninsula.

In this presentation, I deal with two points. The first is to make the integrated analysis in Typology and pottery provenance analyses of the northeastern Upper Thrace (South Bulgaria) as a case study. The second is to compare the pottery with cord decoration from the Upper Thrace with that from the eastern part of the Peninsula.

Firstly, I focus on the pottery with cord decoration from two tell-settlements Ezero and Dyadovo with favorable stratigraphic conditions in the northeastern Upper Thrace, and carry out typological and pottery provenance analyses. The former addresses not only the shape and ornamentation of the pottery with cord decoration, but also the decoration technique. Regarding the latter, I take two different approaches. The first is petrographic analysis, which identifies kinds of rock and mineral in the pottery paste using a polarized microscope. The second is chemical analysis, which measures the chemical components of the matrix of the pottery using EDXRF by a fundamental parameter (FP) method. As a result of these analyses, the pottery with cord decoration, as well as plain pottery and pottery with other types of decorations, in both tell settlements will be classified into local and non-local types. Adding the chronological view to them, the analyses indicate transition and variety of the pottery with cord decoration in the Upper Thrace.

Secondly, I compare the finds in the Upper Thrace with the typological characteristics of the pottery with cord decoration from the southern and eastern Romania, the remaining parts of Bulgaria and the northern Greece. Referring to the spatial distribution of Kurgans there, I examine the origin in the northeastern Upper Thrace and the following migration events to the south and the west.

In conclusion, I point out two things in order to understand mobility of the bearer of the cord decoration. Firstly, I will demonstrate a different form of migration in the following stage after the introduction of the cord decoration into the northeastern Upper Thrace, which spread to the southeastern Upper Thrace, the western Upper Thrace and the northern Greece, where no Kurgans were erected up. Secondly, the provenance of the cord decoration from the Upper Thrace was presumably connected with that from the eastern Romania, other than the real provenance area, supposedly the northwestern Pontic area.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 08**

**Adriatic Seafarers. Mobility and Social Practices at the End of the 3rd Millennium BCE**

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The diffusion of Cetina pottery is a well-recognized phenomenon interpreted as the material traces of migration of small groups on the move from the Dalmatian coast to Italy, Greece, and Malta. This migration is connected to the spread of pottery styles, funerary structures and practices, and prestige items. The so-called Cetina culture is, indeed, an indicator for mobility of the communities inhabiting eastern Mediterranean at the end of the 3rd millennium BCE. It is difficult to understand the exact nature of the “Cetina phenomenon” and the “directions” of these contacts, it is evident, however, that in the northeastern Mediterranean there existed a lively and “international” cultural network.

Through the analysis of Cetina features and their contexts, this paper will explore different types of mobility and their influence on societal and cultural change.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 09**

**Invisible traces of the exogamous mobility in Late Bronze Age?**

**Interpreting Unfried cemeteries**

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In the contribution we would like to present the results of a comparative analysis made on the grave-goods, attires and burial practices from Late Bronze Age cemeteries (Bd D - H-a) cemeteries from south eastern Alpine region and Northern Carpathian area. In the end of Mittels and in the beginning of the Late Bronze Age, first cremated graves were documented in the south-east Alpine region (excluding the graves from Copper age). We know of some other individual graves or smaller cemeteries containing several tens of graves. On this basis, we presume that these cemeteries were intended only for certain deceased members of particular Bronze Age communities. Additionally, the numerous simultaneous metal hoards from Slovenia, which are similar in composition as the rich male graves in the territory of north eastern Pannonia and Slovenia, could also be in part interpreted as testimonies to the cremated graves.

Cemeteries from Northern Carpathian area are in this period on the other hand more numerous and they contain some hundreds of graves.

According to our analysis we can state that the best analogies for several grave-goods from the cemetery in Ljubljana (Slovenia) can be found in the objects (specially urns) from distant archaeological sites, pertaining to Piliny and Suciu de Sus culture in the northern Carpathian basin. These analogies, not only in grave-goods, but also in burial rites (cremation in an urn), grave stone constructions and social practices (hording of special objects in a special manner) point to very intensive, probably direct contacts between the treated regions in the beginning of the Late Bronze Age. Taking into account that urns, which contained the ashes of the deceased, acted as representations of the human body, it is interesting to emphasize that in both research areas special types of vessels (jugs, cups) were use as urns only in female and children graves. Beside the similarities in the archaelogical finds between two research areas, we observe also the similarities in the stone grave constructions. Both in Ljubljana and in Radzovce a grave construction made out of one stone slab were documented. Likewise, the graves containing only cremated bones placed on the stone plate were found on both sites.

According to archaeological and anthropological data, intercultural contacts between the southeastern Alpine region and the northern Carpathian area can be observed mostly from the archaelogical finds contributed to female sphere. Having in mind the fact that most of these object are totally absent in the territories between two research work areas (Triandafelba, Middle Danube Unfried Culture), we can argue, that we cannot interpret these similarities in the archaeological record as simple result or effect of exchange. According to the data, we can presume, that they reflect direction of the migration of individuals or smaller groups. Which were the motives and mechanisms for these intensive contacts in this particular period? How can we interpret this archaeological data - as traces of an exogamous mobility of women in Late Bronze Age?
TH1-04 Abstract 10

Greek Migration along the Ionian Coastline (Southern Italy)

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Since the beginning of times, people have relocated and migrated in search for better conditions, raw materials, or in order to obtain trade relations with foreign markets and cultures. For decades, ancient migrations were primarily explained based on the occurrence and quantities of imported artefacts, thus reaching interpretations that were aligned with the later ancient written sources.

This was the case with the Greek migrations in Southern Italy, often referred to as the ‘Greek colonisation’. The present paper will focus on different waves of Greek migration in Southern Italy, taking the area of the Sibaritide as focal point, as well as on the methods for identifying these foreign ventures within the archaeological record.

From the end of the 9th century BC onwards, an Euboean presence is detectable in the western Mediterranean, including Northern Africa, Spain and Italy. The Euboeans settled in the Sibaritide, where Greek-indigenous coexistence emerged in the settlement of Timpe della Motta in the first half of the 8th century BC. This coexistence entailed a shared and mixed cultural framework at the site, which is visible in the pottery production as well as in the production of textiles taking place within the sanctuary at the site. In late 8th-century BC, the Sibaritide witnessed another Greek migration, that is, the Achaean migration, which most famously led to the foundation of the so-called colony of Sybaris.

Based on analyses of knowhow and techniques within textile and pottery production, including anthropological as well as archaeometric analyses, the present paper seeks to shed light on the possibilities and limitations of these methods for identifying migration in the archaeological record.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 11**

The viability of the invisibles: new evidence through technological studies and material analyses

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This study attempts to identify and analyse processes of cultural transformation in south-eastern Sicily when indigenous populations came into contact with ancient Greek settlers during the eighth and the seventh centuries B.C. Historically, it is a crucial moment for Sicily because it initiated an irreversible process of modification of the original indigenous culture. This event brought profound and significant changes to the material culture of the indigenous communities. Earlier studies explain this revolution in material culture as the result of “Hellenisation”, a seemingly one-way process of adopting the “superior” Greek culture, with little influence traveling in the opposite direction. However, recent socio-anthropological studies claim that such cultural interactions are more complex and can incorporate not only a two-way process but also enable the maintenance of distinct cultural and ethnic identities through the careful selection of cultural features. In order to develop more comprehensive models of cultural contacts and the relationships established between indigenous Sicilians and Greek during this specific period, a multidisciplinary approach was adopted. This paper focuses on the archaeological analysis of materials discovered in southeastern Sicily and in particular from the indigenous habitation site of Monte Finochitto. The site is critically important case study to understanding the complex relationships between indigenous Sicilians and Greek migrants. During the end of the eighth century BC new pottery types, evolving and imitating Greek models, appear in indigenous Sicilian graves as a consequence of these cultural changes. The archaeometric analysis allows us to recognize different clay fabrics, to distinguish Greek imports, Sicilian copies and adapted designs as well as entirely new Sicilian forms. The archaeological method permits us to recognize different cultural material objects. The results will be extremely advantageous in tracking indigenous activities, adaptation and adoption and elucidate how the Greek immigration impacted Sicilian societies and local culture. The goal of this study is also to look beyond the cultural material, in order to understand the technology of pottery production and the possible coexistence of imported and local fabrics within a given chronological horizon. In this specific archaeological context, the application of archaeometry, in combination with the archaeostratigraphic and anthropological methods, is a successful method to understand the social, ideological and material interactions of the indigenous Sicilian community of Monte Finochitto with the Greeks.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 12**

Migration through artifacts – recent researches in the Prislop pass, Eastern Carpathians (Romania)

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Beginning with 2012 a region in the Eastern Carpathians of Northern Romania was systematically surveyed for the first time. The focus of this research is, to this date, the study of the mountain passage ways between two historical regions, that of Maramureș and Bukowina. The field surveys carried since 2012 and their results so far indicate at least two main mountain passes, one through a glacial valley that reaches 1550 m a.s.l. in the Rodnei Mountains and the other one further north in the Maramureș Mountains. The archaeological finds, consisting of lithics and pottery, are confirming a human presence at these altitudes, from Paleolithic until the Roman period. Through the use of specific archaeometric analyses the activity within the area will be presented as a search for raw materials by the prehistoric populations followed in the post-Roman period by the establishment of a trade route gateway between the two sides of the mountains.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 13**

Origin and Development of Balbals Stelae

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Kurgan stelae, also know as babas (Russian: камень деда or Polish baby kamienie; Krygyz; балбал) are anthropomorphic stone statues or slabs set atop, within or around kurgans (barrows/tumuli), in kurgan cemeteries or special sacred zones on the territory of the Eurasian Great Steppe and surrounding areas. This custom is in practice from the Eneolithic to almost Modern Times. The term babal came from a turkic word meaning “ancestor” or “grandfather”. The earlier examples of these statues are associated with Sredny Stog and Yamna (Pit Grave) cultures and dated to the 4th millennium BC. Although this custom existed incessantly on many various territories from the Eneolithic to Modern Times, however it was extremely popular in soytian culture, Turkic Kaganate and among Cumans (Kipchaks). Usually these objects were memorials honouring the dead, but there were some exceptions. For most periods kurgan stelae represent mostly males, however in the Kuman Period female stelae were very popular. Babals commonly depict warriors holding weapons and drinking horns or bowls. There might also depict so many other items like belts and tools. Probably from babals may derives other kinds of stelae, for example: deer stones, Balbans, stone rams and horses from Azerbaijan.

The purpose of my poster is the introduction to evolution and development of kurgan stelae and show differentiation this kind of art and its chronology through the investigative methodology of babals.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 14**

New research on animal production and herd management in Swiss and French Alp during the Neolithic

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This poster will present the first results of the zooarchaeological analysis of several neolithic settlements located in the upper part of the Rhone Valley in Switzerland and in the Northern French Alps and dated between 5500 and 2200 cal BC.

The study of the bone remains shows that domestic animals, especially caprines are predominant in the swiss region examined here, even at the beginning of the Neolithic, while in the Northern French Alps, wild game appears to be more hunted.

Taking into account the long term occupation of some settlements, animal production and herd management are explored to define the subsistence strategies of these neolithic communities and the possible movement of the herds to seasonal pastures.

Through a comparison of these two regions, we try to gain a better understanding of the regional and economic organisation of these alpine communities.
**TH1-04 Abstract 15**

**The Avellino event: a volcanic eruption and mass migration in South Lazio during the Bronze Age?**

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During the Early Bronze Age, a giant eruption of Mount Vesuvius (Italy) buried a flourishing landscape of villages and fields in the plains to the north and east of the volcano under more than a meter of ash. Inhabitants of the closest sites such as Nola (one of the Bronze Age Pompeii) could barely escape with their lives. Italian archaeological research since the 1980s has conclusively shown that the population of the Campanian plain did not fully recover for several centuries after this so-called ‘Avellino Event’. Given the topography of central-southern Italy, the most likely refuge area will have been to the north, in the wetland coastal plains of Latium Vetus: the Fondi basin and the Pontine Plain. In these areas, long-standing Dutch research programs have recently been able to find the Avellino volcanic ash layer, which can be used as a chronological marker.

This means that archaeological and palaeoecological observations of the necessary high chronological resolution and quality can be made to identify changes occurring immediately after the eruption. A joint program between Groningen and Leiden universities, in collaboration with Italian geologists and archaeologists, aims to demonstrate and document any significant impacts that would result from the presence of the postulated Early Bronze Age refugee population in South Lazio. Because we feel that only the combination of different data can provide reliable answers, a careful design strategy has been built. This includes a detailed landscape and environmental reconstruction, by means of geological and palaeoecological cores, an archaeological investigation of the differences and similarities in ceramic typology between Latium Vetus and Campania, petrographic and isotope analysis. The first results of landscape reconstruction and potential excavation sites will be presented in the poster.

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**TH1-04 Abstract 16**

**New monuments of Sintashta period in the Southern Pre-Ural as an indication of population migrations**

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One of the most controversial problems of the boundary of the Late Bronze Age archaeology is interaction of the population during the Sintashta period. Sintashta culture was allocated on the monuments of South Ural (Chelyabinsk region), and the most well-studied in this region. The settlements (Arkmun, Sintashta, Ustye I, Kamenny Ambar, Kuyask, etc.) and burial grounds (Sintashta, Krivoe Ozero, Kamenny Ambar, Stepnoe VII, Bolshokarakarsky, etc.) are investigated here. In the steppes of the Southern Pre-Ural area (Orenburg region) monuments of Sintashta period are few. Meanwhile, the region is of interest in connection with a problem of population migrations, especially of interaction between Sintashta and Potapovka cultures. In 1970-1990s Sintashta complexes were investigated in the burial grounds of New Kumak, Ishkinovka II, Gerassimovka II, Bulanovo cemetery (Berezovaya mountain). New monuments of the beginning of 2nd millennium BC were studied in recent years by Orenburg archaeological expedition.

In 2012 the multilayered settlement Maloyuldashevo I was investigated. The materials of excavations contained the triple burial, accompanied by numerous metal implements and pottery. The funeral ceremony (not typical for the Late Bronze Age position of the buried, the subordination of the two forcibly sacrificed people to the “main” skeleton) reflects the interaction of different cultural traditions - Yamnaya and Catacomb cultures. Sintashta culture and monuments of the Potapovka type. Pottery has many analogies in the Sintashta ceramics. The original rectangular vessel is an indicator of preservation of Catacomb traditions in Sintashta society. Metal artifacts such as knife, bracelet, rings, awls, beads are typical for Sintashta culture.

The funeral ceremony and inventory of Maloyuldashevo complex are typical mainly for Sintashta culture, however there are signs of other cultural traditions. This is connected with the location of this complex in the intermediate area between Sintashta and Potapovka monuments.

Most likely, one of the construction horizons of the Maloyuldashevo settlement belongs to the Sintashta period. This is supported by analogies with the settlements of the Sintashta-Petrovka period and the Sintashta pottery in the cultural layer of the settlement.

Maloyuldashevo settlement and burial are not only monuments of Sintashta period studied in recent years. During excavations in 2013 of Nahimbahlyarov burial ground the fragment of bone disc cheek-piece typical for Sintashta period was found. In 2015 at the Koasovo burial ground of Yamnaya (Pit-grave) culture the joint burials of Sintashta period with ceramics with bronze bracelets were studied.

Thus, the Southern Urals steppe at the beginning of the 2nd millennium BC was the region of active culture genesis. Orenburg region is located far from the main Sintashta area, at the territory between the Sintashta and Potapovka areas. New researches of the Sintashta monuments with application of radio-carbon dating and methods of a soil science will provide new important data about the population of South Ural steppe at the beginning of 2nd millennium BC.
TH1-05 Abstract 01
Is it gold that matters? The role of sumptuous burials of women in Bronze and Iron Age Europe

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Ostentatious burials are often exclusively seen within a close typo-chronological framework in time-space related cultural units. Thus archaeologists often analyze sumptuous graves in relation to burials of seemingly lesser importance from the same cultural unit either in order to reconstruct social hierarchies or in order to distinguish specific cultural traits.

In these traditional analyses of ostentatious burials female graves have played little or no role. Analyses which have dealt with female graves dating between the 2nd and first half of the 1st millennium BC has mainly concentrated on gender specific topics such as the importance of costume in relationship to age-groups, regional identities and social standing. Sumptuous female graves are however rarely thematized systematically.

Thus archaeologists often analyze sumptuous graves in relation to burials of seemingly lesser importance from the same cultural unit either in order to reconstruct social hierarchies or in order to distinguish specific cultural traits.

In this paper I will examine ostentatious graves of women in a wide chronological as well as geographical scope in order to ask under which conditions sumptuous female burials occur, how they relate to contemporary male burials in quantitative as well as qualitative aspects and why in some cases they seem to be absent in the archaeological record? I will focus on case studies ranging from the Early Bronze Age in western and Central Europe, the late Bronze Age in Central Europe to the early Iron Age between the so-called western Hallstatt Culture and the Scythians primarily graves of the east European steppes.

TH1-05 Abstract 02
Scarcity and dearness: an obvious link? Elite's graves (1300-300 BC) in north-alpine world

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During the Late Bronze Age to La Tène B, in north-alpine societies, we see a multiplication of elite's graves. These ones, characterized by an impressive funerary hoarding and so called "princely graves" ask a lot of questions about hierarchical status of these individuals and social structures. These questions are supported by a key issue: how deal with the funerary data to express the wealth notion?

Such an approach needs to take into account the difficulties to estimate values. In preliterate societies, emic approach is not possible; the etic approach is the only one. Thus we need to develop methodological tools in order to class graves against each other.

The focus of my presentation will be to present a methodology developed during my PhD of ranking funerary data, so as to detect social structures. This work is based on a database from more than 1000 graves with 721 elite's graves, from Late Bronze Age to La Tène B, spread over north-eastern France, southern Germany, Austria and Bohemia, which allows multivariate statistics.

The ranking approach depends on a method of weighting graves, to reveal wealth and characterize graves to each other. This method necessitates estimating value of each grave (grave good but also architecture and location), and so applying an emic framework to funerary data. I want to have a critical tool of this analysis grid used to value graves, in order to see the validity and the impact on multivariate statistics developed after.

In fact this method shows possibilities for looking beyond the binary understanding of societies (elite vs. non elite). These new findings, qualitative approaches makes it possible especially to develop a gender approach and a characterization of social structures and their evolution on a long term perspective.

TH1-05 Abstract 03
(Inter)regional identities - performance in EIA sumptuous burials of the Low Countries

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The emergence of the lavish burials known as Hallstatt chieftains' or princely graves reflects one of the most noteworthy developments in Early Iron Age Europe. These elaborate elite burials of the Hallstatt C period contain beautiful weaponry, bronze vessels and elaborately decorated wagons and horse-gear and are found primarily in Southern Germany and Bohemia. There is, however, also a small cluster of these burials in the Low Countries. These Dutch and Belgian burials contain many of the same objects, all imports from the Hallstatt Culture in Central Europe. New finds and research, including the comprehensive study of all the Dutch and Belgian burials offers new insights into these graves. The elite burials of the Low Countries not only contain far more Central European 'princely' paraphernalia than thought, they also appear to contain local objects, challenging the established interpretation of these burials being feeble derivatives. These imported items, however, appear to have been re-contextualized in a regionally specific manner through a destructive burial practice that involved the transformation of both the dead and their grave goods through fire, manipulation and fragmentation.

While the burial rituals seem to differ between the Hallstatt Culture and the Low Countries, detailed examination of rituals in both areas shows similarities as well. The objects interred in these sumptuous burials of the early Hallstatt Period in the Low Countries and those of the early Hallstatt Culture in southern Germany, western Austria and Bohemia also testify large-scale contacts as well as a potentially increasing social differentiation (or at least its representation in burials). The relationships that must have existed between these and other areas in the early Hallstatt period can be addressed and considered on a large scale.

In this paper we present the possibilities of analyses by looking at the ostentatious burials from the Low Countries both from the regional and the international perspective, an approach that leads to a much better understanding of the performance of those exceptional burials.

TH1-05 Abstract 04
New Approaches to the Princely Burials of the Hallstatt Culture of the Heuneburg (Southwest Germany)

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The Heuneburg on the upper Danube is among the best-researched (intensively investigated) settlement centres of the Hallstatt culture in Central Europe. While the research regarding the settlement structures of the Heuneburg and the surrounding area has been a key element in German Early Iron Age research since the 1990s, contrary exploration of the apparent princely burials has been relatively neglected in the last 70 years. The targeted excavation of a richly endowed child's burial site, and of a site in which princesses were interred, south of the Heuneburg, has given powerful testimony to the fragmentary state of our knowledge of the sociopolitical processes and structures of the 6th century BC. The presentation offers an exemplary look into the manner in which a
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

TH1-05 Abstract 05
The Grave of a Not-So-Private Place: Elite Multiple Burials in Early Iron Age West-Central Europe

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In his 1984 survey of multiple burials in prehistoric Europe Claus Oeltiger noted that burials containing more than one individual are frequently found in high status, deeply cut chamber graves. The sample of multiple burials has expanded significantly in the intervening years and it may be time to revisit this mortuary category in light of new evidence. While most multiple burials contain two adults, often a female and a male, male/male, female/female and male/child or female/child combinations are also known. These configurations have traditionally been interpreted as reflecting familial relationships but recently excavated burials indicate that more complex associations for this category of burial are likely. We argue that the early Iron Age elite multiple burial category should be re-evaluated with respect to ethnographic analogy, archaeological evidence from other areas of west-central Europe, and recent burials excavated in the vicinity of the early Iron Age Heuneburg hillfort.

TH1-05 Abstract 06
Discernable Traces in Textil Archaeology

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The uniqueness of the late Hallstatt-period textile assemblage from the princely grave at Eberdingen-Hochdorf (SW-Germany) is not limited to its highlighting textile manufacturing as an economic focus in this region, providing differentiated insights into burial customs, the sequences of mortuary ceremonies or insights into concepts about the afterlife. It is relevant that this finds assemblage demonstrates that textiles can only function as indicators of socio-economic structures when they are considered within their archaeological context. This means that conclusions, based on isolated observations of details of manufacturing technique but disregarding the context, remain of limited value with regard to contents and may even be questionable. Deriving from the function of the textiles in the grave the question is not only for what and with which intention this function was associated, but also whether it is at all sensible to distinguish between burial textiles and the textiles of the living.

TH1-05 Abstract 07
Barbarian chief’s “secret” burials in the forest-steppe zone of Eastern Europe

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By the beginning of the Great Migration period Chernyakhov archaeological culture (its last stage) was spread in the left bank of the Dnieper in forest-steppe zone. At the same time (periods D1 and D2 European chronology - 360 / 370-440 / 450's AD) on the same area occur several extremely rich sumptuous complexes consisting of prestigious gold objects (brooches, bracelets, neck-rings), the Byzantine silverware production, gold-embroidered garments, ceremonial weapons and horse harness. Findings of individual objects belonging to a prestigious culture of the time are known too. These complexes are not associated with burial grounds of Chernyakhov culture. They were found by chance and were considered hoards. Only one of them (BoIhoy Kamenetz) was published by L.A. Matushchuk in 1934. The study how complexes have been discovered reveals that they are the burials. In Bolhoy Kamenetz burial was in a stone crypt, built at the base of a high bank of a creek, which flows into the river Sudtacha. Mapping of all finds indicates their exclusive relationship with the sources of large creeks flowing in deep canyons and at the same time associated with the watershed of rivers systems. Discussed sumptuous complexes are very different from the burials of the Chernyakhov culture, even at its highest level examples. There are simple common explanations for this difference: 1.”Chroniclal”, when the sumptuous burials attributed to later Hun period (the period D3, i.e., 450-470 / 480's AD), when the Chernyakhov culture no longer existed. 2. “Ethnic.” Both of these explanations are not satisfactory: 1. Late burials at Chernyakhov cemeteries in the area between the Dnieper and Don rivers dated to stages D1 and D2 of European chronology. The presence of glass cups (as well for the heat) is a feature that distinguishes prestigious burial of ordinary cemeteries. 2. There are no grounds for attributing elite single burials to the Hun’s neither by ritual, nor by the inventory. Prestigious items belong to a common in Hunnic time polychrome decorations. Rather than can speak about a direct link with the Late Antique Bosphorus where come the closest analogues of prestigious weapons, harness and silver vessels. Discussed finds belong to the common European horizon of burials of the nobility, the leaders of the barbarian kingdoms, which arose at the beginning of the Great Migration period on the periphery of the ancient world. Often death caught up with kings and military leaders of the Great Migrations in the territory and the environment in which they had no historical roots, nor stable relations. Their tombs and grave structures are unlikely to be perceived as a place of worship and a landmark of the traditional movement. Perhaps this explains the absence of grave structures and the great efforts spent on to hide the ordinary burials of high-level persons, most likely by the general cemeteries in protected, perhaps a sacred place. The exceptional volume and value of inventory corresponds to the rank of the deceased in his lifetime. The concept of “center of power” is applicable to the single “princes” and “military chiefs” burials.

TH1-05 Abstract 08
Commoners and Elites in Southeast Kazakhstan: Kurgans and Settlements of the Iron Age society

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The spatial distribution of Iron Age kurgans and settlement sites from the Talgar alluvial fan (ca. 550 sq km) derived from survey reconnaissance and Soviet period site inventories indicates the presence of both commoner graves and elite kurgans. The GIS database of the Talgar sites also includes valuable information such as the natural hydrological system, dated geological terraces, and other important topographic features. Our goal is to model a socio-natural system that describes the Iron Age socio-economic-agro-pastoral system and its demographic components. In addition to understanding the relationship between the natural-physical landscape and a mortuary and settlement landscape, we also wish to set the foundation for understanding social hierarchy and the nature of commoner-elite relations.

This mortuary landscape, often robbed in antiquity and destroyed by Soviet agriculture, lacks information on individual burial inventories or skeletal material. Therefore our model relies upon kurgan size dimensions, locations, and density counts in order to model the ancient demographic of the Talgar region and its surrounding environs. Future research in Talgar and neighboring alluvial fans will test demographic models for: (1) population pressure on farming and herding resources; (2) territorial boundaries that define socio-political units within nomadic confederacies; and (3) the rise of social hierarchy within circumscribed regions such as the Talgar fan and its surrounding areas.

By focusing upon landscape features, burial mounds and graves as demographic indicators, new approaches can be developed for modeling changing social landscapes across a branch of the Silk route. This circumscribed region can serve as the first step for building a regional settlement system that incorporates demography, social hierarchy, political organization of territories, and interregional/national landscapes that cross-cut diverse regions through an aesthetic known as “animal-style” art.

TH1-05 Abstract 09
Miniaturization in the Production of Funerary Aesthetics in the Pontic Iron Age, ca. 600 - 300 BC

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Funerary performances, including processions, construction of burial mounds, and the deposition of bodies and grave goods, are the primary means by which Iron Age social status continues to be investigated and inferred. However, the scholarly focus on single massive burial mounds and the amount of interred grave goods, such as found at Alexandropol or Solokha in present-day south-central Ukraine, skewed our sense of the importance of the ‘produced’ nature of funerary performance and aesthetics in favor of static (and more easily quantifiable) monumental and ostentatious displays. Few studies of funerary practices critically explore how a different approach utilizing the lens of production (in a performative/theatrical sense) might highlight often hidden political facets of burial in Iron Age contexts, as well as more broadly.

Drawn upon Susan Stewart’s (2007) notion of the ‘remarkable’ elements of identification chosen to be inessential of certain periods and events assigned to individuals to demonstrate how burials are acts steeped in political intentionalism and manifest power relations. I contend that funerary performances, including audience participation, were miniaturized sensory, and perhaps...
more importantly, sensual engagements carefully crafted in grander scale cosmologies of meaning that were themselves crucial constituents of social and political life in the Pontic Iron Age, ca. 700 - 300 BCE. During the course of this presentation, I explore the remarkable nature of Pontic Iron Age funerary performances through a careful disassembling and reassembly of grave good assemblies, mound construction, and mortuary landscapes. Utilizing data gleaned from a modest population of mounds and burials from across south-central Ukraine, I focus on particular how burials and funerary activities were produced and intentionally manipulated as means to legitimize, and reinforce, the cosmological and social ordering of Pontic Iron Age communities through carefully designed and produced aesthetic displays.

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The Kurgans of Scythian Nobility in the Eurasian Steppes

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Several thousands of burial sites of the Eurasian steppe dating to the Scythian epoch are associated with a number of archeological cultures of the Scythian type. Their funereal rites have been examined in a number of special papers and monographs, which were largely based on a comparative study of kurgans between each other in terms of their particular parameters. The present paper proceeds from a comparative study of all graves and other elements within one and the same mound in terms of their depth and arrangement to other, as well as in terms of their orientation, according to the cardinal points, on the mound map, i.e. their planigraphy. To my knowledge, this is the first attempt of this kind. The undertaken analysis of the planigraphy of the kurgans is based on the data concerning every component of a mound earthwork such as walls, tunnels, bridges, stone embankments, etc., as well as every grave of one and the same kurgan, including central and secondary burials, horse interments and those of servants, servants and human sacrifices. Such complex earthwork structures, as well as numerous central and secondary burials are to be found only in the case of kurgans of the royal class, hence these are of major importance for planigraphy analysis. The grave locations within the mounds have been analyzed to produce a number of their arrangement patterns with respect to the spatial representation of kinship and family hierarchy of the Scythian society and to their system of geographical orientation in terms of cardinal points. Importantly, the region corresponding to the spatial patterns shown on the kurgan planigraphy profiles seem to be associated with the spatial arrangement of the entire burial constructions in terms of the cardinal points. Moreover, if these are taken into consideration, it is no longer possible to maintain the idea of the Scythian-Siberian unity of the archeological cultures of the region, where in fact one deals with two distinct cultural communities. Also, as the present work has shown, there is a logical assemblage between the spatial arrangement of kurgan constructions in terms of the cardinal points and the ideas the ancient populations had about the location of the world of the dead, as well as their geographical worldview, which belongs to the basic conceptualizations of every ethnic group and finds reflection in archeological cultures as well.

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On the Edge: The Politics of Death at the Ends of the Silk Road, c. 100 CE

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Much has been made of the social and economic exchanges across the Silk Road, from Afghanistan to the west in the Chinese world and China in the East, in the late first and early second millennium CE. Literary sources at both ends of the route document impressions of the ‘other’ as different from themselves – the residents of dominant state level societies. Material remains certify that the exchange was significant economically, but also culturally. The Silk Road was crucial to the exchange of goods and technologies, as well as the exchange of ideas and ideology. In the case of the Scythian nobility in the Eurasian steppes, the exchange of goods and technologies seems to have had a more significant social dimension. The Scythian noble courts were often central to the exchange of goods and technologies, as well as the exchange of ideas and ideology. In the case of the Scythian nobility in the Eurasian steppes, the exchange of goods and technologies seems to have had a more significant social dimension.
Breaking and making the ancestors. Making sense of the inconspicuous 99% of urnfield graves

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The many thousands of cremation graves of the urnfield period (Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age) are perhaps the most prominent funerary legacy of prehistory in Northwest Europe. In the Low Countries alone more than 600 urnfield locations are known to us today.

The Hallstatt-C chieftain’s graves, famous for their monumental burial mounds and lavish grave goods, belong to this legacy as well. But these make up even less than 1% of the total of urnfield graves. The other 99% are anything but spectacular: mostly they consist of no more than a handful of cremated bones and occasionally a small vessel or broken metal object. An urn does not even seem to have been a necessity. The funerary ritual of the urnfield period is therefore often regarded as simple and uncomplicated.

But are the 99% of urnfield graves really that different from the conspicuous chieftain’s graves? These chieftain’s graves tell us interesting stories about how people thought about their famous dead as ancestors: how these needed to be equipped with objects and which part of their complex social person was represented in the ‘after life’. Can similar stories be found with the inconspicuous 99% of urnfield graves as well? This is in short the question that is central to my PhD project.

Recent studies of cremated bones from urnfield graves already show clues of deliberate incomplete internment of human bodies. The objects on their turn show signs of careful transformation by burning, bending and breaking. Apparently there is indeed more to the urnfield graves after all.

By looking into the compositions of a large corpus of urnfield graves from the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany this study hopes to unravel the ideas about the dissolution and constitution of personhood at death as reflected in the urnfield graves. It will do so by mapping (a.) the selection of objects and (b.) the treatment of bones and objects prior to burial, (c.) the arrangement of bones and objects within a grave and finally (d.) the positioning of a grave in relation to other graves.

In this paper I will discuss some preliminary thoughts and present the first results of my research.
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Vanity or Hygiene? Combs and mirror frames in the Vilnius Lower Castle

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The complex of Vilnius Castles consists of the Upper Castle on a hill and the Lower Castle located in a valley at the foot of the Castle Hill. The cultural layer of the Lower Castle territory has been accumulating since the 13th century and is 8 meters thick in deepest places. The late medieval layers at the bottom are saturated with ground water and are rich with preserved organic artifacts and wooden infrastructure objects. Over 3000 wooden or such composite artifacts were found while investigating the territory of Vilnius Lower Castle. The findings which are conditionally attributed to hygiene segment compose small part of this collection and encompass combs and mirror frames. During the investigation 23 combs and 17 mirror frames were found, as well as 7 findings related with their production: blanks and wastes. These artifacts represent the period of the 14th - 16th centuries. The majority of combs are made of boxwood (Buxus sempervirens L.) but two items made of Roseaceae (subtribe Malinae) wood were also determined by the wood anatomy analysis. The combs are rather uniform, double-sided, rectangular with lentoid profile and quite simply decorated. The mirror frames are round-shaped with a round socket for a reflecting plate. The majority of frames are turned from softwood planks. One frame is made of pine (Pinus sylvestris L.), two - of spruce (Picea abies (L.) H. Karst) and three - from the wood of fir (Abies alba Mill.), which is not native in Lithuania. One mirror frame had two sockets on opposite surfaces and was made of a cross-section of lime (Tilia sp.) round-wood. This frame was decorated with carbon-black triangles. No traces of reflecting plates were found in any case but adhesive paste made of chalk and animal glue was detected in three frames. Fragments of tin used for decoration and also for undefined purpose were found. The specific production technology and the selection of material indicate that combs and at least a part of mirror frames could be imported. Both combs and mirror frames are not massive finds in medieval old towns. In the Vilnius Castle the ratio of mirrors to combs is quite high as compared with other European archaeological sites. Mirrors and combs were used for personal hygiene and religious ornamentation. Being luxury goods they showed the social status of a person too. Perhaps the proportions of these items were influenced by Christian beliefs of the prevalence of vanity of combs in certain territories is coherent with the liturgical rites or rules of some monastic orders, the mirrors have been considered the symbol of vanity for a long time.

Tableware in the Vilnius Lower Castle: function, significance and evolution

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Recent research has continually been focused on the feasts and dining of the Middle Ages. Significant attention has been given to the types of food that was consumed during medieval times by different social classes of the time as well as the reconstruction of medieval recipes. Although tableware plays an integral part in feasts and dining culture, its exact development, function and importance to the different social classes and cultures has mostly been overlooked in these studies. The territory of Vilnius Lower Castle is chosen for the present study as it played a significant role during the late medieval period of the Lithuanian–Polish Commonwealth. Moreover, the territory distinguishes itself with continuous chronological records, dating back to the first mention of Lithuania as a state. The Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania played a central role in this area as it was the residence of the grand dukes of Lithuania and the kings of Poland. Other buildings in order of importance were the Bishop's Palace and the Cathedral, as well as the Arsenal and barracks, houses of nobles and ordinary townpeople. Therefore the entire territory of Vilnius Lower Castle reflects the lifestyle of the grand dukes, nobles, nobility, clergy and citizens, as well as their connections with Western cultures.

An analysis of function, significance and evolution of the tableware found in the Vilnius Lower Castle is presented in this paper. The aim is to explain the table culture and dining traditions through the investigation of the available archaeological and historical sources.

Iron nails of cultural layers from Klaipėda castle: a functional aspect

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This study is dedicated to introduce the auditor with currently in Lithuanian archaeology not widely analysed archaeological findings group – iron nails. In 2014, during archaeological excavations of Klaipėda castle, more than 13 000 units of nails and their fragments were collected, which, according to cultural layers, corresponds with Medieval and Modern ages of Klaipėda castle. Among the biggest collections of these artefacts not only in the eastern Baltic area, but also one of the biggest in the region of northern Europe. Based on this vast amount of archaeological material typology of iron nails were compiled, which resulted discussions about functionality of separate types of nails.

This study focuses on during archaeological excavations in year 2014 in Klaipėda castle obtained iron nails types function, their adaptability in the old Klaipėda city constructions and the mode of life. Latter research resulted more data about Medieval and Modern ages of Klaipėda castle, and also city historical development.

The use of space at the castles of Östergötland province, Sweden

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This paper is based on the written sources, the letters which are published e.g. in Diplomatarium Fennicum and SDHK (even if the building itself gives inspiration). The aim of the paper is to examine in which way the castle and the life in it is mentioned in the correspondence of Ingelby Åkesdotter and Åke Jönsson.
Post Medieval Archaeology in Azerbaijan

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Study of post medieval monuments of Azerbaijan is novelty in archaeology. Scientists have not been considering post medieval studies as object of archaeology but concerned it to ethnography. The ethnographers nevertheless did accept their obligations like studying the uncovered remnants. Researches in Post Medieval Agsu town since 2010 March made valid post medieval archaeology. Medieval Agsu town was the largest city of Azerbaijan for the number of population and the area capacity in post medieval age. The town which was built in 1735 by Nader shah covered 40 hectare area. The town exposed to attacks and had been capital of Shirvan khanate. On March, 2010 Agsu Archaeological Expedition of ANAS Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography conducted excavations in Medieval Agsu Town under guidance of Professor Qatar Jafiyev and PhD Fariz Khalili in initiative and with support of MIRAS Social Organization in Support of Studying of Cultural Heritage. During archaeological explorations for three years till 2012-December 1,5 hectare space was studied, and fortes walls, handicraft estates, houses, mosque, bath-complex, ice-house, stores, water and sewerage lines were revealed. Over 8000 gold, silver, copper, pottery, glassware, stone and bones were inventorized being found from 5 excavation sites; a part handed to museums and kept in Medieval Agsu Town Archaeological Tourism Complex. Along with Medieval Agsu Town, the perspectives of archaeological study of Shusha and Shaki cities were learnt as well.

Object deposition in Central Norway c. 2350-500

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Object deposition, mainly in wetland environments such as bogs and lakes was practiced in Central Norway throughout the Late Neolithic and the Bronze Age (c. 2350-500 BC). In the Bronze Age, it was one of the northernmost regions in Europe where the deposition of metal work took place. However, although bronzes constitute a significant amount of the total number of objects deposited, the group as a whole is characterized by a variation in objects and materials and includes objects made of birch bark, amber, flint and wood alongside objects of bronze and gold. Among these finds we find a well-preserved wooden stool with Bronze Age carvings from Høstad outside Trondheim, found together with wooden platters and cups probably used in a ritual meal. Although there are differences in how the various objects were treated and deposited, they all seem to follow the same distribution in time, with significant peaks in the late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age (c. 2350-1500 BC) and at the end of the Bronze Age (c. 900-500 BC). Thus, they seem to represent related practices.

Selective deposition of metalwork in the Bronze Age: a PAN-EUROPEAN PHENOMENON?

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Presentation Preference - Oral

One of the intriguing things about the way objects become part of the archaeological record is that this often happened in a structured, patterned manner. This is particularly clear for metalwork from Bronze Age Europe. Can we make sense of this sorts of practices, and if so, how? This paper will introduce the main issues at stake, as well as the pitfalls, uncertainties and major challenges. It will bring us towards general concerns relating to both a renewed emphasis on site formation processes, as well as discuss the postulate of human behavior as being meaningful.
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Taming the Might of Bronze – Localisation of Bronze-Related Ritual Practises in Bronze Age Finland

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The area of present-day Finland was a crossroads of Scandinavian and Russian bronze networks throughout the local Bronze Age (1900/1800–500 BCE). Even though the archaeological assemblage of Bronze Age bronze artefacts is not abundant in the area (numbering less than 200 specimens), relatively well-established relations to eastern and western Bronze Age centres are indicated by both imported bronze objects (predominantly of Scandinavian or local casting of Russian bronze artefacts types). Interestingly, while many of the bronze object types encountered in Finland were obviously connected with long-distance networks, their deposition patterns appear highly localised even within the area of Finland. Cells and daggers seem to have been especially prone to change their roles when travelling between eastern and western or southern and northern Finland. Such regional differences are discernible not only in differential treatment and significance of specific artefact categories but also in general relations between bronze technology, mortuary rituals and ritualization of landscape. This paper suggests that local ritual practises of Stone Age origin had substantial impact on deposition patterns of bronze artefacts in Bronze Age Finland. Continued influence of Neolithic ritual frameworks may also have contributed to the general scarcity of bronze in the area throughout the Bronze Age.

TH1-07 Abstract 04

Early Bronze Age metalwork depositions in Denmark

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Denmark is known for its rich, well-documented archaeological record dating to the Bronze Age. Metalwork has been found in bogs, on dry land and in burials. However, Denmark is a non-metalliferous region, which means that all metal had to be imported. And yet, valuable metal objects were deposited and never recovered. Some very spectacular and famous finds have been found in Danish bogs, like the Trundholm Sun Chariot and the bronze lures. A strong tradition of interpreting these finds in terms of religion, identity, or social distinction, exists in the area, going back to early archaeologists from the 19th century and their interpretations. Another research tradition distinguishes different categories of non-religious hoards, for example metalworkers’ hoards and traders’ hoards. However, these rigid classifications fail to fully explain these deposition practices.

More recent research has shown that patterns seem to have existed regarding deposition in both categories of objects in wet areas, like bogs, and other objects in burials. The emergence of these deposition practices in the Early Bronze Age in Denmark, going back to the Neolithic, is the topic of the present study, with a particular focus on Jutland. Selective metalwork deposition practices in northwest Germany (western Schleswig-Holstein and Niedersachsen) and the north-western part of the Netherlands are part of the present study as well in order to acquire an increased understanding of the Danish patterns and to set these in a wider regional perspective.

TH1-07 Abstract 05

Horse harness in Late Bronze Age hoards in southern Scandinavia and the southern Baltic area

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In the summer of 2014, a Late Bronze Age hoard was found and excavated in Northern Jutland, Denmark. The hoard not only contained both male and female items, but also several parts of horse harness and bridles, bearing witness of the use of two-horse teams. Most surprisingly, several meters of leather straps were preserved. Furthermore, cheek pieces and phalerae were in situ on the leather straps allowing a reconstruction of parts of the bridle. Apparently, a similar tradition of deposition took place in a large area corresponding to Southern Scandinavia and the southern Baltic area.
contrasted by a limited number of small hoards, which are dominated by tools. This makes at least two general types of selective deposition of bronze tools obvious. The amount of bronze tools in large hoards with varied compositions are considerably smaller compared to other types of bronze.

Conversely, small hoards, which are dominated by tools, is a comparatively rare type of hoard. Tools made of other materials than bronze are seldom included in Bronze Age depositions. Other depositing practices were used for these items, which may also be understood as part of a pan-European phenomenon. This talk focuses on the question, if we can interpret hoards and other depositions of tools as the personal legacy of a person or a specific group of people such as craftsmen, or if it should be understood as part of a social event, where specific groups of people were invited to take part while others were excluded. How much can this pan-European distribution and composition pattern tell us about the structuring rules of depositions?

TH1-07 Abstract 09
Fragmentation as a common feature in European Bronze Age hoarding
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Deliberate fragmentation is a well known feature in Bronze Age hoards all over Europe, shifting in space and time. The aim of the paper ist to discuss and specify the german term „Brucherzhorte“ (scrap hoards) and to discuss these finds. We will consider especially depositions where broken pieces outnumber all other metal pieces. To illustrate this the central German „scrap hoard“ from Elsterwerda was chosen consisting of more than 320 bronzes, most of them broken, bent, damaged or cut into pieces: casting debris, tools, ornaments and weapons. The aim is to id entity the variability of fragmentation, the degree of typologically important bronze and the relation of regional versus imported artifacts. Similar structured scrap hoards from different European regions will be introduced and compared.

Are we dealing with a random choice of fragments collected for re-use following regional weight systems? Do scrap hoards represent results of single exchange transactions? Following recently discussed theories the scrap hoards will be defined as a special hoard group, separated from so called craftsmen’s deposits and the hoarding of raw metal (“Gusserz”).

TH1-07 Abstract 10
Places of deposition of metalwork assemblages in West Bohemia
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One way to answer questions concerning the selective deposition of metalwork in the Bronze Age is the detailed analysis of the place where metalwork assemblages were deposited. A territorally and chronologically defined sample of such assemblages – hoards – was deliberately selected. We assume that if hoards had differing functions in different periods and/or territories in the past, the data obtained through a single analysis of a de facto heterogeneous set of objects would affect the quality of the final interpretation. Our chosen method, the targeted analysis of a closely-defined set of objects, helps eliminate this risk, and allows the subsequent testing of the newly-obtained data on an ever wider set of objects that seem to show identical features, but have different territorial or chronological ambits. We therefore focused on 31 Umrifeld Period hoards recorded to date in the West Bohemia region. For our questions, it is important that it was possible to determine precisely the original location for 27 of the hoards. The field survey focused mainly on evaluating the subjective reception of the given space in order to assess potential links of the hoards to significant natural features. This analysis found a surprisingly narrow group of natural features that could have influenced the choice of a location suitable for hoarding: namely rocks or distinctly rocky terrain, dominant hills in the landscape, watercourses and ravines. The connection of West Bohemian bronze hoards to such features indicates their sacral function, likely as votive offerings.

TH1-07 Abstract 11
The Copper Highway - An Overview of Early Bronze Age Hoards in South Bohemia
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The territory of South Bohemia provided an important link between Danube valley and Central Bohemia in the Early Bronze Age. Today there are currently more than 80 hoards known from this area, a large part of them were discovered in the last two decades, thanks to a massive use of metal detectors. Not surprisingly, a number of hoards include cast copper ingots of various shapes, transported from the Alps to the north. Although copper ingots represented undoubtedly valuable items, thousands of them were deposited under the ground and never picked up again. In this presentation we are going to discuss possible interpretation of these hoards as votive offerings or merchant’s hoards. Attention will be paid also to the chronology and technology of artefacts found in Early Bronze Age hoards.

TH1-07 Abstract 12
Umrifeld Period hoards in South Bohemia
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Not only in Czech archaeology, but also in other countries, the finds acquired by metal-detectors are the phenomenon of last decades. It also applies to metal hoards from the Late and Final Bronze Age (Umrifeld Period), which are summarized in this presentation. The region of interest is South Bohemia, from where 23 metal-hoards from the Umrifeld Period (i.e. Bz C210 – Ha B3) were known 15 years ago. In the last years the number increased to 51 currently registered hoards. In comparison with the older finds, the most of new hoards are exactly located and in many cases documented in situ, which help us to interpret them, sometimes with the help of chemical and archaeobotanical methods. The new finds bringing extraordinary quantitative as well as qualitative enrichment of our knowledge of this Bronze Age phenomenon. Unfortunately only a (small?) part of new metal-hoards are deposited in museum collections, while many others disappeared without any documentation in private collections.

TH1-07 Abstract 13
O’ mighty Danube. The deposition of swords in rivers in the area of middle Danube
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The area of middle Danube was a focal point for introducing swords at the end of the Early Bronze Age. It is well known, that since their introduction they occupied a special place in material world, as is the case of Ape type swords. These first swords, as soon as they started to be produced were deposited in rivers. This special type of deposition practice was soon followed by swords of Bos type family, when the only place you could find a sword in this area was in grave or river. This practice continuously gained momentum and reached peak at the beginning of the early urnfield period (BD-3A). During the beginning of the early urnfield period, there is almost complete lack of other types of metal deposits in the area of middle Danube during this period. It is most striking when compared to hoard-rich areas in central and north Slovakia, Czech lands as well as eastern Hungary, where swords were among other types of hoards primary deposited in „dry land“. This paper will be based on my personal long-term, not yet published research. Since halmark studies by W. Torbrügge, R. Bradley and S. Hansen, this area received some research attention. However, I still lacked more robust theoretical models for interpreting this interesting archaeological record in context. I will provide a detailed overview of situation reinforced by basic and multivariate statistics. Hypotheses are postulated and tested through theoretical models and methodology based on hermeneutics, advanced formal logic and some basic game-theory elements.

TH1-07 Abstract 14
Between formalism and substantivism: Selective deposition of metal in the BA Carpathian Basin
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The study of Bronze Age metalwork in Hungary has a long history; however, it has focussed mostly on typological and chronological issues, within a traditional cultural-historical interpretative framework. The famous hoards of the Hajdújimó, Tolnánalmi
and Koszider ‘hoard horizons’ have provided ample material for such analyses. The turn towards a ritual interpretation of the deposition of metal in Bronze Age Europe has hardly been felt in local scholarship. The aim of our paper is to change this situation and to analyze Middle Bronze Age metalwork from the Carpathian Basin from the point of view of selective deposition. We will highlight the patterns observable in the composition of these hoards and compare them with other depositional contexts such as graves and settlement finds. Based on these comparative analyses we will attempt to reconstruct various social practices that involve the removal of metal objects from circulation.

**Keywords:** Bronze Age, hoards, selective depositions

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**TH1-07 Abstract 15**

**Late Bronze Age metal deposition practices on the southern outskirts of the Carpathian Basin**

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When attempting to study the cultural manifestations of the Bronze Age, it is necessary to point out that the development of metallurgy intensified new social practices such as deposition of metal objects. The Carpathian Basin is a region with a high density of metalworks hoards present throughout all the phases of the Bronze Age. Its southern edges, the Sava and Drava River Basins, see the peak of bronze object deposition in the Late Bronze Age.

The earlier research of Late Bronze Age of the southern part of Carpathian Basin was almost exclusively focused on the phenomena of hoards, mostly observing such hoards as a feature separated from the communities that contemporaneously inhabited the area. This approach was the consequence of the fact that almost all available Late Bronze Age metal artifacts were found as parts of hoards, while at the same time context of such hoards and its relations to contemporaneous settlements and cemeteries is unclear. The main reason for this is the fact that a large number of hoards were found in time when archaeology was still developing discipline, so that context of find was not properly documented or even observed. In these circumstances the Late Bronze Age hoards were never studied as a part of the communities present, separated of its social and archaeological context.

In the Croatian part of the Carpathian Basin the numerous rescue excavations have been done due to intensified development of state infrastructure. In the last 30 years these extensive rescue excavations revealed large number of the Late Bronze Age settlements and cemeteries. These excavations revealed that metalworks deposition in this period is commonly found inside settlements. One example of this is the site of Čapnoština Martinović Udruga where a sword was found in the defense ditch near the settlement gate. This and similar finds open the possibility for the reinterpretation of previously excavated finds and for a more complex contextualization of metal object hoards deposited by Late Bronze Age communities.

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**TH1-07 Abstract 16**

**Hoards, burials, ornaments – selective depositions in Middle Bronze Age Hungary**

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The standardised structure of the content of the so called Tolnánémedi type hoards (18 hoards from western Hungary, basically sets of ornaments and a few weapons and tools is a clear indicator of the practice of selective deposition, and supports the assumption that this group of finds was buried for the same reason in the entire territory connected to Transdanubian Encorecured Pottery style during the Middle Bronze Age (2000-1500 BC). When comparing the numbers of the artefacts from these hoards with the data coming from the graves of the same region during the same period the numbers show the multiple of one person’s attire. This fact was important during interpretation of the Tolnánémedi type hoards. According to former assumptions these hoards were connected to military actions (wars) or to rites of passage. However, recent results of burial practice analysis of the period suggest another model. We would like to present the reinterpretation of the mentioned hoards concerning the results of statistical analysis of the jewellery types from burials and hoards, examinations of the microstructure of metal finds, and the study of a recently found clay human figurine of the same period with the depictions of the ornaments concerned.

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**TH1-07 Abstract 17**

**Patterns of metalwork deposition during the LBA in the Lower Danube region**

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Presentation Preference: Oral

In this paper I address the distinctiveness of the metalwork deposition patterns traced in the Lower Danube region during the Late Bronze Age (LBA). This calls for the analysis of hoards and single finds found in the region in terms of content, treatment, and context of deposition which may later on involve the interpretation of the underlying cycles of activity and the motivation behind deposition.

Based on the metal artefacts distribution within the landscape we observe that most of the hoards follow the main river streams, concentrating on the hills area or on the lowland, in the north and south of the Danube. The main metal artefacts in the study area are the socketed axes and sickles which are widely distributed, especially in hoards. If we analyse the patterns of deposition we can observe a group of hoards containing only a single type of artefacts. The preferred objects are the socketed axes of the sickles. Not only finished good quality artefacts were chosen for deposition; stone moulds used to obtain the bronze artefacts were also included in hoards. Two of the hoards contain moulds which were used to produce socketed axes widely distributed in the region, while the hoard from Pobit Kamál contains over 30 stone moulds, including some for objects not known to exist in this area in positive.

Through the Lower Danube, the Carpathian-Stara Planina interface was opened to Central Europe and to the north of the Black Sea. In order to trace how the bridging position of the region influenced the cultural landscape, firstly, a spatial and contextual analysis of the single finds and bronze hoards will be performed. The constituent objects of hoards will be investigated and compared in terms of quantity and association, but also in terms of artefacts treatment.

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**TH1-07 Abstract 18**

**Bronze Age hoards deposition in the Upper Tisa Basin: time, space and cultural context**

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Characteristic feature of the European continent population in Bronze Age is metal works deposition in form of “hoards”. Upper Tisza Region (UTR) is one of the richest in Europe on the finds of “hoards”: nearly 500. From the topographical point of view it’s very various. UTR, especially the eastern part, is rich on different mineral resources (such as salt, gold, copper). During Bronze Age at local population, by an insignificant exception, the cremation as a mortuary rite was dominated. The first metal works hoards in UTR appeared at the beginning of Copper Age. At the Late Copper Age (Baden culture, Colchene culture) and in the Early Bronze Age (Mako culture, Nring culture) the tradition of deposition was not continued. The Middle Bronze Age (BA2) is a new stage of hoarding in UTR. Culturally they belong to Ottoman-Füzesabony culture and early phase of Suci de Susa culture. Geographically they belong to eastern part of UTR. The earliest hoards consists mainly of prestige objects (ornamented weapons and gold wares).

Author examines two versions of appearance of this phenomenon in UTR: 1) tradition of deposition arose up as a result of internal development of local Bronze Age society; 2) tradition of deposition arose up as a result of external contacts of local tribal elites. Development of this tradition continuing with maximal distribution in periods from BD-HaA1 (Suci de Susa and Gava cultures) and till the end of Bronze Age.

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**TH1-07 Abstract 19**

**Going with the flow? Atlantic Bronze Age metalwork deposition practices**

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Presentation Preference: Oral

As the title of this session proposes, the deposition of metalwork is one of the defining characteristics of the European Bronze Age. Superficially, certain types of objects were seemingly deposited in similar ways across supra-regional areas, suggesting widely shared socio-ideological practices. Scratching below the surface, however, reveals a myriad of complex and competing traditions both across space and through time. In particular, regions rich in raw metal sources (e.g. copper, gold and silver) exhibit marked differences in depositional practices to those areas that lacked locally-available ores. This paper will draw upon a large relational database created for a research project on “Entering the Atlantic in the Metal Ages” to highlight a few of the key patterns.
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Structures and function of Bronze Age deposition in Ireland

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The depositional record in Bronze Age Ireland (c. 2500 to c. 800 BC) is exceptionally rich, with both gold and bronze artefacts being deposited in hoards or singly in the natural landscape. Deposition as burial goods is rare and restricted to the earlier part of the period. This paper will demonstrate how type-specific depositional patterns structure the record and reflect deliberate selection processes regarding which materials and object types were suitable for deposition in specific types of context. This paper will outline the main characteristics of this practice, highlighting trends with great longevity throughout the Bronze Age. Based on a selection of case studies an interpretation will be suggested that transgresses conceptual boundaries between ‘ritual’ and ‘functional’ and may open up new avenues of thinking of the at first sight rather disparate parts of the depositional record – single finds, hoards, burials, gold, bronze - as part of one cohesive, but diverse, cultural practice.

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Creative Destruction - Early Bronze Age deposits in the broader Middle Rhine Valley

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Keywords: Bronze Age; Deposition; Middle Rhine Valley

Presentation Preference: Oral

The Middle Rhine region is one of the best known examples of the excessive use of depositional practices of valuable objects in rivers. To understand this phenomenon, the focus from the river itself and their back swamps needs to be broadened to the adjacent area in the hinterland of Germany, France, Belgium and Luxembourg. In this region, we have the opportunity to compare a variety of depositional practices in wet and in dry contexts that have so far never been studied together. This will not only help fine-tune several of the pertinent questions this session wishes to address.

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Selective Deposition of Metalworking Remains in Bronze Age Britain

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A range of archaeological remains provide evidence for the production of metal objects in Bronze Age Britain, from the extraction ore to the finished objects. This paper focuses on the deposition of the material in between, the copper and bronze artefacts used for and derived from melting, casting and finishing the metal objects: ingots, moulds, casting debris and tools. Just as patterns are visible in the placing of complete and deconstructed objects so too are patterns present in the deposition context and selection processes behind metalworking. By combining the results from selection processes including archaeological excavation and metal detecting surveys we can explore the context and content of these differing deposits, and question the social processes and implications behind the choices that led to these variations. This evidence for the deposition of bronze moulds, smithing tools, casting waste and ingots will provide a valuable comparative dataset to the evidence for the deposition of finished, used and deconstructed objects.

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Deposition of Middle Bronze Age Metalwork on the Isle of Wight: GIS Based Approach

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Selective deposition of Bronze Age metalwork in the British Isles is a well-documented phenomenon which has been studied intensively by a number of researchers. Initial work focused primarily on establishing and refining typochronological frameworks based on patterns of association within hoards. With the realisation of the selective nature of Bronze Age depictions however, it became clear that the role of bronze extended beyond its value as a commodity buried for safe-keeping and storage, and that deposition was part of a long standing social practice presented in the archaeological record by buried metal objects. The landscape context where the structured depostions took place, must have been viewed as suitable for that purpose by individuals and communities involved in the act. As such we might expect to see an inherent structure in the depositional settings of metalwork, preserved by the topography and the relationship to environmental and cultural landscape features, exhibited by the finds. Recognising these patterns has for the most part been a qualitative process, which relied on a visual assessment of the distributions; a difficult task considering the seemingly random distribution of most metalwork. In this context, identifying and evaluating any depositional patterns is best handled through the use of GIS and spatial analysis, which surprisingly has not been applied to the Bronze Age metalwork data in Britain. This paper explores the long term potential of wide scale application of multivariate logistic regression and Monte Carlo simulations to the distribution of Middle Bronze Age (c. 1500 - 1150 cal BC) metalwork, through a regional case study focused on the Isle of Wight. The aim is to establish whether any significant relationships between the findspots and their landscape settings can be identified, and if these varied between hoards and single finds. Focusing on a relatively small, naturally bounded region with a high density of Bronze Age finds, allows us to understand the suitability of spatial analysis to the data and questions at hand, and relate the structure of the data-set to cultural processes leading to deposition with a degree of confidence and subjectivity not afforded by qualitative research. Attention is paid in particular to exploring the divergence of the depositional characteristics of metalwork from those exhibited by randomly distributed data to establish whether similar patterning could be arrived at purely by chance, and, by contrasting different types of metalwork, whether this had an influence on the location of the depostions. Ultimately, a systematic approach to metalwork depostions is required to verify some of our assumptions on the role of landscapes in the deposition process, and to create a baseline against which further discussion and analysis can take place.
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Late Bronze Age metal depositions in the West fringe of NW Portugal: contingencies

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Deposition of metal artifacts during the Bronze Age is a widely phenomenon attested all over the Europe. Occupying a western end position rich in mining minerals, the North-western Iberian Peninsula also witnesses these kind of past societies manifestations during the mentioned period. The present work aims to explore the archaeological remains of those practices in a narrowed part of the Iberia, specifically, in the Atlantic fringe of the North-western Portugal (between the basins of rivers Ave and Minho) during the Late Bronze Age. For that, it will be taken into account some of the regional available data, including in progress research, in order to verify some of contingencies of such a complex past agency.

Such a task will not only prioritize the different types of metal objects, their hypothetical biographical character and chronologies, but, specifically, and whenever possible, their micro and medium contexts of deposition, including recent contributions from fieldwork research. In a regional scale it is interesting to attest that some deposition preferences prevail.

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Between two worlds – Hording practices in the Caucasus between European and Near Eastern traditions

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Hoardings metal objects is an important ritual practice during the Bronze Age, both in Europe and in the ancient Near East. Yet, context and places of depositions are entirely different. While in the European tradition, remote places near water bodies are preferred, metal objects in the Near East were predominantly deposited within ritual spaces, buildings or real sanctuaries. The Caucasus mountain range is the border between both traditions. This presentation will focus on the different ritual environments of hoarding in Caucasian Bronze Age, on the different locations of ritual places – off site hoards or sanctuaries, and on the different historical trajectories that led Caucasian people to this specific ritual practice.

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Non-burial metalwork depositions in Bronze Age China- a case study of the Shang

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Keywords: Bronze Age, China, metalwork

Presentation Preference: Oral

Numerous bronze items, mainly vessels and weapons, have been recovered from Bronze Age (c.1600- 500 B.C.) tombs in China, and such mortuary contexts have always been the focus of research. Though not as well attested archaeologically, comparative metalwork was also deposited in non-burial contexts such as sacrificial pits, building foundations, and ‘hoards’. The implications of these depositional phenomena have not been holistically explored. In this paper, I will discuss metalwork depositions during the Shang (c.1600-1050 BC, Middle Bronze Age) in the Central Plain. Questions to be investigated include: what are the variety of depositional contexts for ‘giving up’ metalwork? What compositions of objects were deposited? Can any chronological patterns be discerned? What were the intentions of the depositions and the significance of the deposits to the Shang?

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Selective deposition due to ritual intentions has in the last years been identified as a key-concept governing the formation of Bronze Age metalwork assemblages. Especially in regions like the Carpathian Basin, where the transmission of metalwork depends heavily on deliberate decisions on the inclusion of certain object classes in hoards and the exclusion of others, severe repercussions for the interpretability of the archaeological record can be expected.Although widely accepted on a theoretical level, until now the full consequences of selective deposition have not been explored for the southeastern European Bronze Age archaeological record. The present contribution aims to highlight the far-reaching implications of formation processes for dating the earliest appearance of object groups and technological innovations, using the earliest appearance of socketed axes in southeastern Europe as a case study. Socketed axes seem to appear at all once in a hoarding horizon parallelized with the central European phase Bc D. It is argued that selective non-deposition of socketed axes during their pre-Late Bronze Age History, which however can be reconstructed by taking into account other sources than hoard finds. The transmission of settlement finds is governed by a different set of rules and can serve as a corrective for a more balanced view on the development of Bronze Age metalwork.

Selective depositions during the Late Neolithic, localised instances of early settlement contexts for finished objects, but even more so evidence for casting equipment discarded after use make a much earlier start of production of socketed axes in southeastern Europe probable.

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The middle Bronze Age necropolis in Gllareve-the Mycenaean influence in Kosovo

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Presentation Preference: Poster

Kosovo’s favorable geographic position in the central Balkans has enabled its connection with neighboring and farther territories, thus making the influence of various cultures possible from the earliest periods. The development of early prehistoric cultures in Kosovo has been sufficiently explored through systematic work. Nonetheless, there is insufficient knowledge on the development of the Bronze Age in Kosovo. With the finding and excavation of the necropolis in Gllareve, important new steps have been made to complete this gap. Excavations in Gllareve have provided the most precise data for solving important problems of the Bronze Age in Kosovo, as well as for the development of period as a whole. Two necropoleis have been identified marked as Gllareve I and II. Both can be dated to the XV and XIV centuries BCE. So far, 48 graves constructions have been found, consisting of two types of burial practices: inhumation and cremation. Regarding the analogies and chronological determinations of the bi-ritual burials practices it is possible to conclude that inhumation, with or without stone constructions, is the older type of burial. The task of dating the graves with cremation was conducted through reference to urn fragments, specifically their handles, which can be placed in a broader chronological framework. Dating the graves with inhumation can be done through reference to the other numerous finds, some of which have analogies in the larger geographical region, such as jewelry, weapons, and ceramics. The cultural material also, which is quite exclusive and in particular the weaponry, attests to the high degree of knowledge of metal manufacture, production techniques, as well as decoration. The Gllareve necropolis shows that the Middle Bronze Age in Kosovo had a developed culture with significant influences from, and ties to, Mycenae, as an important social, economic, and political center. Swords, axes, and various types of knives point to the connections with production centers in Epirus and Albania from where the Mycenaean influence expanded through the Drin valley and Vardar depression. Excavations in Gllareve have also given evidence to the beginnings of a stratified society in the area, the formation of a ruling class, and the formation of the Illyrian Dardan “tribe” in the Central Balkans. Thusly, the Bronze Age in Kosovo becomes and important stage in the formation and development of Paeo-Balkan peoples, their culture and ethnogenesis.

Their further development can be observed in the course of the following periods, specifically the Early and Late Iron Age in the first millennium BCE.

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“Multiesential” concept in Early Iron Age offering contexts of Central Asia

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Presentation Preference: Poster

“Multiesential” concept is a model of ancient population worldview. It was build basing on Iron Age archaeological sources from Central Asia, especially on so-called “offering” contexts.

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On chronological ‘firsts’ in the Bronze Age. Selective deposition and the visibility of innovations

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UNDER THE RAISED ROOF: CREATING THE SPACE FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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Archaeological settlement research in the Netherlands can traditionally be characterised by its coverage of large excavation remains, its remains are very well preserved and we have got the opportunity to get a first insight into the usage of interior space under the roof. We seek a discussion on the archaeological evidence and the reconstructions of those spaces and how to maintain a sense of academic objectivity throughout the research process. Perhaps an even more ambitious question: through credible architectural reconstructions and our understanding of past home spaces, can we inspire the design of family architecture in a sustainable future?
Creating a home. Ritual practice related to houses in a terp settlement in the northern Netherlands

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Between 1923 and 1934, excavations were carried out in the terp settlement of Ezinge by one of the founding fathers of Dutch archaeology, A.E. van Giffen. Ezinge is located in the coastal area of the northern Netherlands, a former salt marsh area. It is one of many terps that are found in this region: artificial dwelling mounds, which once protected their residents against floods. A terp started with one or several houses built on separate platforms, which clustered as they were heightenined, developing into single larger mounds. The terp of Ezinge ultimately reached a height of 5.5 m and covered 16 ha, about 10% of which was archaeologically excavated in 22 levels.

Ezinge became famous because of the well-preserved remains of 85 longhouses, dating from the 5th century BC until the early middle ages. The lower parts of wooden buildings often were still preserved in situ, revealing the structure of these 3-storied, two-chamber houses with built-in byres.

Excellent preservation, also of pottery and bone, enabled not only a thorough investigation of the material culture, but also of ritual practice in this settlement. This investigation was carried out only recently, between 2011 and 2015. This paper will present some of the results of the study of ritual practice. It will discuss the ways in which rituals were related to various stages of the lifecycle of a house: raising the house platform, building the house, living in it and finally abandoning the house. A conspicuous element of ritual practice was the burial of human remains in and near houses. It will be argued that burying the remains of deceased family members created ancestral grounds and also made people feel at home. Single inhumations and single bones (probably the remainders of the dead which were collected after a process of excarnation) were both used that way.

Ritual practice associated with houses changed over time. It was influenced by internal developments, especially population growth, which caused changes in the layout of the settlement and competition for the available space on the terp.
At the hearth. Daily life, and domestic architecture in Early Iron Age farmsteads of Western Denmark

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Presentation Preference: Oral

This paper will discuss the evidence of domestic activities in the Early Iron Age (500 BC - 150 AD) farmsteads of Western Denmark. The Danish evidence of daily life and domestic activities can roughly be divided into two: Evidence from well-preserved settlements with preserved cultural layers excavated in the 1920s to 1950s and evidence retrieved from settlements leveled out below modern day plough soil. The former has the advantage of in situ evidence of daily activities on the preserved floors while the later mainly benefits from the huge amount of completely excavated farmsteads and macrofossil - as well as geochemical evidence collected on settlement excavations in the last 20 years.

By combining the two types of evidence, it is possible to establish a generalized picture of the development of domestic activities. The longhouse is throughout the Iron Age at the heart of domestic life with evidence of food processing, storage as well as stabling livestock. However, during the Early Iron Age some activities, both specialized crafts and to some extent food preparation are moved into nearby outbuildings and the fenced of interior of the farmyard as the farmsteads grow in size. During the period under consideration the Reapen of individual houses is prolonged, the number of burials in connection to individual farms increases, as do the number of votive deposits found within the longhouses. Within the farmsteads of the later part of the Early Iron Age we find architectural traits such as stone paved entrances, decorated hearths and fenced of farmyards. Individual households may through a more elaborate use of these architectural traits and votive deposits have created a sense of homelessness and interconnectedness between the house and the household members. Though these developments at the same time set individual households apart from other households in the growing village communities by stipulating social differences.

Thus the story of daily life in the Danish Iron Age houses and farmsteads is a story of practicalities, ideology and the basic segments of Iron Age society.

Charting the microstratigraphic life-cycle of an early Roman urban property, Roman Silchester, UK

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In Roman Britain, domestic urban properties are dynamic spaces with constantly evolving architectural forms. The evidence for super-structure components can often be ephemeral as these properties have timber or earthen walls, which are frequently truncated by later building foundations or, as observed at Roman Silchester, by the trenches of Antiquarian excavators. Previous research at Silchester has integrated thin-section micromorphology and experimental archaeology to characterise sediments and occupation deposits to identify doorways rolled, semirolled, and open spaces within the properties in order to understand their architectural form.

Building on this previous research, this paper will chart, using a microstratigraphic approach, the evolution of a dynamic property, early Roman timber building B, which stood from the period immediately after the Roman conquest (A.D. 43) until c. A.D. 125/50. By the end of the life of this property, it had taken on an interesting architectural form comprising a zig-zagged frontage abutting the north-south road, and had become poorly maintained with in situ evidence for metalworking activities. Micromorphology has demonstrated that in its earlier phases, the entrance way to the building had moved several times. There is also evidence for hearth floors, and the division of spaces. Earlier uses of this property may include the manufacture of glass, and internal divisions, though now lost, have left significant indicators of their former presence, such as the arrangement of windows; grouped together or obviously spaced apart which indicated a deliberate spatial organisation that allowed for the placement of internal divisions or even furniture. Further clues for partitions are evident in the arrangement of certain internal features, such as the grouping of latrines and fireplaces together at one end of the chamber away from the main entrance. We can also see that the latrine was typically situated in the further corner angle from the main entrance (diagonal opposed) or directly opposed suggesting that either the doorway or the latrine (or both) may have been screened from view.

Interestingly, the latrine was always placed on the cold north side whereas main entrance faced south indicating that heat and light (or its absence) played a major role in their choices of interior design. During the thirteenth century, the hall and chamber were typically separate structures within castlecourts in Ireland and Britain. Careful examination of the architecture of medieval chambers - understood as ‘private’ spaces has revealed that their first-floor spaces appear to have been divided into ‘rooms’ most likely using partitions comprised of timber and/or textiles. Some castles have very tangible indications of divisions such as masonry corbels that once supported wooden partitions. Many other internal divisions, though now lost, have left significant indicators of their former presence, such as the arrangement of windows; grouped together or obviously spaced apart which indicated a deliberate spatial organisation that allowed for the placement of internal divisions or even furniture. Further clues for partitions are evident in the arrangement of certain internal features, such as the grouping of latrines and fireplaces together at one end of the chamber away from the main entrance. We can also see that the latrine was typically situated in the further corner angle from the main entrance (diagonal opposed) or directly opposed suggesting that either the doorway or the latrine (or both) may have been screened from view.

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Beyond the cone: possibilities for exuberant buildings

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Taking inspiration from the recent discovery of “painted” walls on Neolithic buildings at two sites in Orkney, this paper argues that buildings could be “traditional” and functional but on occasion, exuberant. A casual view of the reconstructed architecture of this type, would see an homogenous dominion of the conical roof. This may represent the best fit of technology to need and circumstance but in many other aspects of life, seen through preserved archaeological fragments, we can see an exuberance of design and masterful display of skill.

From the ornate gabled-haistyle of the bog-body from Clonycavan to metalkwork masterpieces such as the Monymusk casket, and to ornate scripture, such as Forteviot arch, we have evidence that in some circumstances, builders, designers and crafts people stepped far beyond what mere practicality demanded to create visually stunning artefacts. By presenting examples of buildings that seem to depart from the norm and that express a spirit of experimentalism, such as the early Christian church at Whithorn, this paper will seek to stimulate a discussion on how archaeological practice needs to be more sensitive to the possibility for evidence of fantastic design and colour in the architectures of the past.

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Reconstruction of Neolithic dwellings. On to the materials of North-West Russia (Smolensk region)

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Presentation Preference - Poster

Long-term settlements of ancient people are one of the most interesting categories of archaeological sites. The various aspects of the material and spiritual life of the ancient groups are recorded in settlements - their relationship with the environment, productive activities, social status, spiritual culture.

The main function of settlements and dwellings is to create the necessary enclosed space, protecting people from the harmful effects of natural and social environment. This is related to topography of settlements, presence of fortifications, orientation of dwellings, and their connection with the water and the prevailing winds, the presence of drainage ditches, etc. The same aspects dictated appropriate technical solutions in the construction of dwellings. Questions of the protection of people from the cold, damp, heat, and questions of the positions of fire and cooking places were decided taking into account the environmental conditions. Various building materials were used depending on natural conditions and resource availability.

The appearance of settlements and dwellings largely determined by the type of economy. This involves determining number of inhabitants of the settlement and each dwelling, the location of settlements in places that were convenient for fishing, the necessary raw material production (stone, first, clay, etc.), hunting, grazing, etc. This also explains the functional differentiation of settlement space, the presence of settlements of fishermen, hunter camp, etc.) and buildings (household, living and industrial). In addition, domestic production activities (ceramic production, bone and stone processing) proceeded in a living area.

Finally, the nature, the layout, the size of settlements and dwellings, details of interior dependent on the social and demographic factors: the level of development, the structure and number of communities.

Identification and justification of the constructions remains on the archaeological site is a difficult goal to achieve it’s necessary to define the features that can distinguish the remains of objects. The first feature includes structures which can be defined as area of the cultural layer different from the surrounding space. The differences may be in color of the cultural layer; in necessary to define the features that can distinguish the remains of objects. The first feature includes structures which can be defined as area of the cultural layer different from the surrounding space. The differences may be in color of the cultural layer; in necessary to define the features that can distinguish the remains of objects. The first feature includes structures which can be defined as area of the cultural layer different from the surrounding space. The differences may be in color of the cultural layer; in

TH1-09 Abstract 01

Investigation of glass objects from Dodona Sanctuary, Epirus, Greece: an interdisciplinary approach

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Dodona Sanctuary was the major religious centre of north-west Greece, in the Epirus region, connected with the cult of Zeus Dodonais and his wife Dione. According to ancient Greek tradition it is considered to be the oldest oracle in ancient Greek world. Archaeological evidence has confirmed continuous habitation from the Bronze Age (2800-1100 BC) to the end of the 4th c. AD. The Dodona Sanctuary flourished during the Hellenistic period and especially during the reign of King Pyrrhus when major reconstruction works took place. The Dodona Sanctuary played an important role as a political, administrative and religious centre during that period and its relationship with regions outside Greece, i.e. Alexandria in Egypt, is well attested both archaeologically and historically. Our presentation will focus on glass found in the excavations of Pyrthinos and Vouleutirion which were the major political buildings at the Dodona Sanctuary.

Our primary research objectives are: (1) to suggest the raw materials used to make the glasses; (2) identify any compositional contrasts between middle and late Hellenistic glass; (3) to suggest a provenance for the glass by comparing our results with other published datasets - especially whether compositions suggest both a Levantine and a non-Levantine provenance. Here we present results form 40 samples that we have analysed using SEM/EDX and LA-ICPMS analysis. The assemblages from which samples were taken consists of fragments of various vessel types (cone formed vessels, ribbed bowls, cast bowls, conical engraved bowls) of a variety of colours (deep blue, green, amber, colourless).

According to the chemical analyses, the glass from Dodona is a typical soda-lime-silica type with added mineral salts (natron) as a flux. Its chemical compositions are homogeneous. Small differences in various major, minor and trace elements between individual samples suggest the use of different types of raw materials and also different production zones. A comparison of these glass chemical compositions with contemporary glass artifacts gives new insights into the production and distribution of glass used in Greek region during the Hellenistic period.
The results of an archaeological investigation of Early Iron Age glass beads from Lika, Croatia, are presented. A distinct type of opaque blue bead, decorated with yellow concentric circles, or “eyes,” was widespread on the territory of the Iapodes, an Iron Age group inhabiting the area from Central Croatia to the Una river valley in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

So far, lapidary culture has been studied in the cultural-historical manner, with the focus predominantly on chronology and typology. Production, technological networks and glass use have received little discussion apart from conjectures that these beads must have been of local production due to their perceived basic production requirements, their abundance in various areas, and their analogues in the neighbouring regions. This study builds on the typological analysis (and a few AAS measurements by Braun in 1983), tests the hypothesis of local production, and evaluates prior conclusions about the manufacturing conditions of 43 sampled beads by looking into their chemical composition with SEM-EDS and EMPA instruments.

The study shows how archaeometry can assist in providing a clearer picture of prehistoric production, use and trade of prestige materials. The prior hypothesis about the vitaeous material is largely disproved: rather than being glass paste, the beads are in fact a transitional phase between glass and faience, and the yellow decoration is not painted on top but made of true glass.

The two types of glass, and the raw materials used for their production, are very different: the yellow glass is probably imported as inert, while the cobalt blue possibly indeed locally produced. Furthermore, the archaeological context allows a discussion of the beads’ meaning and use. Their distinct appearance was intentional, possibly in order to reinforce the identities of the lapidary group. Although the lapidaries were importing glass from their well-known glass-producing neighbours of the Lower Carniola group, they still held on to this particular type of bead.

Additionally, these beads predominantly appear in female burials, possibly signifying a certain ascribed or achieved status of these women within the lapidary society, which sheds light on the existing female social roles in the Iron Age.

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Prehistoric Glass from Iron Age Segestica (Present-Day Croatia)

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Owing to its prominent position at the crossroads of Pannonia, eastern Adriatic coast, northern Italy, south-eastern Alps and the Danube, the Segestica settlement, located at the mouth of the Kupa and Sava rivers in Central Croatia, became an important trade nexus in the Early Iron Age.

This is archaeologically attested by the abundance of imported objects appearing at the site at this time, such as bronze vessels, weapons, horse gear, dress ornaments, and glass items. If compared to chronologically contemporary groups – the lapidaries in Lika, Croatia, and the Lower Carniola group in Slovenia (which is also a possible glass production centre) – whose cemeteries have a high concentration of glass finds, frequency of glass items retrieved from Segestica seems scarce: twenty five beads and four bracelets. This is largely due to the fact that no Iron Age graves in Segestica have yet been found. Most of the glass items were retrieved during the dredging of the river Kupa at the beginning of the twentieth century, leaving them without a clear archaeological context. Only a few cobalt-blue glass beads have been properly documented in their context during the 2015 excavation of the Pogorelac site, situated at the right bank of the river.

The glass artefacts will be presented according to their typological and chronological parameters, and manufacturing techniques. In order to gain further insight into the use and trade of prehistoric glass in Sisak, and, more generally, into the technological traditions of glass-making in the Iron Age period, the items were also analysed using SEM-EDS. The results of the chemical analysis of various types of beads (strafelied eye beads, globular translucent light green beads, dark opaque beads with linear decoration, barrel-shaped and convolute cone-shaped beads with protruding decoration, blue globular beads with linear decoration and bracelets) will be shown in colour, but of various shapes: with smooth D cross-section, with three rims, with five rims – the motif being the most prominent – will also be presented and interpreted.

The quantitative analysis focused on the possible difference in raw materials, technological recipes, and craft traditions of the (chronologically and culturally) distinct artefacts, in order to look at the variability in glass production and relationship between the various bead groups dated to Early (Hallstatt) as opposed to the Late (La Tène) Iron Age, as well as the differences in the chemical compositions of glass beads and bracelets. Bracelets appear in this area around the third century BCE and are connected with the arrival of Celtic groups, which could potentially signify a different technological knowledge and tradition. The results of the analysis shed light on the processes of the transfer of knowledge and perpetuation of glass making traditions, adding to the more comprehensive knowledge of the prehistoric glass use and trade in continental Europe.
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

TH1-09 Abstract 09
Romano-British glass bracelets: where La Tène Continental technology meets Iron-Age British design

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The aim of this paper is to bring the Romano-British glass bracelets into the discussion of the Iron Age Continental glass bracelets.

The paper suggests that the British glass bracelets were Romanperiod British development of an existing Continental La Tène skill.

Romano-British glass bracelets have primarily been studied from the regional perspective. Earlier research into the distribution and typology of British glass bracelets suggested that British examples stand out in their own right.

This paper presents an experimental technique compared to bracelets made on the Continent. The start of the production of the seamless glass annulars in Britain corresponds with the decrease in the circulation of these glass bracelets on the Continent. In the late first century BC, the Continental glass bracelets gradually stopped being produced, yet the craft reappears in Britain, which had no history of glass bracelets' production prior to the Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43. The presentation attempts to answer the question as to where the inspiration and skills for the British glass bracelets came from by discussing their production technique.

The experiments conducted with the modern glassmakers and the close inspection of the British glass bracelet fragments reveal that the British annulars were most likely produced in the similar manner as some of the La Tène Continental bracelet types, that is in a technique similar to that suggested by Joelle Rolland for some Continental types. However, the design of the British bracelets is rather different from the Continental ones. Most British annulars have either twisted cord decorations or tracks with curved terminals. A convincing hypothesis was put forward by the earlier scholars that the design of some British bracelet types is likely to be closely related to, or may well have been developed from, the British insular Iron-Age beads.

The paper presents, therefore, a case-study for the interaction between craftsmen of various communities regarding the production and development of the British glass bracelets. It suggests that La Tène glass bracelet craft and technology continued well into the Roman times, contesting the common opinion that the Iron Age production of the seamless glass bracelets was interrupted at the turn of the first century AD.

TH1-09 Abstract 10
Anomalous a material 'culture clash': 'sealing wax' red glass in Late Iron Age Britain

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This paper will present work carried out on the analysis of Insular Late La Tène and Early Romano-British 'sealing wax' red glass. This was used principally as an inlay on high status decorative bronze work, which developed from the earlier La Tène traditions in both Europe and Britain of using opaque red 'sealing wax' glass to decorate metal artefacts. In Late Iron Age Britain (1st century AD), the use of inlaid red glass flourished on objects exhibiting 'Celtic' styles and from regions in Britain resistant to Roman occupation. The quantity of this type of material produced was also significantly greater than in previous periods.

During the first century AD, in much of the Romanoised world, the composition of red glass changed significantly from the high lead high copper 'sealer' glass typical used in the Middle Iron Age and Continental La Tène pieces to the use of low lead, low copper red glass produced for Roman mosaics and probably exported as tesserae or rods. However, within Britain the use of 'sealing wax' red glass was retained, but was of a slightly altered composition to the majority used within the 'Celtic' world; one principle difference was a significant increase in antimony. Although not used for previous La Tène glass, there are a few examples of similar high antimony 'sealing wax' red glasses noted with the southern Mediterranean: as re-used glass vessel fragments in early mosaics in 'nymphaea' in southern Italy, in Hellenistic red glass and in red glass from Jerusalem.

Antimony was used in small quantities as a decolourant in clear glass; its addition in larger quantities in 'sealing wax' red glass was advantageous in several ways: it replaced iron as an internal reducing agent, produced a brighter red colour, and acted as a fluxing agent. However, antimony ores are relatively rare in Britain, and there is no evidence that high levels of antimony were used.

Conservatively, antimony was available in the form of lead antimonite, for which there were ancient and extensive trade networks. This was used as a yellow pigment and a colourant in glass. Yellow beads from the Middle and Late Iron Age in Britain were usually coloured using lead antimonite, and tesserae continued to be coloured with this well into the Roman period.

One hypothesis for the prevalence of this distinctive composition of red glass in Britain is that yellow glass was converted to red by the addition of copper (and lead): metals readily available in Britain. If yellow glass is heated, lead and antimony can easily separate; the subsequent addition of copper (and lead), plus careful cooling in reducing conditions, could result in the production of red glass. This would account for the levels of antimony in Late Iron Age red glass, for the change in technology, and for the increase in the use of red inlays. Theoretical amounts of copper and lead can be added to the composition of analysed yellow glass to achieve results similar to those of analysed red sealing wax glass from Britain.

TH1-09 Abstract 08
The Irish Glass Toggle: Exploring the function of an enigmatic Iron Age ornament

TH1-07 Abstract 07
Raw The role of glass bangles in Late Iron Age society in central Britain.

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One of the most ubiquitous objects found on Late Iron Age sites in southern Scotland and northeast England are glass bangles.

These objects have largely been studied in isolation in Scotland, devoid from comparison with their continental equivalents.

This paper will describe the history of Scottish glass bangle studies. It will then review glass bangles in a British context and how they relate to their continental equivalents. To address their role in Late Iron Age society in Scotland, the paper will focus on the large collection of bangles from Traprain Law, an Iron Age Oppidum, and how this collection of objects compares to the wider distribution pattern of bangles in southern Scotland. It will argue that these glass bangles offer an important insight into understanding the complex negotiation of identity occurring on the Northern Frontier of Roman Britain in the Late Iron Age.

Glass bangles became a way for the indigenous communities to promote their local importance by displaying their connections with larger social networks. By transforming imported foreign material, in the form of both raw and reused glass from Roman sources, into items which catered for local tastes, bangles became a powerful symbol. The glass bangles highlighted a connection to Rome but also acted as a statement of the indigenous populations desire to shape and mould that relationship in a way that was locally beneficial.

The Irish Glass Toggle: Exploring the function of an enigmatic Iron Age ornament

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The study of personal ornaments in the European Iron Age has long been a fruitful avenue of research for archaeologists wishing to explore topics such as social status, identity, technology, and trade. As portable pieces that can be reliably sourced and serve as stylistic, temporal, and social markers, beads reflect larger patterns of social interaction and communication especially during periods characterized by significant change and increasing mobility. In the Irish Iron Age, the systematic study of artifact types has raised new questions regarding intercultural and indigenous craft production on the island. This paper will focus on glass toggle ornaments, often described as dumbbells, which have typically been categorized as a glass bead form although they lack the designating perforation. Few in number and appearing almost exclusively in Ireland, Iron Age glass toggles span mortuary, ceremonial, and settlement sites across the island. The glass toggles vary in shape and color, and bone and amber examples are known. Through an examination of emergent patterns within the site types, associated artifact assemblages, spatial and temporal distribution, and stylistic variability of the toggle, an analysis of the potential functions and archaeological significance of this enigmatic personal ornament will be explored.
Sandwich gold-glass: elitist glass production in Hellenistic Mediterranean

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Sandwich gold-glass is a particular technique, employed between the 3rd and the 2nd century BCE to produce some of the most precious and rare glass bowls ever realized. This production is testified by about 20 specimens, which were found among Southern Italy, Rhodes, Anatolia, Syria-Palestine, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Black Sea, Caucasus...

The technique consists in assembling two colourless glass vessels (obtained by slumping, grinding and polishing), which fit perfectly one into the other. Between them, a gold-leaf decoration is sandwiched.

These artifacts belong to the so called “Canosa Group”, which was attributed to Alexandria of Egypt and includes several glass techniques.

My interest in the Sandwich gold-glass production started with the purpose to define “Alexandrian glass”, strongly celebrated by the written sources. Through a preliminary investigation it was possible to understand that “Alexandrian glass” was an archaeological common place, still in the latest decades. The only group unanimously recognized as Alexandrian, though not basing on solid archaeological evidence, appeared to be the Sandwich gold-glass. This became the topic of my Master thesis in Classical Archaeology at the University of Padua (2012).

The study revealed also a great variety of gold-glass techniques, before and after this particular and limited production, from the second half of the 4th century BCE, and spread around the Mediterranean basin in the following ages.

The main aim of the project was to conduct a comprehensive analysis, combining different approaches, starting from the written sources. They constituted in fact the principal clue for an Alexandrian attribution (in particular Athenaeus of Naucratis).

An important step consisted in the creation of a catalogue, obtaining a clear and reliable morphological classification.

The comparative analysis on morphology and decoration revealed a correlation among shapes (mostly hemispherical, ovoid or shallow bowls), technical details and subdivision of the decorated surface.

The decorative motives, mostly geometric and vegetal, were classified. Since they are widespread in the Mediterranean and beyond, they cannot provide significant help in localizing the workshops. Only the two specimens with figurative scene (a sacred landscape and a hunting scene) permit to lean toward Egypt.

The recognition of the workshops location on archaeological basis, also through the comparison with other contemporary productions (such as silversware, faience, pottery), remains difficult. Nevertheless, the presence of few highly-specialized workshops in the Eastern Mediterranean basin (Alexandria, Aegaeon, Syria-Palastine) seems the most reliable hypothesis.

The particular lavishness and rarity of these vessels and their meaning as status-symbol allowed also an analysis of the socio-economic dynamics, related to the diffusion and consumption of these luxury items, expression of an extremely restricted elite.

EXPLOITATION STRATEGIES OF THE ANIMAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE LAST HUNTER-GATHERERS AND FIRST FARMERS IN EUROPE

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Presentation Preference: Regular session

The profound climatic changes and the need to identify solutions for the survival of humankind represent major topics of debate in contemporary society. Throughout their 200,000-year history modern humans have been faced with climatic changes some of them radical, which had a significant impact on the strategies employed for the exploitation and management of the environment, especially the animal life, and were reflected in the types of economic practices.

Through this session proposal, we will analyze, quantify and compare the effects of this phenomenon and provide an integrated view of the ways in which the animal environment was exploited by prehistoric communities at the transition from hunter-gatherer to farmer-stockbreeder, identifying and comparing different socio-cultural models developed across Europe. The investigations will cover two priority domains: biodiversity evolution (e.g., taxonomic richness; magnitude of faunal turnover) and correlative human societal transformations, especially in animal management and techniques of exploitation (bone manufacturing). Among others, the aim of our session includes the identification of the modifications that intervened in the relation between the exploitation of the animal environment and the way in which it was reflected in palaeo-economy, habitat, social or spiritual organization. We invite speakers to discuss these topics from different perspectives; both theoretical and practical approaches are encouraged.

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Transition to Holocene in the hinterland of eastern Adriatic: Archaeofauna of Zemunica cave, Croatia

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Presentation Preference: Oral

The archaeozoology of the eastern Adriatic region is well documented through studies of faunal remains from coastal and island sites. However, hinterland is still ‘shadowed’ due to very little information available, mostly because of lack of explored sites. Zemunica cave is situated in the Middle Dalmatia around 35 km northeast of Split, near the village of Bisko. It was excavated in 2005 during rescue archaeological excavations, revealing a stratigraphic sequence from the Late Upper Palaeolithic to the Early Bronze Age. Here we focus on the archaeofaunal material recovered from the deposits dated to the Pleistocene-Holocene transition and the Early Holocene.

The vertebrate faunal assemblage comprising large mammal and bird remains shows interesting temporal trends in its taxonomic composition as well as in surface bone modification, indicating changes in the surrounding environment and corresponding subsistence strategies. The results of this study present interesting new data and contribute to our knowledge of the exploitation strategies practised by people living in the hinterland of the eastern Adriatic as adaptations to the climatic and environmental changes of the Pleistocene-Holocene transition.
The first study of the archaeozoological remains from Iocana was made 40 years ago by Alexandra Bolomskey. The importance of this settlement led us to re-examine all the faunal material using methods such as slaughtering curves, ageing and sexing, biometry, cut marks, butchery patterns and palaeogenetics. This has resulted in a new interpretation of the local fauna and Mesolithic hunting activities. All the remains are interpreted as food refuse, with high fragmentation rates. The list of taxa identified includes molluscs (1 species), fishes (1), reptiles (1) and mammals (16). The assemblage is dominated (93.5%) by wild mammals, with over 4300 identifiable specimens. Sus scrofa (wild boar) dominates, followed by Cerus ulius (red deer) and Capreolus capreolus (roe deer). By weight, deer remains are the most important, followed by wild boar. Other taxa represented are Ursus arctos (brown bear), Canis lupus (wolf), Meles meles (European badger), Lutra lutra (European otter), Martes sp. (marten), Felis silvestris (wildcat), Lynx lynx (lynx), Meles meles (European badger), Lutra lutra (European otter), Martes sp. (marten), Felis silvestris (wildcat), Lynx lynx (lynx), Castor fiber (European beaver), Lepus europaeus (European hare). The dog (Canis familiaris) is the only domestic mammal present in the site. Cut marks identified on the bones show that dog contributed to the food supply, which was also observed in the Mesolithic levels at Lepenski Vir, Vlasac and Padina. Even with methodological biases concerning recovery techniques employed during the old and new excavations, and different areas of the sites they encompassed, we found that fish species composition on the three sites varied to some extent. Given the site locations, their short distance from one another and similar landscape and environmental conditions (vicinity of cataracts and large whirlpools), this propensity towards fishing particular kinds of fish could suggest that the sites functioned as specialized fishing centres, and held different species of fish in special regard.
Lacustrine settlements of hunter-fishers in the Mesolithic–Early Neolithic of the forest zone of European Russia are part of the particular cultural and stable economic world of “the last hunter-gatherers”.

The economy was based on hunting elk, beaver, aquatic and wading birds, as well as intensive activity for fishing. The site of Zamostje 2 was located in the centre of a wide lake plain in a former glacial basin. Cyclic fluctuations of the palaeolake level and a gradual change of the landscape did not influence subsistence strategies of ancient inhabitants greatly, in spite of the appearance of more advanced technologies. Bone hunting always occupied an important place in the subsistence activity of the Zamostje 2 inhabitants. The bone industry includes hundreds of implements made from beaver jaws and incisors, used as woodworking tools, as well as ornaments and pendants. In spite of pronounced changes in cultural traditions over more than 2000 years, the main factors of production, shaping and final use of the tools made from beaver jaws remained the same. This, as well as some other specific types of bone tools, typical of the Upper Volga region, raise the question of how an ecological niche influenced some aspects of human activities and the rational use of natural resources.

TH1-10 Abstract 08
Changes in pig populations feeding in the context of animal domestication in the northeast Iberian Peninsula

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The contribution of animal domestication to the socio-economic changes in the Iberian Peninsula during the spread of the Neolithic in the first half of the Holocene is indisputable. Animal domestication was a transcendental turning point in the management of animal resources. Among the domesticated species, pigs were an important food source. However, it is difficult to discriminate between domestic (Sus domesticus) and wild (Sus scrofa) species in the faunal assemblages of this period. Several methodological approaches have been applied to address this issue, the most common being based on morphological and biometric criteria. Stable isotope analysis of bone remains can also provide valuable insights into human-faunal interactions, to discriminate between domestic (Sus domesticus) and wild (Sus scrofa) species in the faunal assemblages of this period.

Keywords: bone technology, Early Neolithic, osseous raw materials

Presentation Preference - Oral

Raw material selection of animal hard tissue is directed by technological, but also cultural factors. The availability of specific skeletal elements, their physical and mechanical properties, as well as cultural attitudes toward a certain animal and its body parts are the main factors in the process of selection. In the Early Neolithic of the Balkan region, osseous raw materials had an important role for crafting everyday tools, but also personal ornaments. In this paper, we present some aspects of the exploitation of osseous materials, in particular raw material acquisition and management. Bones from both domestic and wild animals were used, but antlers, teeth and occasionally, molar shells. Preferences in the selection of a specific skeletal element of a specific animal for a specific tool type may be observed - for example, the preference for cattle metapodial bones in spoon and projectile point manufacturing, the predominance of skeletal elements from wild species for ornaments, etc. Furthermore, a certain diversity among different Early Neolithic communities may be observed, especially in the ratio of antlers; in some sites, antlers are almost completely absent. To some extent, this is related to the immediate environment, but also is connected with differences in economic activities and local cultural preferences.

TH1-10 Abstract 09
Aurochs' distribution and evidence of hunting in the pre-Neolithic and Neolithic Central Balkans

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Aurochs played a role in the very beginning of neolithization in the Central Balkans, unlike in southeastern Europe, where sheep and goat, mostly for environmental reasons, preceded and subsequently kept their key position in animal husbandry. As genetic evidence suggests, cattle was introduced to Europe from its initial centres of domestication in the Near East. However, incidences of local domestication cannot be completely ruled out, and, even more so, hybridization of domestic stock with wild progenitors. In order to understand whether these processes ever happened, data on the distribution of the wild ancestor of cattle in the region are important, as well as its features observed from skeletal remains and archaeological contexts of discovery. Although scarce, aurochs were present in the Central Balkans during the Late Pleistocene, as can be judged from the faunal remains from Palaeolithic sites and situational deposits. The steppe aurochs, another large bovid of comparable size and ethology, was more frequent. Its prevalence is documented both by the number of sites where its presence has been confirmed, and by the ratio of bison and aurochs remains at sites where both species were found. Steppe aurochs became globally extinct towards the end of the Pleistocene, although the more precise limiting its disappearance in the region is not known. It can be hypothesized that aurochs consequently became more numerous and substituted bison in an empty niche, but there is also a lack of data on the presence of aurochs at the end of the Last Glacial and the beginning of Holocene. The remains of aurochs from Pleistocene atural deposits mainly consist of cranial parts, whereas those from Palaeolithic sites include scattered bone fragments and teeth, which makes it largely impossible to determine whether they accumulated as prey of human hunters or large animal predators. The earliest occurrence of contextualized aurochs remains is a partial skeleton discovered in a Mesolithic layer at Velenico in the Danube Gorges. The processing of animal carcass is evident from the butchering marks on the articulated neck vertebra. During the Mesolithic, aurochs remains are scarce at other sites in the Danube Gorges and other parts of the Central Balkans. In the Neolithic, the remains of aurochs became a regular component of settlement animal bone refuses, but mostly in modest proportions, show that the intensity of hunting was not high. Nevertheless, owing to its cognition to domestic cattle, potential/local domestication trials and hybridization, or solely to its impressive appearance, the significant symbolic role of this large bovid, one that is going to endure throughout prehistory, was probably established already by the onset of the Neolithic. In this respect, the sudden and synchronous appearance of aurochs made from aurochs metatarsal bones in the Central Balkans, as well as within the large area stretching from Anatolia to Pernorrinian plane and Carpathian Mountains is intriguing.

TH1-10 Abstract 10
The Copper Age fishery at Pietrele, Romania (5th millennium BC) and the return to wild resources

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The Chalcolithic period (5th millennium bc) in the area of the Lower Danube River is of particular interest for archaeologists because of evidence of very early metallurgy, incipient social stratification, and (at many sites) a renaissance in the exploitation of wild animals in the subsistence economy (although domesticated animals continue to be important). Since 2002, excavations at the site of Pietrele, Romania (on the floodplain of the Danube River) have produced abundant evidence of the exploitation of fish and other aquatic animals both in the form of faunal remains and some of the technologies used to procure them. Although examples of very large catfish and cyprinids are common in the assemblage, wet sieving of soil samples has also revealed the presence of numerous bones from very small fishes - indicating a very intensive exploitation of aquatic resources by the site's occupants. Understanding the fishery is essential to understanding how the settlement was provisioned and to questioning why wild resources once again became so important at some locations during the Copper Age.
TH1-11 Abstract 02
Before and after the emporium. The early and late phases of Walichrum (Domburg-Oostkapelle, NL)
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Walichrum, situated near the present-day town of Domburg (Netherlands), is often referred to as one of the late Merovingian and Carolingian emporia, an interpretation mainly based on the substantial number of coins collected on the eroding beach by 19th-century antiquarians. However, a review of the full range of evidence makes clear that this emporium did not emerge out of nothing: situated nearby a Roman temple, the site probably continued to function as a cult site throughout the Early Middle Ages and derived some of its early significance as a trading site from this. Similarly, the site’s changed identity - the so-called Carolingian rule, from the second half of the 9th century onwards, has been neglected. Previously, it was thought that the site was abandoned in the latter 9th century, a few decades after a recorded Viking raid in AD 837. However, the re-evaluation of the evidence brought a light to late 9th- to 11th-century material attesting to continued activity. This, in turn, necessitates a renewed assessment of the relationship with the nearby ringfort of Domburg. Previously the fort was thought of as a successor to Walichrum, the refuge of the latter’s inhabitants in the politically unstable post-Carolingian period.

Thanks to new research the fort area now emerges as an integral part of Walichrum from the 7th to 8th century onwards, located near the construction of the fort in the third quarter of the 9th century. This paper will trace the life trajectory of Walichrum, with special attention to these hitherto overlooked early and late phases. The developments on the site will be framed in wider discussions of landing places and urban settlements in northwestern Europe. This will be done in reference to the dynamic coastal landscape in which this site was located, which during the period under consideration developed from a remote barrier island in the Scheldt estuary, backed by an intrinsically tidal marsh, to the dune belt of a large island rich in sheep-grazing grounds. It will be argued that the site’s occupation history, in particular its final phase and ultimate disappearance, was determined to a large part by regional socio-political developments, in turn linked to much broader cultural and political changes in the North Sea area.

TH1-11 Abstract 03
Bypassing monolithistic entities: diachronic and spatially informed approaches to early medieval towns
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The settlement areas of early medieval towns have in the past been subject to generalisations interpretations of their character, layout and function. Changes in towns’ dynamics over generations of town dwellers have not often been addressed, while these changes are key to a multi-faceted understanding of the daily lives of the inhabitants, and how these may have changed over time. The complex nature of urban deposits has in some cases prompted excavation using a random division in spits, while an opposite reflex is necessary to produce a clearer phasing of each separate case. Before comparisons are made, the individual life trajectory of each town should be understood to its fullest. This paper examines how geoarchaeological approaches (micromorphology, microRF, and other techniques) contribute to a more nuanced understanding of these towns, with a focus on the earliest and latest phases of the towns under study. Illustrating this approach with case studies from the Low Countries, including Tongeren and Antwerpen, and Scandinavia, such as Hedeby and Kaupang, this paper makes a case for a particularistic examination of early medieval towns before wider comparisons are made.

With current geoarchaeological methods, it is possible to record and interpret separate phases of each town in more detail, to collect finds accordingly and source dating materials more securely. It is also possible to add information about well-dated but unclear phases of the towns, such as in the case of homogeneous deposits, so-called dark earths. The latter often occur precisely at the beginning and perceived end of early medieval towns, making their interpretation a challenging endeavour. Not every single layer is relevant or nuanced is captured by geoarchaeological means, but more details can be added to the state of art of each individual town, perhaps even narrowing down the scope to particular changes at the scale of generations. Not just a diachronic approach, but one that takes into account diversity on a horizontal level as well, is necessary to further grasp the complexity of these urban entities. A combination of a diachronic approach and spatially informed one on a micro-scale yields archaeological results with the strongest interpretative value, and, if integrated into the research project design from the very beginning, provides a way to contextualise the enormous amounts of material these sites produce.

TH1-11 Abstract 01
Emergence and Downfall of Viking Towns: The Concealed Phases within the Archaeological Record
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In Viking studies one of the most attended field of research is – apart from the process of Christianisation and Scandinavia’s integration into the occidental Europe – the emergence of urbanism in a remote area where the concept of towns was never introduced before. Interestingly enough scholars agree on the fact that in Scandinavia itself only four sites can be regarded as urban at all. Despite their limited number these few sites tend to be conceived as chronologically rather monolithic entities taking the best preserved evidence as a characteristic for the whole settlements, which in fact have – mostly as a discontinuous phenomenon – have existed and change over a time period of some 250 to 300 years. The reason for this is due to the fact that the earliest traces of over time intensively settled communities are covered by metres of cultural layers and thus their spatially limited origins tend to be hard to trace down. And in some regard the same is true for their latest phases of development exposed to ploughing, erosion or modern construction. Despite these obstacles this paper wants to focus on just these hard to grasp phases in order to contribute to a more differentiated view on Viking urbanism in its chronological depth deserved.
TH1-11 Abstract 04

Changing Places: a comparative discussion of London and Tours in the Early Medieval Period

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The settlements of Western Europe experienced a period of significant transition following the decline of Roman control in the 5th century AD. The movement of people and ideas resulted in change and reorganisation for many communities living in what had previously been Roman settlements. Such developments occurred both within the boundaries of the old structures, and by expanding or moving beyond those existing limits. Many of these sites which saw significant change developed slowly over a longer period of time, often not taking the recognisable Medieval shape until at least the 12th century. This paper examines the developmental stages that occurred at two settlements which saw significant changes from the 5th to 12th centuries AD: London and Tours. Both developed according to a pattern of twin towns with the two halves divided by a small area with limited occupation. London and Tours were both hugely important settlements and a comparative discussion of respective changes at each site during this period highlights the various methods by which such settlements developed as well as providing insight into both a trade driven and monastic model of the twin town phenomenon. Examination of these sites and how they changed during the Early Medieval period, will enable a deeper understanding of the nature of urban development and transitional processes.

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TH1-11 Abstract 05

A Subversive Urbanism: Venice in the 9th century

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How did Venice's urban landscape look in the 9th century?

Venice suffers from its own legend. The materiality of the rising Venice has been generally perceived as sites without time and space, where a fully established myth describes the origin of the city. The Venetian lagoon, in fact, was the place where the noble Romans sought refuge from the barbarian hordes: they had been forced to move to uninhabited islands among the marshes to be able to live and trade. In the islands the newcomers were able to rebuild a place that, according to the historic narratives, was ideologically and materially comparable to the old Roman sites.

The uncoordinated structures of the early medieval houses, for example, have been described as a poor reaction to an urban landscape very different from the pre-Roman and pre-lagoon settlement patterns, on the contrary, shown how these buildings were comfortable and perfectly designed for the lagoon environment. Clay foundations and wood structures were technologically appropriate for a cold and humid setting. The choice of the lagoon itself was not forced. The settlement patterns were not contemporary, but followed precise social and economic designs. The settlement followed the movements of the lagoon and the river mouths: the first Venetians tried to occupy the more distant islets in order to control both the maritime and the riverine sailing routes. Artisanal productions (glass goblets, parchments, metal crafts) were not subsistence economies; the emporia layout of the sites allowed the circulation of raw materials, techniques and skilled people.

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The idea of the early Venice, moreover, cannot be separated from the present. Traditional archaeology, instead, has studied it as phase of the previous roman past. The archaeological study of its urbanism should be considered in the counter light of the fluid social negations that took place around a very specific environment, creating polyfocal sites, which will be cities in the following years.

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TH1-11 Abstract 06

How and when Venice became Venice. Framing the urban development of a trading town in Italy

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Venice was one of the most important cities in Europe in the late Middle Ages and the modern era, when it formed an independent state which controlled trade across the Mediterranean and towards the Levant. A myth of Venetian uniqueness has been cultivated by local historians and international specialists which has always attributed to the town on the lagoon an innate and unique vocation for political autonomy and trade.

This is not only partly based on historical facts. Although some exceptional elements are observable – such as the local government of the Venetian republic (vealasci) and the amphitheatre pattern of the settlement (placenta) and the amorphous nature of the urbanism of the town and the much underestimated as least as far as the Early Middle Ages is concerned. In the 9th and 10th centuries the apparently novel appearance of Venice on the Italian political scene and the associated emergence of the Venetian public assembly preceded by over the ducats numerous parallels in other parts of Italy where several urban communities, mostly represented by their lanscapes or attempts to act as social and political entities at the same time. In addition, the region around Venice demonstrated its own economic vitality with other towns competing for the control of the Adriatic sea well before the 9th century by engaging in maritime and artisanal activities remarkable similar to the other of those other settlements in Northern Europe, which archaeologists such as Chris Loveluck and Wil Bowden usually call emporia.

Moreover, some recent reconstructions suggest that the rapid growth of Venice in the 8th and 9th centuries can be explained by the conjunction of the contemporary expansion of the Carolingian empire which increased demand for luxury goods with Venice's special location on the sea near a great river delta (the Po). Although it is likely that the convergence of both these factors had played a major role in the sudden development of the city, it is often forgotten that Venice shared the same ecological and the same economic system with many other trading towns at least in this earlier period.

These facts pose other challenges to the traditional triumphalist explanations. Why did Venice enjoy a more durable success in a longterm perspective with respect to other towns? What exactly made the difference in the Venetian case? Was it more coincidental that Venice was the seat of a political authority, the doge, whereas the other emporia were not? Was the fact that this authority was secular (a duke) rather than religious (a bishop) as elsewhere the key point?

The paper will seek to answer these questions by analysing the case of Venice in a comparative context and in the light of both archaeological data and written sources, by suggesting for the city, before 1050, typically rather than exceptionally in terms of population size, accumulation of wealth and socio-economic development.

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TH1-11 Abstract 07

The origins of urbanization in the forest-steppe zone of Western Siberia

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A huge archaeological material testifies that the origins of urbanization in Western Siberia should be associated with the formation of ancient fortified settlements - fortresses that appeared on this territory in the Bronze Age and proto-cities formed in the early Iron Age. The first simple fortifications in the form of stockades or fortified dwellings in the forest-steppe zone of Trans-Urals are fixed on the materials of the Bronze Age monuments (the III millennium BC). During this period their number was insignificant, the bulk continued to be unfortified villages. The increase in the number of fortified settlements was greater in the transition period from bronze to iron (the 2nd quarter of the I millennium BC). They were round-oval in shape with towns up to 4 hectares. There were major suburbs around them. The citadels of the time were poorly fortified fences. The appearance of the first fortifications is connected with the destabilization of the political situation in the region as a result of the influx of migrants from the North of Western Siberia. Then the strengthening of the village with a palisade or a fence was not defensive but probably ideological in nature. The aim was to preserve the village traditions within the cultural traditions of the time. Within this period there was a decline in the dynamics of fortification well traced. Fortifications of early stage continue the tradition of the transition from bronze to iron time. Architecturally they are fixed in the form of small grooves on the perimeter, holes for posts, charcoal and traces of burnt wooden structures in the embankment of the earthen rampart. They are reconstructed as a hedge of stockade fence around the residential area. Most of them could not perform a defensive function. Already at that time there is specialization of fortified settlements as centers of metalworking, import, exchange, cooperation of multicultural population. By the 5-3 centuries BC increasing complexity of fortifications is recorded. The number, height and power of the earthen ramparts with wooden fortifications in the form of the palisades, fences, walls, craters, towers and surrounding ditches are increased. There is not only a general tendency to strengthen the fortifications, but also to the complexity of their structure: double-, triple area settlements are emerging. The search for new forms, combinations of known elements and structures to enhance the overall defense capability is noted. The materials of some fortresses are described as Chinese or Central Asian origin indicating them as centers of trade and exchange. The fortresses became the centers of origin and transmission of cultural innovation, and the process of urbanization and the resulting changes in the ancient and medieval societies to the greatest extent determined the development of the region.

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TH1-11 Abstract 08
The early urban development in the steppes

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The earliest urban sites in the East European steppe date to the Early Medieval epoch and, in particular, to the time of the Chasarian Kaganat (from the 7th to the 9th cc). So far their number has been limited to several, now famous, urban developments located along the Don river such as Sartak-Belaya Vzhat, Pravoiberezhnaya Taimlyanskoye gorodishche (urban development), and Semikarakorskoye gorodishche. Numerous urban developments in the adjacent areas of the forest-steppe Podporozhe (the Don basin valley) and Prilomnoe are representative of the material culture of the Don Alan, Bulgars, Oguz, Pecheneg, and Slavs. Those of the Crimea and the Northern Caucasus associated with the culture of local sedentary populations who were agarians. Only those sites that are located along the Don and the Volga belonged to the Chasarian Kaganat proper, hence it is these urban developments that can be related to ethnic Chasarians. The last decades saw simultaneous discoveries of several sites of the Chasarian Kaganat in the Volga-Don steppes. In the late 1990s at a kilometer distance from the Pravoiberezhnaya Taimlyanskoye gorodishche an urban development was opened, which contained the ruins of a fortress wall of white lime stone. One of the stone blocks displayed a tamp a of a typically Chasarian shape. The new fortress got the designation of Sarkan-3 as a part of the whole agglomeration complex that includes also Sarkin and Pravoiberezhnaya Taimlyanskoye urban developments. At the same time a Chasarian epoch lower layer was opened under the layers of the Golden Horde urban center on the site at the village of Samoselka in the Volga estuary. According to the archaeologists that led the excavations, the geographical position and the character of the constructions of the Samoselka lower layer suggest that these may be the remains of the town of Ili. In 2008 followed the opening of the Bashanta gorodishche that contained the ruins of constructions made of white clay shell stone and tile fragments parallel to those found in late Chernoeuses on the Crimean peninsula (Jacobson, 1958, 1964). One of the stone blocks also had a tam a out in it. According to two radiocarbon dates (622-655 at 68.3% and 600-662 at 95.4 %) and (672 - 782 at 90.8 %), resulting from the analysis carried out by Leibnitz Laboratory of the Kiel University (Germany), Bashanta turns out to be the earliest of the urban developments in the East European steppe dating to the time of the Chasarian Kaganat. The excavations of 2000-2005 of a number of late medieval urban centers and developments in the Lower Volga, undertaken by the Khalilov Institute of Archaeology of the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences, resulted in discovering cultural layers dating to the early urban epoch. As a number of the recovered finds show, this level was occupied by the time of the Chasarian Kaganat. Thus, further effort along the lines will contribute to an understanding of early medieval urbanism in the archaology of Europe.

TH1-11 Abstract 09
Viking age settlement networks and the rise of the early urban centers on the Upper Volga

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Early urbanization of Northern Rus', including Upper Volga region, is usually presented as the formation of the trading centers which emerged in IX-X cc on the river routes from the Baltic to the East in connection with the Oulc silver circulation and later developed in the centers of control over the trade networks. This vision of the early urban centers of Rus' was strongly inspired by the studies of emporia in North-Western Europe. One of the central issues of this concept is the idea of drastic contrasts between the rural sites and the early towns, both in their economical background and cultural shape. Field investigations in the Suzdal Opolie region in the Upper Volga, which constituted the core area of North-Eastern Rus', conducted in the two recent decades, produced extensive new data on the Viking age and Medieval settlement, cultural landscapes, rural sites and early towns with the perspective of better understanding of settlement hierarchy and social contexts. Many of the dwelling sites with the first material of the X-th the XI-th cc. were mapped and surveyed in Suzdal Opolie. Most important elements of this network were the «large unfortified settlements» - extensive unfortified sites or site clusters, with the area from 4 to 15 hectares. Detailed analysis of this category produces evidence of trade, craft production and agrarian activities, as well as of prosperity and high social status of a number of the settlers. Suzdal town, known from the written sources as the main urban center in the region, became noticeable only in the Xith century. There is no evidence of its social and political importance in the X-th c. The rise of Suzdal town didn't lead to the collapse or decay of the «large settlements». Most of them produce evidence of development and prosperity in the X-th c.

TH1-11 Abstract 10
Viking winter camps: towns on the move?

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This paper will contribute to the debate about urban origins through exploration of the new archaeological evidence from the camps at which Viking armies were based during the period of raiding in the ninth century. Since they were evidently occupied for only a number of months, they do not accord with the definitions of urbanism that we have been accustomed to adopting. Yet in most other respects it is now difficult to deny their urban attributes. In particular, discussion will focus on the evidence from Torkey (Lincolnshire), where the Viking ‘Great Army’ is recorded as having spent the winter of 872-3. Recent archaeological investigation has illuminated the nature of this site, which is considerably larger and more complex than hitherto suspected. It has yielded evidence for trade (in the forms ofbullion, weights and coinage), manufacturing (including the processing of precious metals, smithing and textile working), minting of coins (in the forms of imitations of local currency), and religious practice and burial. The site has undoubted urban attributes, but can we really conceive of a ‘town’ as a mobile enterprise? And, if so, how do we envisage that the community supported itself? The archaeological evidence from the winter camps at both Torkey and elsewhere, not only challenges definitions, but it also prompts us to look at a new range of sites in our analysis of the development of urban settlements, since the winter camps did not develop in any direct way into the towns of the later Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods. They are physically unrelated, albeit connected in terms of the range of activities undertaken on them. The scale of the winter camps as we now understand them suggests that they housed unusually large concentrations of people, and may have given many of the members of the Viking armies their first experiences of urban living; they may also have provided a similar introduction to urban life for many of the communities in the regions where they were established. The newly emerging archaeological of Viking winter camps makes a novel, and as yet largely untapped, contribution to debates about urban development.

TH1-11 Abstract 11
The emergence of Odense, the third largest city of Denmark. Methods, definitions and dynamics

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The Viking Age and Medieval center of Odense were before the introduction of the systematical archaeology heavily destroyed by development work without prior archaeological excavation. This means that the earliest history of the town rests on fragmentized ground. An ongoing research project responds to this and has started the chase on the earliest history of Odense. The project is based on the hypothesis that in the early Viking Age, Odense was the only trading center and urbanism combined in new analysis on older material, among others new AAR-seams. At the same time new large-scale excavations in the city center brings new possibilities to get the most out of the remaining parts of the city’s past. Also a new excavation at the ringfort (treloeborg) Nonsenskebæk is relevant in this aspect. The paper will focus on the following questions: Why is Odense not one of the other late Iron age central places that becomes the centrality? What is the significance of Nonsenskebæk – the only treloeborg nearby a contemporary city – in relation to the making of Odense? Or is it the ringfort that is placed by the city? May a smaller trade - and crafts area be seen as an urban phenomenon? Or must there be more to it? These questions are essential in the context of Odense, but will be used also to assess central points in a principal discussion on methodologically challenges, definitions and dynamics regarding early urbanism.
TH1-11 Abstract 12

More than a landing site, less than a vicus.

Medieval Gásir in northern Iceland

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Gásir is well known from historical records as the main trading site in northern Iceland in the medieval period. The site has extensive ruins and a church and when large-scale excavations began in 2001, it was expected that direct evidence would be found of exchanges between foreign merchants and native Icelanders. 6 years of meticulous excavation failed to identify much evidence for trade taking place at the site, which nevertheless has several of the attributes normally associated with emporia. This has raised questions about the nature of the site and the nature of trade in a marginal economy like Iceland’s.

The paper discusses the evidence unearthed at Gásir and places it in the context of social and economic organization in the medieval North Atlantic.

TH1-11 Abstract 13

From late prehistoric harbours to medieval towns in the eastern coast of the Baltic

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Although several international trade routes run through the Eastern Baltic, Viking Age hill-forts and settlements are predominantly found along Estonian northern and insular coasts, while the number of them along Latvian and Lithuanian coasts is quite modest. The situation changed in the 11th-12th centuries, as several coastal settlements were taken into intensive use. Not all of them developed into medieval towns, and some medieval towns were established in places without any prior settlement. My speech focuses on the predecessors of two present-day Eastern Baltic capitals, Tallinn and Riga. Both of them were founded as the monasteries were established in the first quarter of the 13th century; however, it is at first glimpse the two cities’ differences that stand out. Quite a number of 12th-century archaeological remains have been uncovered in Riga, while in Tallinn no pre-13th-century archaeological layer has been demonstrated below streets and walls of the Old Town so far, despite of numerous archaeological excavations. However, settlement remains were recorded a couple of hundred meters away from the Old Town of Tallinn. A closer look also reveals other similarities in the natal phase of Tallinn and Riga, e. g. adjacent hill-forts and the vicinity of probable cut-places. Their similarities also include topographic location of the those accompanying sites, and their place in an overall culture historical complex. It depends on one’s research methods, favourite theoretical schools and later history how to interpret the sites under present-day Tallinn and Riga. Looking around in the Baltic Rim, parallels can be found for the development of these sites, while comparisons to similar settlements with somewhat different later history may be drawn on Eastern Baltic coasts. Ideas of the origin and development of prehistoric Riga and Tallinn will accordingly be presented in my speech, placing them in a broader international context.

TH1-11 Abstract 14

Hot beds? Manure pits in medieval Ackerbürgerstädte

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Dutch urban archaeology has uncovered hundreds of pits dating from the thirteenth to fifteenth century containing animal manure mixed with bedding straw. On occasion an array of manure of pits has been uncovered. The traditional explanation is that they were used to store manure for agricultural use. This explanation is questionable given that manure requires aerobic conditions and frequent turning for it to be transformed into useful fertilizer. A dung heap rather than a manure pit would be expected.

Historical texts dating from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries describe a method of hot beds that might help explain the manure pits. Horse manure was spread on the ground, and once fermentation had begun, a layer of soil was spread on the steaming manure, ready to be planted with cucumber, radish and melon. The heat produced by the manure guaranteed that vegetables could be planted months earlier than if a hotbed had not been used, and then also harvested earlier.

The main question in this presentation is whether archaeological manure pits can be designated as hot beds. If so, this would reveal a form of urban market gardens. The preliminary results of the multi-disciplinary manure pits research group will be presented.

TH1-11 Abstract 15

The rural component in the early urban development of Brussels, Belgium

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The study of the early development of Brussels, Belgium, has shown to be a challenge. Over the last century historians have heavily debated on the scarce existing - often very questionable – historical sources, trying to explain the emergence of this city situated along a steep slope bordering the Senne river. In the last decades, a new generation of historians underlined the importance of agricultural development and expansion as an important factor for the early development of Brussels (Charnaudas, 2011).

Of course the question should be raised whether there are any archaeological data supporting this hypothesis. Despite the many interventions taking place in the centre of Brussels, no remains of farmsteads have been recovered. But archaeologists do almost systematically encounter dark earth dating from the 10th-13th century AD, period where the historians situate the early town development.

An interdisciplinary approach has been developed to study these dark earths, involving not only historical research and archaeology, but also geoarchaeological (including soil micromorphology and physico-chemical analyses) and archaeobotanical studies. These studies highlight that several human activities can be hidden behind complex formation processes, some related to the development of an agrino-pastoral system (Devos et al., 2009; 2011; 2013; Yvindla et al., 2016).

The present contribution will discuss the results of the study of these dark earth units, and demonstrate how they contributed to the understanding of the early town development and the importance of agricultural activities, the location of crop and pasture land, and the cultivated crops.

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An agrarian town? – understanding the earliest phase of the medieval town Odense in Denmark

The study of the early development of Odense, Denmark, has shown to be a challenge. Over the last century historians have heavily debated on the scarce existing - often very questionable – historical sources, trying to explain the emergence of this city situated along a steep slope bordering the Odense river. In the last decades, a new generation of historians underlined the importance of agricultural development and expansion as an important factor for the early development of Odense (Charnaudas, 2011).

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An interdisciplinary approach has been developed to study these dark earths, involving not only historical research and archaeology, but also geoarchaeological (including soil micromorphology and physico-chemical analyses) and archaeobotanical studies. These studies highlight that several human activities can be hidden behind complex formation processes, some related to the development of an agrino-pastoral system (Devos et al., 2009; 2011; 2013; Yvindla et al., 2016).
This paper will discuss how to understand the early development of Odense seen through the archaeological record. Is it possible to see how and when the town transformed from agrarian to urban during the 11th to 16th Century? Until now the evidence in the early urban history of Odense has mainly been based on the sparse remains of a Viking Age ring fortress and written sources testify to Odense as a place of significance from around 1000 CE. Recent large-scale excavations have offered the opportunity to study this early phase of the town from an archaeological point of view emphasizing the physical remains and change in use of space.

Up to several meters of well-preserved stratigraphy were excavated applying a strictly managed contextual method, reflexive interpretation of the formation of the cultural deposits and sampling for macro botanical, zoo archaeological and micromorphological analysis. With an extensive finds assemblage and well-preserved structures such as boathouses, houses and stables, latrines, paths, roads, fences, manure heaps and much more the site data forms the basis for addressing the question if certain features can be distinguished as agrarian or urban and how these features change over time.

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The topic of commercial control and what type of influence the aristocracy had on the early development on these types of early towns might have on the smaller and more resident types of localities. Special attention will be paid to the different kind of production sites which has been registered in South Scandinavia. Quite often these sites are characterized by a special type of archaeological structures and by being topographically interwoven with the more elaborate agenda of the (local) aristocracy. This paper discusses the socioeconomic development of the region and seeks to illuminate the dynamic and the broad regional productivity during the centuries prior to and parallel to the first urban development. Fresh results from spatial and chronological analysis of a large corpus of metal-detector finds challenge previous notions of settlement continuity and emphasize the presence of distinct regional patterns of socioeconomic change.

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TH1-11 Abstract 21
Production and Distribution networks in the Diocese of Tuam, West of Ireland, AD 500-1000

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The discussion of early medieval urban development in Ireland is dominated by the coastal emporia of the Vikings at Dublin, Waterford etc. As vigorous the Vikings were in facilitating broad social and economic change, they were still an ethnic minority in Ireland, so it is imperative to look at sites with little or no Viking connection. There are pre-Viking ‘ports of trade’ which while similar to English wics, although seem to develop slightly earlier and not to have an organised plan.

These include sites such as Doonoughan, a coastal site where exchange happened in the eighth century. The primary mode of the production of crops is thought to have been by buying in the grain, as there is a lack of evidence for on-site production with the grain samples excavated being entirely free of chaff. The site, and possibility others like it were not permanently used, but seems to have been occupied between late spring and early autumn, the very same as the main sailing season for much of Europe.

This form of exchange may have been brought into fruition as increased specialisation of production coupled with increased opportunities to exchange. This may have had a direct impact on the decline of the importance of the cow can be seen as a move away from the type of economy, widespread in pre-Roman Europe, where an items value was bestowed upon it not because of its intrinsic value, like that of the silver economy which the Vikings helped to develop, but in its cultural value. The silver bracelets found at places like Cushalogurg, Co. Mayo and Portumna, Co. Galway could indicate a much richer trade network through peripheral Ireland, or at least a heavier Viking presence in the area than previously thought.

While the terminology of ecclesiastical sites, particularly the use of ‘civitas’ to describe sites such as Killarney, has smudged the idea of what constituted urban in this context, it is clear that these establishments acted as centres of production and distribution, in a way that ringsfort could not in the unstable political milieu of the day. This research is focused on the Diocese of Tuam, centred on Tuam, which was a centre of exchange in this period, with a high cross being erected to delineate the boundary of the secular and the ecclesiastical. The role of the church in providing centres of production and manufacture cannot be doubted, especially in the unstable and fragmented political milieu of early medieval Ireland.

While market exchange was seen as primarily an urban phenomenon, sites such as Doonoughan and Tuam have shown that despite the west of Ireland being largely ignored when talking about the Early Medieval Irish economy, its peripheral nature than and now, mitigates the problem of modern urban development that is common, particularly among the environments of formerly Viking emporia. I hope, through this work, to provide a framework for further investigation of the early medieval economy, not only within Ireland, but also for other comparable regions of Europe.

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Classical ways of defining urbanity are ill-matched with the early phases of a developing town, and indeed often with the archaeological source material at hand. New ways to describe urbanity in a way that is easier to recognize through archaeology are called for. In my PhD-project I explore some new aspects to this problem by studying urbanity through social practices in the first phases of the developing town of Copenhagen, Denmark. One of these areas concerns crafting, specifically iron processing. Through four areas of study, I analyse the material remains of social practices undertaken on the site of Town Hall Square c. AD 1050-1300. This paper will discuss the two questions: What can the study of social practices connected to the iron processing activities, in combination with technical analyses, reveal of urban development, of people and networks involved in the iron handling? And what can the role of iron processing have been for the early development of Copenhagen?

TH1-11 Abstract 22
Early medieval urban life in the Low Countries before the 10th-11th c.: approaches and problems

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The Low Countries were together with Northern Italy the most heavily urbanized regions of the medieval world. The origin and understanding of this phenomenon has been debated in a long and impressice historiographical debate, involving famous scholars like Pieter Weel, Veltman, Verhoeven and others.

Today we agree that the take-off of the successful towns can be related to the organisation and stimulus of trade in the context of power in the 10th and 11th centuries. The debate remains however on how to understand the evolution and character of the urban phenomenon before the 10th-11th century. This debate will always tend to suffer from both teleological thinking towards the road of success and the stress on the question of continuity between Roman centres and later towns. The main problem regarding our archaeological understanding of urban life, fabric and functions seems to be that they can have totally different material translations that might not always be recognisable from the modern perspective. The question is therefore maybe what different forms urban life and functions could have and which methods we need to identify these.

TH1-11 Abstract 23
A town in the making - exploring early urbanity of Copenhagen through the study of social practices

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Presentation Preference - Poster

We will present the latest finds from the old town of Oslo. The Folle Line railway development will cut straight through the centre of the medieval town, and has given archaeologists from the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research the opportunity to excavate an area not previously investigated, which lies between the commercial and residential areas to the east and the harbour to the west, and the religious and royal residences to the north and south. So far we have found remains of possible houses, warehouses and other urban infrastructure. The excavations will be concluded at the end of May 2018.

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TH1-11 Abstract 24
Small town in medieval Russia: the ratio of agricultural, craft and administrative functions

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Small towns in medieval Russia remains one of the most mysterious phenomena. Unlike the cities of Europe and the Orient, the medieval (11-16 c.) Rower structures founded towns in Russia primarily as administrative points. Therefore agricultural component of their life was most vital. However, these towns soon transformed to centers of trade and crafts. If this transformation did not occur, town became unviable died quickly. But the ruralization of life persisted in many towns to the 20th c.

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TH1-11 Abstract 25
Medieval Oslo Revealed: Latest results from the Folle Line excavations

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TH1-12 Abstract 02

Purses-amulets from territory of Tuva in I mill. BC as a phenomenon of cultural symbolization

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In Tuva (Russia) there are leather purses different degree of preservation and a completely different content, what belong to the Scythian period (IV–III centuries BC). In some cases, it is the musk deer canines, whetstones, needle, in other case - wood composite comb in leather purse (from the tomb Holodok k.83 (Mongu-Taug). The republic of Tuva, Russia) that has been completely seen along the edge of the product. This burial mound was excavated by Tuva Archaeological Expedition of the Institute for the History of Material Culture Institute (Russian Academy of Sciences) in 1995. During the restoration internship at the State Scientific-Research Institute of Restoration (Moscow), it was possible to revert to it in 2014. Thanks to the prerestoration study, hitherto unnoticed fact noted (ocher coloring) and described structure of leather product.

Of course, together with the dead in the Barrow put the amulet as a comb for the hair brings a deep symbolic load associated forces of nature, its protection properties. But what was to see the edges of the leather articles? Modern Allia to suit women belt, append sewn leather purse on a path with the umbilical cord first child in the family.

TH1-12 Abstract 03

Sewn jewelry in Old Russian costume

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The report is devoted to sewed jewelry of an Old Russian costume, they typological characteristics, location and appointment in a dress.

Sewn metal jewelry is characteristic both for the noble and for a domicil costume. In a noble costume the plaques of various forms sewed to clothes were widely used. Sometimes the whole sets of plaques of several types formed the ornamental friezes, which were settling down in cervical and breast zone. Similar sets are a part of hoards and come from a number of city and rural burials (for example, the hoard from Tococh, burial in the Tver Kremlin, in St. Sophia Cathedral of Novgorod, in Desiatinnaia church of Kiev, burial grounds Lipinsky (the Kursk region), Nonvik II (the Vologda region, etc.). The archaeological studied stand-up collar, decorated by sets of plaques, are most numerous.

Sets of plaques, apparently, were ripped off and reused. In a dress of rural people the sewed jewelry of various forms was used. First of all, it was suspension brackets of various forms: chains, belts, tiny suspension brackets, the trapezoid, drilled stones, seeds, and also knives. All things were suspended on rings, which were sewn to clothes.

The location of attached jewelry has certain regularities. First of all, it is a breast zone, and also shoulders, belt, in some cases - a skirt zones.

Chains as a rule settle down on one shoulder, asymmetric. Most likely, their ritual value as to such chains suspension brackets amulets and daggers fasten.

Among other sewed jewelry the bells draw attention. There is a series of burials, in which the bells settle down in a certain order. They can be considered as markers of structure or a cut of clothes. The following options of a location of bells are allocated: on rings on shoulders, symmetric; to the line across a breast; in the zone of a belt; in some horizontal lines in the zone of a skirt. Probably, the linearly located bells ornamented edges or connections of separate parts of clothes.

Symmetric jewelry on the shoulders testifies the shoulder clothes, perhaps, like a Russian traditional sarafan. Ways of fastening of the sewed jewelry can be various: by woolen threads on rings; by thin leather laces.

It is obvious that the set of metal sewed jewelry made heavier clothes. Besides, there was a need repeatedly to alter jewelry. Materials of hoards and burials, undoubtedly, show a festive clothes, and funeral, which could correspond a lifetime festive costume. The sets of festive clothes were stored together with the sewed jewelry that excludes need to unpick repeatedly jewelry from clothes. Such details as collars, could be ripped off from clothes entirely and keep together with the sewed plaques. Such practice remained later. Lists of a dowry and the bequeathed things quite often include the removale and cut-off details. In the XV-XVI centuries, metal details give way to pearls, golden-sewn stripes and lace and metal plaques, which were also of great value and were transferred from one cloth to another.

TH1-12 Abstract 01

The Eneolithic adornments as components of the costume.

The case of Sultana-Malu Rou cemetery

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The Eneolithic adornments from the Sultana-Malu Rou cemetery represent a particular case of archaeological artefacts, mainly because of their reduced dimensions, but also from the typological perspective, in this cemetery being present almost all types of beads known for this period in the Balkans. Two communities that were belonging to the Bolan and the Gumeinita cultures (ca. 5000-3800 cal B.C) used this cemetery. In these circumstances, the beads encountered some changes in form, dimension and raw material preference for their crafting, but other aspects remained the same in their evolution. Furthermore, the anatomical deposition of the beads on the skeletal remains is a significant source of information in the identification process of the beads as components of the costume or if they were only jewellery pieces.

The aim of this paper is to explore the beads discovered in the Sultana-Malu Rou cemetery, from the contextual, technological, functional, and symboolical point of view, but also to interpret the ways in which they were worn, combined and deposited in the graves. Our approach will cover use-wear analysis to identify the meaning of this beads, and to determine the social, economic, gender, and religious connotations of this kind of artefacts.

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Late Iron Age inhumation cemeteries dated to the end of the 12th and the beginning of the 13th century in Estonia reveal traces of richly decorated funerary dresses of mature women. Although textiles have preserved in the graves very rarely, sets of copper alloy jewelry and tiny metal elements used to decorate clothing items give plenty of information about the attire of the dead. Collected information allows constructing the appearance of the whole costume that seems to be common to the North and North-Eastern Estonia of that time. Various details of the costume can be related with stressing and protecting the fertility of a woman’s body, for example, the colours of textiles or the habit to adorn certain parts of the body with jewellery (breasts, waist and neck). On the basis of ethnographic sources describing how clothing expresses the social status of a woman, and the tradition to bury females in their wedding dress, we suggest that the above mentioned archaeological finds could also reveal the main characteristics of female costumes that were used to wear in the weddings or during the fertile age.

The variety of female textile funerary equipment from nineteenth century (Biała Rawska - Poland)

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Female textile funerary equipment can take very different forms and functions. They include both woven and knitted fabrics, dresses with intricate cuts as well as simple shirts, cofiins, upsbydery or clothing accessories (ribbons or shoes).

Three burials of women discovered during archaeological excavations in the crypt of the church in Biała Rawska were compared and characterized (coffin No. 9 and No. 12). Discussed women were buried in wooden cofins. The state of preservation of textiles led to the analysis functions and technological features.

Funerary garment of the first woman (coffin No. 9) was the silk, long apron dressed on linen shirt, which cuffs was decorated with ribbons. Apron was made of 26 pieces (simple textile with plain weave 1/1) having different sizes and shapes (rectangles, triangles). At the lower edge of the apron was silk 90 mm wide. Apron was seen slit with used silk threads. Repeated use of that garment confirm the tight seams connecting the individual elements. Costume was completed with long, silk, knitted gloves and shoes with textile uppers. Upper shoes were made of patterned fabrics and decorated with ribbons. Second woman’s garment consisted of a silk dress with a complicated cut and numerous haberdashery. The dress consisted of a bodice with long sleeves and seen into it, heavily a gathered at waist long skirt. The dress was seen a dense, carefully stitch. Bodice consisted of 12 elements, two at the front (front left and right), the two at the arms (constituting mirror images of each other) and finally a long central part (also constituting its mirror image).The skirt consists of 7 elements: two located on the left front, two on the right front, and a central and nearly parallel part considerably elongated. Left side is a mirror image of the right side. Fabric used to sew a dress has an area approximately 5 square meters. The head of the dead woman was laid on a pillow with a silk pillowcase. Pillowcase was made from a single piece of fabric (front and rear part are of the same shape, but in the course of many years, the bottom portion has been destroyed, so archaeologists recorded two separate components. Pillow shape is similar to a quadrilateral with rounded corners. The maximum height is 470 mm, the maximum width is 510 mm. Around the edges either the front or rear part is silk ribbon. The band is now a dark brown color. In addition, between the edges with the ribbons was seen decorative fillet.

The aim of the presentation is the identification of similarities and differences in the 19th century funeral textile equipment of two women, forms of clothing, typefaces, type of additives and manufacturing technology used fabrics.
TH1-12  Abstract 08

Jewelry: decoration or a detail of construction? Theory and practice

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Archaeologists, having found ancient jewelry in the burial monuments, most often regard it as a decoration element, classifying and typologizing it according to the shapes and ornamentalization. Mostly only the metallic decoration details remain from all the artefact set or, generally speaking, costume. It is not an easy task to recreate the costume itself with no preserved organic material - textile and leather, though the task is made easier by knowing the jewelry's relation position to the skeleton.

In this way, the position of the brooches makes it possible to guess what kind of clothing was pinned with it - laps of the blouse, sides of the coat, corners of the cloak; pins with pendants and chains tell us the style of the women's dresses; the shape of the bracelets lets us understand the cut and the length of the sleeves; some types of necklace rings let us assume about their function of fastening the clothes; decoration details found in the area of the head give an image of the shaping of hair or one or another variant of the headdress; even the rings, their decorations, the contents of the beard necklace may indicate the ownership of a certain person. It is noted that among thousands of archaeological findings, despite their stylistic uniformity, specific to one or another chronological period, there are no identical items; all differ in both size and ornamentation, thus, being a possession of a certain person, they may have been recognized by others and used to prove an absent person's delivered messages' validity.

Sometimes the dead are buried wrapped in the sheet, which was also fastened with brooches or pins; also sometimes additional jewelry (several neck rings, headbands, rings) was placed into the grave and not always in the anatomical order, but beside the head, on the legs. This aggravates the research of the costume's construction.

Textile researchers determined that the fabric for the clothes until the Medieval times were woven with plain colors, not striped, not checkered; the patterns were made using the yarn of one color for the warp and another color for the weft, the edges of the clothes were reinforced with woven multicolored bands. In this plain-colored costume the brass and silver jewelry would especially splendidly expose. Themselves being the works of art, they had another, much more important function - the formation of the costume, the connection and fastening of its details.

The report is intended to emphasize the functionality of the jewelry, having practically checked the theoretical assumptions about the wear of the different periods and tribe.

TH1-12  Abstract 09

Costume of deads or costume of livings?

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There is a large debate of interpreting the archaeological discoveries from cemeteries, especially, as a suggesting sometime as a certainty of the costume of certain community/group/ethnic. Discoveries from settlement where never taking into consideration as a relative source for such debate. But there are epochs when we do not have cemeteries, and in them it will be noted that rich, celebratory men's suit was born with changes in the worldview of the gentry class in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the desire to emphasize its own peculiarities among European Community. There will also be observed evolution of the complex costume, which included Zupan. The differences between celebratory and everyday Zupan, changes of details (collar, sleeves, etc.) from the end of XV and XVI centuries will be presented. It will be noted that the basic principles of cutting and style of wearing Zupan remained almost unchanged for three centuries. Red, white and gray colors of Zupan were most widespread during the lifetime of the gentry's suit.

Wearing a costume with the Zupan in Belarus during the partitions of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth was a symbol of nobility, patriotism, symbol of freedom. Zupan has evolved into a costume component wearable by participants of revolt for independence. After the destruction of the nobility as society class, Zupan has transformed into a retinue - Belarusian component of the traditional male costume. Today Zupan becomes a component of the Belarusian intelligentsia costume during family (weddings), and corporate events.

TH1-12  Abstract 10

Jewellery on mosaics from Roman Africa. Functions, aims and reliability of representations

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At the beginning of 2nd century AD a special form of art appeared in Roman Africa - figural mosaics. They depicted both mythological scenes and everyday life and were displayed in public places and private estates of influential landlords. Among these works of arts, those with representations of landlords, their wives and workers draw particular attention. The hierarchy of African provincial population between the end of 2nd and the beginning of 6th century AD is clearly visible on these mosaics. Moreover, they are very important documents of everyday life of different social groups in Roman Africa.

The aim of this paper is to analyze the representation of jewellery on mosaics from 2nd - 4th century AD. Through comparing them to artefacts found in the area of Roman Empire, it is possible to observe traditions in Roman jewellery and changes happening over the years, as well as discover local trends and their relation to Empire-wide patterns. The richness of landlords and their wives is emphasized by clothes and jewellery which they wear, alighting to Imperial and even divine prototypes, so it is possible to notice a clear relationship between forms of dress and the position within social order. Sometimes those traditions reached far further back in time than the existence of the Roman Empire, for example the representations of chiesa for jewellery (pyxides) which are known status symbols already on Classical Greek grave-stones.

TH1-12  Abstract 11

Transformation of Zupan from military to elite element of the men's costume among gentry

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Zupan - one of the oldest components of the costume wearing by the elite of the Belarusian society. From the X and the beginning of the sixteenth century Zupan was a component of the military costume, was functional, warm, made of woolen fabrics and quilted. Over three hundred years from the end of the XVI and to XVII century Zupan became an essential element of the Belarusian gentry culture. During the Renaissance Zupan has evolved from military clothing to the main component of ceremonial Belarusian dress. Zupan began to sew from precious silk, velvet tissues, using a trim and gilded buttons. Such a rich clothes acquired status significance. During this period suit with the Zupan has become a unique distinctive artistic phenomenon, the hallmark of noblemen, manifestation of their political ideology.

This report will propose six major reasons for the emergence elite men's suit with the Zupan in the sixteenth century. Among them it will be noted that rich, celebratory men's suit was born with changes in the worldview of the gentry class in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the desire to emphasize its own peculiarities among European Community. There will also be observed evolution of the complex costume, which included Zupan. The differences between celebratory and everyday Zupan, changes of details (collar, sleeves, etc.) from the end of XVI and XVII centuries will be presented. It will be noted that the basic principles of cutting and style of wearing Zupan remained almost unchanged for three centuries. Red, white and gray colors of Zupan were most widespread during the lifetime of the gentry's suit.

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TH1-12  Abstract 12

Small adults – forms of children clothes until 2nd half of 18th c.

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In the space of the centuries, obligatory trends in fashion influenced greatly the outlook of representatives of different social groups. Changes in adults' outfit were also reflected in types of noble families and social elites. Thanks to numerous archaeological material referring to children burials, we are able to trace the changes in children fashion as well. In many instances, special grave robe was replaced by casual clothes.

Detailed analyses of clothes fragments enable to identify various children clothes' forms by descendants of the elite up to 2nd half of 18th c. Many family portraits present repeatable fashionable of depicting fathers and sons dressed in identical man attire or mothers and daughters, which dresses were smaller variations of models worn by mothers. Similar references can be observed in children burials, where the offspring was put to grave in everyday clothes, sewn in accordance to fashion of their parents' clothes. Children needs were neglected, their garments had to reflect their parents' wardrobes only. That tendency had frequently negative effects on proper development of the youngest members of the society. That trend is observed till the end of 18th c., when changes in pedagogy rules were slowly introduced, thanks to which child clothes were adjusted to proper child age, body building and development, providing freedom body movement, necessary for proper development of young organisms. First clothes of that type appeared in England and France and the trend spread next to other European countries, putting an end to many centuries tradition of dressing children in copies of their parents' clothes.
Except for some specific times and regions or very specific context of organic material preservation archaeologists do not have much chances to study costumes of past societies. Most of our knowledge come from proxy data like jewellery types and its distribution in inhumation graves, rare representations of human figure or fortunately survived pieces of clothing. But still we can make an educated guess of what people were wearing every-day or ceremonial or religious clothes.

However costume is not just a means of protection against environmental conditions. Most of all, it is a powerful tool of communication, regulating or forming social practice. And therefore our limited knowledge about the costumes used in specific times limits also our knowledge about social sphere. Funeral tradition of the late Bronze and early Iron Age Central European groups make the situation even more complicated. Not only cremation left very little evidence for studies on costumes, but barely complete absence of human figure representation in the Bronze Age makes almost impossible to speculate about the clothes that were worn at that times at any occasion. The situation changes a bit during early Iron Age with the emergence of face um tradition and human figure representation when at least in funeral sphere we can observe the emergence of welldefined set for men and women.

The main aim of this paper is to analyse the late Bronze Age and early Iron Age data from nowadays Poland for potential proxy data for identification of the elements of costume and further studies within the scope of male/female suits as well as everyday and ceremonial costumes.

Keywords: burial rites, headwear, Migration period

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Women’s headwear from the burials of the III-IV centuries in Suzdal Opolie

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In 2007-2010 the Institute of archeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences has conducted the archaeological investigation of the Migration period necropolis Botshov Davydovskoe 2 in Suzdal Opolie. In the small cemetery 18 burial pits with 23 burials were excavated. They performed the rite of ingumation. Funeral rites, grave goods and the parts of the clothing allow us to attribute the monument to be a part of Riazan-Oka culture. The burials can be dated to the end of III-IV cc.

According to the anthropological remains and the presence of decorations is determined that 9 adult individuals are women. Remains of headwear found in 5 of them and in one burial of boy 8-10 years. 2 women were buried wearing head cords of different types: in one burial, it was a ribbon, fastened with an iron buckle. It was decorated with glass beads, small bronze rings and fragments of junking pendants. In another burial the corolla consisted of a ribbon with attached plates with rings, decorated with pearl ornaments. According to the observations of I.Belotserkovskaya, similar clips with rings appeared at the end of the I-III cc. In IV-IV cc. they have proliferated and are becoming an indispensable part of the corollas and occasionally necklaces from the population of Riazan-Oka culture. T. Kravenko believed that the head corollas put on the top of the textile shafts, which were a mandatory part of women’s headdress. 3 persons had the head decoration of a different type: these were clusters of oval bronze clips that were closely strung on cords with small wire rings and semicircular plaques. Probably cords with clips and small ornaments were sewn onto organic bases (leather, textile?). In all these burials near the skulls a pair of large cylindrical temporal rings with blade. The presence of complicated, often multi-layered women’s headdress is one of the characteristics of funeral rites in cultures of Finno-Ugric type, continuing over a long period of time from the Migration period to the late middle ages. T. Kravenke, N. Trubnikova and I.Belotserkovskaya made a reconstruction of the typical headdress of female burials of the early phase of Riazan-Oka culture. Mostly it’s a cap of leather or textile with a rigid skeleton, represented by the bronze plaque or bat. Caps were decorated with sewn on badges and straps with bronze spiral. Bronze cylindrical temporal rings with blade were attached to hats. At the back they were often fastened with a brooch with junking pendants.

The hats from Botshov Davydovskoe 2 are something different in design. The complexes have no bosses, which could be used for attachment of the temporal rings, no round plates to a rigid foundation. Belotserkovskaya indicates to a rare variety of soft caps without metal plates but with small plaques sewn on. Probably found all the hats belong to this type. We have no evidence of the textile shafts.

New data confirms the thesis by I.Belotserkovskaya about the syncretic nature of the early Riazan-Oka women’s headdress, which combines features of various groups.

Keywords: burial rites, headwear, Migration period

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Two costume assemblages from the Dnieper region: on the reconstruction of identities

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In Soviet and Russian science “identity” in relation to archaeological materials is traditionally considered mainly in ethnic context. Only some recent studies deal with other aspects of the problem - social, professional, religious, gender, age identity, etc. Most of them are based on the analysis of jewellery and clothes accessories.

Bright phenomena in the history of material culture of Eastern Europe are two costume assemblages, known in the Dnieper region in the Roman and Late Migration periods. A set of jewellery from the so-called range of East European enamelled ornaments is mostly dated to the second half of the II – III c. AD. In the Dnieper region such items are connected with Late Zaporizhian and Kiev cultures which are considered as Proto-Slavonic by the majority of modern scholars. The area of enamelled ornaments as a whole includes also the Baltic, Volga, Kama regions, the Crimea and North Caucasus. Wide spread of these objects in Barbaricium can probably mark some general processes occurred in a considerable part of Eastern Europe, in which Proto-Slavonic tribes were involved along with other groups of population. The nature of these processes, however, is unclear. Usually enamelled items are represented as stray finds or come from hoards, which show a set of things, but not their correlation and positions in a costume.

This complicates the attribution of concrete ornaments and determination of identities (social, professional, age, sex, etc.) which they may reflect.

At the end of the VI – VII c. AD another jewellery assemblage has been extended in the Dnieper region, which is known as “decorations from the circle of the Martynivka hoard”. It belonged to bearers of Khotyn and Pen’kovka cultures that are considered to be a part of the eastern Slavs. Martynivka-type ornaments come also from several nomic burials. Today there are two main hypotheses explaining the fact that the same attire was used by different ethnic groups of population. According to the first, this assemblage marked the formation in the Dnieper region of a new social identity and manifested the belonging of its owners to a certain sociopolitical structure. According to the second, it reflected the emergence of professional community of jewellers, whose production determined the local fashion. Combining both hypotheses, we can assume that joint activities of several jewellery workshops was carried out under the protection of the power structure, which “made an order” for the creation of a new costume as a visual display of its existence. The assemblage includes male and female costume accessories. Their further study allows to identify social, age, marriage and other status of their owners.

Despite the considerable time gap, the set of enamelled ornaments and the Martynivka-type female attire show significant similarities in the structure and in the forms of a number of artefacts. Perhaps it reflects a continuation of local costume traditions (probably in a cut of clothing, embroidery, applique and other forms, which are not fixed on the archaeological materials of the Dnieper region) for more than 500 years.

Keywords: burial rites, headwear, Migration period

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Sasanian influence on the Chinese and Central Asian textiles

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From 8th to 14th century silk textiles produced in Asian and European workshops were very often decorated with the motive of confronted animals standing on the floral ornament. The scene is usually put into medalion-type decoration. It is believed that this convention had its roots in Sasanianweaving tradition, but the oldest depiction of it is known from “jn” fabrics discovered in Turfan oasis (Xinjiang) and Dulan (Qinghai). Because of its technical features (warp-faced compound tabby) is obvious that this fabric was made in Chinese workshops. Some components of the motive depicted on these textiles are pure Sasanian (animals decorated with flying ribbons, pearls medallions), but after analysis of the Chinese weaving, I assume that other aspects had been rooted in Chinese tradition (for example antithetic position). These two schools of weaving were under influences of each other especially because of of Sogdian trade activity on the Silk Road. This Sasanian-Chinese convention was introduced into Central Asia in 8thcentury (especially to Sogdiana), and then was adapted in Muslim and European art.
The dress has an important place in any research about people from particular time period and location, as it holds a lot of information about its wearer. In historic and ethnographic literature dresses have long been recognized as an indicator of group affinity. The one in this paper is with the use of available knowledge from burial, literature, and images to draw the possible look of the well off Grobin woman in the 7th - 8th century. Unfortunately, during this period, mainly cremation burials are used for women, thus adding to the difficulty of reconstructing such dresses. Some later evidences from Sweden and Denmark are used, although with reservations, in the process also local evidence to Scandinavian fashion has been detected and further analysed, thus trying to determine how far one has influenced the other. It must be noted that this is only hypothetic version lacking definitive proof in form of actual archaeological finds, although backed by strong supporting evidence.

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**TH1-12 Abstract 18**

**Formation of Jewelry types in Balto-Slavic border zone in the 12-13 centuries (Based on settlement Maskovichi)**

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**Presentation Preference**: Oral

Exposure collections of famous archaeologists Ludomila Dutsch and George Shitovych in the Department of museum ancient Belarusian culture emphasizes the aesthetics of medieval clothing. Group objects (more than 100 units) with mounds of Polotsk land frontier emphasizes ethnic aspects of development early Middle ages (suspensions types, beads). On a material settlement Maslavych during the XII-XIII centuries is clearly the organization of agricultural and solar symbols in stable circuit (cosmographic images of the horse, crescent). They have evolved and entrenched in artisan products XII-XIV century. Borderlands allows materials to demonstrate a certain stage of coexistence of eastern European tribes, exposure to stress by means of a multifaceted features of the northern land of Polotsk culture. Rings and brooches with Maslavych, as the embodiment of motion, equally characteristic aesthetics Baltic or Slavic dress. They show a wide existence of Slavic ideas in this habitat. Museums show and attribution complementary archaeological items and actualizing artefakttor Belarusians.

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**TH1-12 Abstract 19**

**Jewellery workshop in the medieval Smolensk**

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**Keywords**: Archaeological excavations, Jewellery workshop, Medieval city

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The report focuses on the work of the Smolensk archaeological expedition undertaken in the summer of 2015. The purpose was to determine the time development of the area in ancient period. A pit filled with waste jewelry production middle – 2nd half XI century was found. In the fill of the pit contained many fragments of smelting crucibles, and also some almost entire instances. In addition, were found metal objects associated with jewellery production. The report provides a description and analysis of these findings. All these findings, the mass and concentration in the small hole indicate the presence nearby of areas with ancient jewelry manufacturing. These findings allow us to make important conclusions and to supplement information about the city’s history.

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**TH1-12 Abstract 20**

**Andronovo Costume: Headgear and Ritual**

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Female's costume attributes of Andronovo culture consist of jewelry, woven fabrics fragments and leather, mainly belong to the head decorations. Andronovo community is assembling of steppe cultures of Inner Eurasia belonging to the Bronze Age dated to 2500 – 1300 BCE. Thus far, approximately 30 burial sites have been investigated that contained preserved remains of female's headdressed (Ural-Kazakhstan zone). Two types of head adornments have been identified: headdressed with and without hanging ornaments. A headdress constituted the main part of the costume, which is represented by the marked top of a head as a place for the concentration of a vital force. The headdress usually points toward the age, social status of the diseased. A headdress were found in the following positions: detached head, re-deposited backbones, complete backbone. Some of the burials have been penetrated post-burial in order to remove the headdress: backbones have been found without the skull or with a partially destroyed skull. It is possible that the headdress was an ancestral relic which passed on from generation to generation; in some cases it was left in the graves, in others removed.

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**TH1-12 Abstract 21**

**Peruvian textiles in Warsaw National Museum**

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Four fragments of pre-columbian textiles are part of Warsaw National Museum's collection. Two of them are colorful embroideries depicted flying creature characteristic to Paracas (late Nazca) - 500 B.C. – 200 C.E. and other two are tapiz fragments woven in Wari state (600 – 1000 C.E.). Embroideries (plain stitch looped behind) are similar in shape and it is very probable that they were pieces of the same material. Analagous fragments are part of collections of Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. These types of embroideries were depicted on the big blankets - mantles, which were part of the fardos – funeral bundles. Two tapiz fragments were originally sewn into the small purse (trapezium in shape), which were also typical burial object. Its ornamentation is very schematic – geometrical, colorful designs. Pre-Columbian textiles fragments from Warsaw National Museum are very well preserved and they are one of the most beautiful Peruvian fabric in polish collections.

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**TH1-12 Abstract 22**

**Collar of the 17th century. The find of the settlement of the Novodevichi Convent (Moscow)**

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**Presentation Preference**: Poster

During the archaeological work in 2014 under the leadership of M. L. Belyaev in the settlement of Novodevichi Convent (Moscow) necropolis of the 17th – 18th centuries was studied. Among the burials the burial of a man of 55-60 years was of great interest. In the burial, numerous textile fragments, forming the shape of a trapezoid, were found around the head and shoulders. Metal buttons – dumb-bells and baptismal cross were fixed on the chest. In the area of the belt there was a rectangular steel buckle. A comprehensive study of textile remnants shows that they are the remains of collar clothes, made in the technique of golden embroidery on the red velvet. The main patterns of the embroidery ornament are vegetable branches forming sharp oval stamps, as well as elements such as tulip, bugle braids, pomegranate flower, typical for the Turkish fabrics of the 17th century. Pherlon (a sleeveless vestment) had high solid collar of trapezoidal shape. Trapezoidal shape for the collar is characteristic for priests’ garments (cloak). Preserved in the burial pieces of gold embroidery and the presence of spherical buttons, buckles, their location in the burial give the possibility to partially reconstruct the shape of a phelonion. The main fabric of phelonion has not been preserved, but the position of the buttons in the burial lets assuming that the cloak was long, and its front edge was fastened with buttons. This is typical of the ancient type of phelonion.

Based on these studies a color graphic reconstruction of ornamental patterns and design of the collar was performed. Phelonion collar was performed by high-end skilled workers, and certainly is a striking example of the Russian decorative art. Ornamental pattern of the collar and the nature of gold embroidery execution relate to the 17th century.

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**TH1-12 Abstract 23**

**Jewelry from Germanic graves in Krakovany – Stráž (Slovakia)**

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The Balneological Museum in Piešťany (Slovakia) acquired golding from grave of noble person in Krakovany – Stráž (Slovakia). The ring was found by brickwork employees in 1903 and it has disappeared for almost 80 years. Analysis of decoration techniques confirms that the ring comes from Germanic workshop inspired by Romans. Bait decorations made of silver, golden and silver clasps from the grave II are decorated with identical motifs.
TH1-12 Abstract 24

Burying parishioners at Köyliö, Finland – Aspects on attire and burial habits

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Burying deceased parishioners beneath the wooden church floor was a common practice for approximately for 50 years at the church of Köyliö, built in 1752. Due to church renovations during the summer of 2015, a number of burials were surveyed and excavated as part of a salvage effort due to the risk posed to the remains, with an unknown number of burials remaining in situ. The dry and well-ventilated microlimate beneath the floor resulted in exceptional preservation levels for both human remains and their accompanying textiles. This is a rare occurrence in Finnish church studies, as textile materials require unique and often extreme environments for preservation.

The funeral attire at Köyliö represents both social and symbolic aspects, contrasting the life and death of these individuals. The sample includes two elderly women, a middle aged man and three children. Based on their attire and various ornaments we may look into the social ranks of the deceased. Additionally, the selection ofclothes and accessories, their manufacture and materials in addition to the plants used to mask the smell of decomposing bodies under the floor, we may read both official and folk religious approaches to considering death and the deceased. Written sources from this period imply that the practices surrounding the burial of a relative were controlled through various beliefs and laws, which will be used to interpret these burials.

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TH1-12 Abstract 25

Archaeology and conservation intertwined: A leather jackets’ journey through conservation

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During extensive fieldwork of 2013-2014 more than 750 graves were excavated and thoroughly documented in Gamlestaden, Göteborg. The unearthed remains are the former inhabitants of the early historical city of Nya Lidöka (1473-1824). Concurrent burial tradition and custom in Sweden required very few, if any, personal items to be deposited with the deceased. The excavation process revealed a rare number of artefacts or clothing.

During excavation of a buried individual an excavating archaeologist ceased digging when traces of leather were discovered on and around its lower extremities. The projects on-site conservator was able to identify the leather, and could therefore instantly develop a strategy for the retrieval of the objects. Both conservator and archaeologist worked together to isolate the presence of the leather; that seemed to be primarily concentrated around the upper body. The leather was much degraded and a decision was made to lift the entire upper body in a block and continue the excavation in the conservation studio.

Excavation of the leather and the individual was conducted using water, soft brushes and tools. When the first layers of clay and sand were removed it became apparent that this was in fact an individual buried in a leather jacket. In order to fully understand the jackets construction it was decided to remove it from the individual. Osteological analysis revealed that the jacket belonged to a 20 year old man. Once separated textile conservators continued the excavation and conservation of the jacket by cleaning and flattening the different pieces and fragments. As previously predicted the leather was in a much degraded state. However, some typical features were exposed and a pattern was traced and then constructed. References pertaining to the jacket place it in the fashion of the second half of the 16th century.

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TH1-12 Abstract 26

Selected examples of funeral costumes from the Merovingian burial ground of Rommerskirchen

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Presentation Preference - Poster

In the period from the late 5th to the early 8th century, which was marked by political, cultural, social and economic changes, funeral communities between northern Gaul and Pannonia buried their dead in large cemeteries (‘Reihengräberfelder’). The complex tombs and extensive features of the dead in the grave – this includes jewellery for women, weapons and equipment for men – provide a detailed picture of the burial process into which social and religious aspects blend. The burial ground of Rommerskirchen-Eckum, one of the few fully excavated row cemeteries in northern Rhineland, belongs in this context. On the basis of numerous soil blocks and careful excavation in the inter-union workshops at the LandesMuseum Bonn, detailed observations on exact situation of finds and find complexes, and their microstratigraphy are possible. The exchange with conservator and textile analyst provides an important contribution to the overall archaeological evaluation of costume complexes in this doctoral thesis.

Based on selected tombs of the burial ground, this poster presentation will illustrate funeral costumes for women and men in early medieval Rhineland. Due to the specific preservation conditions organic material survived only in connection with metal, for this reason only burials with a functional connection between clothing and buckles or jewellery (particularly bracelets and earrings) can be taken into consideration. Apart from some additional separate depositions the corpse was dressed in gender-specific clothing.

This is also reflected in the late grave 25 (to 670/80). The young woman wore a fine spun patterned garment that was open or slit vertically in the upper body area and closed with two silver press plate fibulae with mask-like heads. The burial also included a gold filigree fibula and a necklace of amethyst, glass and amber beads, silver plate cylinders and disc-shaped gold pendants. Representative for male graves should be grave 388 with extensive weaponry (sword, scramasax, shield and spear) and multipart belt fittings. Under the belt the deceased wore a tunick-like garment made of diamond twill, while further textile was found together with feathers (perhaps a lining or feathers scattered loosely).

In both cases the selection by the funerary community of jewellery/weapons, precious materials and fabrics refers to the special social role and display of the corpse and the bereaved. Apart from the relationship of the different costume complexes to each other, this study investigates the standardization or individual composition of the grave goods.

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TH1-12 Abstract 27

Clothing in figural decorations on Lusatian culture pottery

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Among the extremely rich ornamentation on Lusatian culture pottery, most common are geometric patterns in the form of engraved triangles, lines and herringbone motif. Anthropomorphic motifs are not so common. Usually these are very schematically human figures presented in the form of a few lines. So far we have known two finds of Lusatian culture pottery from Polish territory, depicting human figures in more details. First one is from Trzestia Rajdowa, site 1, and the second is from Wencja Górna, site 21. On the first vessel, the characters are dressed in ample robe tied at the waist, which are visible vertical stripes. They can be interpreted either as stripes on the fabric forming a decorative pattern, or as a drape of fabric folds in the shape of peplos. On the second vessel is a human figure in form of a triangle with a schematically shown limbs. On the background triangle are circles. The closest analogies to this presentation are those of the vessels of Sopron in Hungary and Maiersch in Austria. There is also another anthropomorphic motif on a vessel from Gąsawa, depicting two groups of people presented in the form of two triangles touching the tops and filled with diagonal lines. Is it possible that, that is fabric stripes or draping the folds? A similar presentation is on a vessel from Prächtling in Upper Franconia. In this paper I would like to reflect on the possibilities of interpretation of these ornamentations and it is possible to use them in reconstructions of clothes of Lusatian culture.

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TH1-12 Abstract 28

Smallclothes: The Construction of a Woman’s Garment from the Late-Paleolithic

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Presentation Preference - Poster

A female figurine scratched onto a small stone found in 1961 near Gldrop in the Netherlands, and dated to around 9,000 BC, shows her dressed in a loincloth worn low on the hips. A new look at what hitherto might have been thought of as several random lines, suggest they may be instead interpreted as details of the garment’s construction. The resulting reconstruction throws a detailed glimpse on one of the garments worn by Europe’s prehistoric reindeerhunters.
TRADITION AND INNOVATION IN TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY IN BRONZE AGE EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

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The textile craft, with its complex technology and socio-cultural significance, has been a key craft in the societies of Bronze Age Europe and the Mediterranean. Although complex and socially and economically important, textile technology has been often considered rather traditional and noninnovative throughout many centuries of the Bronze Age.

The present session aims to examine textile technology in search of its traditional and innovative elements, by investigating the evidence of archaeological textiles, textile tools and their changes over time, the botanical and faunal environment, textual sources and the imagery of textiles and cloths. The session will focus on the Bronze Age in Europe and the Mediterranean, although papers on transitional periods from the Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age, and from the Late Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age are also welcome.

We particularly welcome all papers discussing the various aspects of traditions and innovations traced in textile technology, especially those regarding raw materials and their processing, textile techniques, textile tools and equipment, the organisation of textile production and the dynamics of its specialisations, cross-cultural and cross-craft interactions, and changes in the textile craft in relation to socio-cultural transformations of the past societies.

TH1-13 Abstract 01
Bronze Age wool economy: production, trade, environment, husbandry and society

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Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper aims at discussing the significance of wool production in the European Bronze Age. The focus is on discussing which archaeological and anthropological material best is used in order to identified, and interpreted the impact wool production had on the society, and the environment. The basis for this paper will be well-documented material from Hungary (Benta Valley) and northern Italy, areas that have clear indications of extensive wool textile production.

The available contemporary written sources from the Mediterranean and Near East bear witness to the fact that sheep husbandry was a vital component in wool based economies. In Europe only archaeological material can guide us to understand the importance of sheep-husbandry and woolen textiles. Strontium isotope analyses that has been conducted on the well-preserved textiles from Scandinavia shows that wool in the same textile came from various geographical areas, both probable local and none local. This shows that a complex system of production and trade must have existed in Europe during the Bronze Age. This paper aim discussing the cultural, economic and social role of wool production in the above named regions.

TH1-13 Abstract 02
Manufacturing Traditions in Textile Archaeology

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Keywords: Manufacturing Traditions, pile-dwellings, Textile Archaeology

Presentation Preference - Oral

Research results of the past 20 years have made it possible to recognise traditional manufacturing techniques of textile production from the Neolithic to the Iron Age, representative of the significance of textile products in prehistoric Central Europe. This significance displays a degree of appreciation which goes beyond the ideas we would associate with textiles from a modern standpoint. Within the scope of a large exhibition of 4000 years of pile-dwellings, on display in Baden-Württemberg from 16.04 to 9.10.2016 (www.pfahlbauten2016.de), a key textile find from Pfäffikon-Irgenhausen (CH) has been analysed and reconstructed anew. The patterned textile fragment has been radiocarbon-dated to the Early Bronze Age. It occupies a key position in the textile production between the Neolithic and the Early Iron Age. While correctly identified as brocade in research of the 1930s, more recent publications arrived at erroneous identifications of the technique employed in the manufacture of this piece of fabric. New analyses and a reconstruction of the piece of fabric attest to a combination of weaving techniques which demonstrate the immense significance of textile manufacturing traditions in prehistoric textiles; manufacturing traditions, which did not reduce the textile to a mere carrier of decoration, but which instead recognised appearance and manufacturing technique as a unity.

TH1-13 Abstract 03
Textile impressions on ceramics from the late Neolithic to the early Iron Age in Central Europe

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TH1-13 Abstract 04
Innovative or traditional?
Diachronic approach to weaving technology in Bronze Age Greece

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Weaving in Bronze Age Greece has been acknowledged as highly advanced technology resulting in greatly valued products of supreme quality and high importance to local economies and external trade. Because of the notability time-consuming character of the textile craft and its overall complexity, it is assumed that even slight changes in textile technology (including weaving) must have had a direct impact not only on the properties and presumably the aesthetic qualities of textiles, but also (by effecting the amount of the necessary workload) on economics and social life of past societies.

Traditional and innovative elements in the weaving craft throughout the Bronze Age are not easy to understand based on the archaeological evidence. They may be grasped in presumably progressive changes in the forms of textile tools (yarns) and their distribution which may have reflected the transfer of technical novelties, skills and techniques, and they can be observed in the iconography of fabrics and cloths.

In this paper, diachronic changes and the long-lasting traditionalism of certain types of loom weights are considered and analysed in search of gradual development and ground-breaking novelties of the Aegean Bronze Age weaving technology.

TH1-13 Abstract 05
Tradition and innovation of textile manufacture in Early Bronze Age Greece

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The manufacture of textiles and garments had a long tradition in the Aegaean already prior to the beginnings of the Early Bronze Age. Numerous textile tools, especially spindle whorls and loom weights, are preserved from the Neolithic to the early Bronze Age settlement Bruszczewo in Poland. This central settlement was integrated into a commercial network and had many different raw materials. The socio-cultural meaning of textiles was probably far more important than we can imagine today, living in a world of textiles mass consumption. Grave findings of web weights illustrate this. This contribution’s intention is also to examine the value of textiles in general.

TH1-13 Abstract 06
Textile impressions on ceramics from the late Neolithic to the early Iron Age in Central Europe

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Diachronic approach to weaving technology in Bronze Age Greece

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that spinning with spindle whorls and weaving on the warp-weighted loom were commonly practiced. Plant fibres, particularly linen, seem to have been the main material for the production of cloth and textiles during this period. At some point, most probably during the Early Bronze Age, animal fibres (sheep wool) began to be used in the Aegean on a wider scale. Since hardly any Neolithic and Early Bronze textiles are preserved from the Aegean, we can study textile tools made of stone, bone and clay in order to comprehend technological traditions and innovations in textile production.

One of the major changes in the use of spindle whorls and loom weights is their weights, dimensions and shapes: they shed some light on alternations in not only fibre use, but also in various spinning and weaving techniques. In this paper I would like to focus on chosen aspects of textile implements from Early Bronze Age Pekoponessae.

Investigating textile technologies in the Middle Bronze Age (MBA) Aegean has often focused more on the impact of Minoan-type implements and techniques than on local craft traditions. Especially discoidal, Minoan-type loom weights attributing to the use of warp weighted looms have been characterised as an important component of material culture reflecting processes of Minoanisation on several sites spanning the Greek mainland on the west and the coast of Asia Minor on the east. On the other hand, terracotta spools with longitudinal perforations are implements that are widely distributed on the Middle Helladic Greek mainland but are scarcely found at sites, where Minoan-type loom weights are present, and probably represent a western, Middle Helladic, textile tradition using horizontal instead of warp-weighted looms. This paper compares Middle Bronze Age textile tools from two settlement sites located on opposite coasts of the Aegean Sea: Aegina-Agion and Canea Baglarasas. The fortified settlement of Aegina Kolonna in the Argo-Saronic Gulf is known as a major hub of commerce and pottery production in the first half of the second millennium BCE (Gauss and Kleeberger-Gauss 2015). Late Middle Bronze Age occupation layers in Çeşme Baglararas on the coast feature an affluent harbour town with very early evidence for wine production (Çatılı 2015). Evidence of textile tools and production from both sites comprises mainly terracotta spindle whorls, numerous centric perforated spools and a number of discoidal, Minoan-type loom weights as well as horizontally pierced spools and several bone artefacts. The paper discusses what types of tools were involved in textile production at both sites during the Middle Bronze Age, what kind of textiles could be produced with the available tools and if specific chains of operational textile production can be reconstructed via contextual analyses. How was textile production organised spatially and socially and did the textile tools allow us to make inferences about transfer of textile technologies and about communities of practice?

References:

Beyond textiles: alternative uses of twisted fibers.
Evidence from Akrotiri, Thera

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Fiber crafts are among the oldest technological practices of mankind. Although commonly associated with textile manufacture, twisted fibers in the form of threads have always had a wider role in use in everyday life. Strings and ropes constitute a humble but essential category of fiber products deriving from the same technology and organic matter as threads. Due to their organic nature, however, they rarely survive in the archaeological record, unless special environmental conditions occur. This paper discusses the alternative uses of twisted fibers in the Bronze Age Aegean, with particular reference to the settlement of Akrotiri in Thera. The primary focus of the paper lies on impressions of threads, strings and ropes preserved on objects made of clay and on wall paintings. We will attempt an examination of the technical properties of these products on the basis of their impressions and we will consider their use for a variety of purposes. Our observations compare to another set of data, namely the actual strings and ropes that have been exceptionally preserved and published from the same site.

Notes on (representations of) Minoan female dress in Mycenaean Greece

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Minoan and Mycenaean wall-paintings, as most recently documented in B. R. Jones’ monographic study ‘Ariadne’s threads’, form the most central category of evidence in reconstructing Aegean Bronze Age textiles and costumes. They are not, however, without their own interpretative challenges, amongst which, particularly for Mycenaean mural art, a pronounced conservatism is particularly noteworthy, as is, arguably, a collateral phenomenon, the occasional less-than-artful rendering of motifs when a painter diverged from the templates of actual or conceptual pattern books. Judging the conservatism or innovative nature of forms of dress from their representations in an inherently conservative medium may not, at first, seem the most promising of approaches. It may, however, produce highly interesting results when evidence can be adduced that the conservatism of the representation may have surpassed that of what was represented.

Precisely this may well be the case for Mycenaean representations of the traditional Minoan women’s dress of flounced skirt and open-fronted bodice. While there is general agreement that it was borrowed as a complete package without any noticeable selectivity on the part of the main donors and that it can be associated with ritual or festive occasions and possibly only with weavers of a certain social status, there has been a long-lasting debate whether or not this female dress was actually still worn on the mainland in the 13th century B.C. Its survival only in wallpainting iconography has been suggested as an alternative explanation of the extant evidence, which has recently been complemented by important new wall-painting finds from the site of Thera, the site of the Argo-Saronic Gulf. These include, at least one and possibly a repeated instance, a very unusual rendering of the bodice, which – unless it were replicative as a purely local form – provides a new vantage point to address an old and as yet untouched question in the proposed paper.

To dye or not to dye. Bioarchaeological studies of Hala Sultan Tekke site, Cyprus

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Hala Sultan Tekke site is located in the southern – east part of Cyprus, ca 7 km from Larnaca. The investigation has been being undertaken at the late Late Cypriot city of Dromolaxia Vizatzia. Due to a large territory that the settlement could have occupied the archaeological research has been divided into smaller areas. The exploration started, in the so called Area B, in the 70’s of the 20th century. At that time, the director of the excavation was a Swedish professor Paul Åström and the whole of the 80’s of the 20th century, works at the site have been suspended for some years. The excavations started again in 2010 within a project “New Swedish Cyprus Expedition” led by prof. Peter Fischer and it included Area 6 in the northern part of the site.

The conducted, hitherto, excavations allowed establishing the localization of settlement part, workshops for metalurgy and textile production, and a possible commentary. All of the areas are dated to the Late Bronze Age (Late Cypriot II: 1450-1200 BC and Late Cypriot III: 1200-1050 BC).

Additionally, two stages of site occupation have been discovered. Stratum 1 and Stratum 2 that can be differentiated by a change in the soil colour and a shift in the stone constructions technique. The research in the 20th century as well as the one conducted for last six seasons brought to light interesting matters regarding textile production at the site. There are both artefacts, including spindle whorls and dozens of loom weights and ropes that have been exceptionally preserved and published from the same site.

In the proposed paper.

The presented paper, throughout an examination of finds, analysis of plant macrofossils and motifs will highlight the importance of Late Cypriote Mycenaean Mediterranean sea.
Technical Innovation in Flax Yarn in the Northwest of the Iberian Peninsula. The Spinning Bowl

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This paper will discuss two basic concepts in addressing the archaeological documentation of a new technological element, in this case the spinning bowl documented in the Castellar culture located in the northwest of the Iberian Peninsula from the Late Bronze Age to the entrance of the Romanization. These two basic concepts are innovation and technological loan. Through these conceptual tools that enable us to face a research methodology on spinning bowls, which help us answer arises why this innovation and its spread to other areas, although this study will focus on documenting spinning bowl in Castellar culture. To explain his presence in this geography and chronology, we will investigate on issues related to the use of Linum usitatissimum, textile raw materials relates to this innovation and secondly to open the investigation to their role within the technical chain embodiment of linen thread in the phase of the spinning techniques.

Woolen textiles from the times of Roman influences, the site in Grudna, Poland

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Textile samples (with sizes not exceeding 2 x 3 cm), sent to The Laboratory of Archaeological Monuments Conservation of the Institute of Archaeology of NCU in Torun were exceptionally interesting when it turned out that they were made of woolen fibres in spinning over a spindle, while the other part imitated, known in later ages, so-called gauze, made in weave 1/1. Technological analyses of the fibres proved their high quality. However, having very few examples of this type of textiles in Poland, we are not able to answer the basic question: is it an import or local production? Information collected from Europe suggest the imported material, but here another question arises – from which direction?

Biconical ceramic spindle whorls from Maleva mogila near Veselinovo Village, Bulgaria

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The prehistoric Maleva mogila is situated on the left bank of the Tundzha River. It is situated approximately 2 km south-east from the village of Veselinovo in the Yambol district, Bulgaria. The site was inhabited during the Late Neolithic, Early Bronze Age and Medieval periods. During the archaeological excavations and field surveys, 9 whole kept biconical ceramic spindle whorls were found. Most of them showed similar size and measuring. All of them belong to the third phase of the Early Bronze Age according to Bulgarian chronology (2800 – 2000 BC). The presented ceramic spindle whorls are connected with the processing of wool. They are heavier than flat spindle whorls which are used for the processing of hemp. The appearance of biconical spindle whorls depict a change in the prehistoric economy during the Early Bronze Age, through a larger breeding of sheep and goats, showing developments in human society during this period.

The fabric of Bronze Age society: a pilot study on Bronze Age textile production in Hungary

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Despite the vast number of textile imprints on ceramics as well as of textile tools (e.g. spindle whorls, weights, spools and needles) from the Bronze Age, textile production – although a key social and technological element of society in this period – has been a profoundly neglected topic in Hungary.

As part of a recent multidisciplinary research project (“From bones, bronzes and sites to society: Multidisciplinary analysis of human mobility and social changes in Bronze Age Hungary (2500-1500 BC)”, http://nti.mta.hu/en/angli/autumn-09) launched this year by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Momentum research programme, our study focuses on local textile production and consumption during the Early and Middle Bronze Age in the Carpathian Basin. The primary goal of our poster is to present the pilot study of this research concerning the technologies used for producing woven and non-woven textiles imprinted on the surface of ceramic storage vessels.

Furthermore, based on the above evidence, the duality of tradition and innovation in textile technology, the organization of production, apprenticeship and the possible emergence of specialisation in the Bronze Age would be examined, as well as how they shaped the socioeconomic life of Bronze Age communities in Hungary.

Bronze Age (1800–500 BC) textile craft in Estonia on the basis of archaeological sources

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Although textile craft is complex, and socially and economically significant, there is little known about textile techniques during the Bronze Age on the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea. In Estonia no textile or cloth remains dated to this period have been found so far. As a result, only indirect evidence such as probable tools (e.g. spindle whorls, bone needles) and textile impressions on pottery can be used to study how the cloth was made. This is also the reason why this topic has deserved only little attention by the researchers.

Textile impressions on ceramic demonstrate techniques of making cloth already in the Neolithic. The tradition to finish the surface of clay vessels with this method prevailed in south-eastern Estonia until the Migration Period. The aim of this study is to gather and systemise all pieces of information concerning Bronze Age pottery with textile impressions, with the focus on differentiating technological variability and pointing out traditional and innovative elements.
One of the most characteristic decorative motifs, appearing at the facial urn from Pomeranian culture, are combs. Those most schematically shown in its simplest form, a few vertical lines engraved from the horizontal line. A more realistic had singled handle, circle suspension and sometimes also the details of ornamentation. Combs images were placed on the central parts of urn, on its upper or lower part. Among the researchers any ideas of several vertical lines are interpreted as combs. In this poster I want to draw attention to another possible interpretation of ornamentations on urn of Pomeranian culture from Szemud, Poland. In literature, this image is described as “alleged” comb. It was noted that both the same image, as well as the location of the engraving is unusual for typical combs motifs. If not a comb, then what? According to the author it is a representation of the vertical loom. This interpretation is supported by exceptionally long and densely arranged engraved lines, but most important are located halfway up the three horizontal lines that bring to mind three heddle bars. These elements of the vertical loom for making a more complex patterns.

**Keywords:** Pomeranian culture, vertical loom

**Presentation Preference:** Poster

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**TH1-14 Abstract 01**

**Bioarchaeology of childhood: Chalkolithic and Early Bronze Ages in Near East, Balkans and Caucasus**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Large number of children in early agricultural populations was connected with their high mortality. Modern techniques offered new perspectives in study of infantile remains. The collections were studied from excavations in Mesopotamia (Tell Khasna), Balkans (Tell Yunazh), Caucasus (Velikent), where infant burials seemed to be especially numerous, by methods of nondestructive microscopy, microfocus X-Ray, by the isotopic analysis. The study was supported by the grant RFBR # 15-06-02098.

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**TH1-14 Abstract 02**

**Stress at the beginning of life: diachronical analysis of localized hypoplasia on primary canines**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Localized enamel hypoplasia on primary canines (LHPC) is defined as circular patches of thinned enamel on the labial surface. It occurs due to direct physical trauma to the developing canine crown as a consequence of exploratory behavior of infants. Because of its asymmetrical appearance (defects tend to occur unilaterally, and more frequently on the lower jaw) this type of hypoplasia can not be considered as an indicator of systemic stress. However, nutritional deficiencies during pregnancy and in early infancy can predispose to the formation of the defect. Thus LHPC can be used as an additional indicator of population health status and behavioral patterns. However, despite of its potential benefit the defect is seldom reported in bioarchaeological studies.

The aim of the study was to analyze the prevalence of localized primary canine hypoplasia of subadult individuals in selected archaeological samples, based on different chronology and subsistence: the Stone Age sample (7500-2600 BC, represented by Zvejnieki site, Latvia), the Iron Age sample (5-6th c.c., represented by Plinkaigalis, Lithuania) and medieval sample (16-18th c.c. represented by selected sites from Vilnus and Trakai, Lithuania). Medieval sample was subsequently divided in three groups, based on different social status of individuals. In total, 134 individuals (336 teeth) were included in the study. All primary canines were visually scored for presence or absence of the defect. The highest prevalence of hypoplasia was found in the Stone Age sample: 38.8 % of primary canines (50 % of individuals) were affected. Children from the Iron Age sample and medieval sample had statistically lower frequency of LHPC (21.1 % and 25.4 % of teeth, respectively, p<0.05). Results also revealed differences in the prevalence of LHPC, according to social status. Children of the highest social rank had lower frequency of hypoplasia compared to children from lower social strata (12.0 % and 27.7 % of teeth with LHPC, respectively). Differences in the prevalence of LHPC most probably reflect changes in the mode of subsistence, and dietary peculiarities of different social strata, although differences in child care practices cannot be excluded.
TH1-14 Abstract 03

Little Bodies at Work: Child growth, development and children's ability to perform work

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The relation between child growth, development and children's ability to perform work is explored to facilitate inferences on children's work in past societies. Current knowledge pertaining to physical effects of work on the immature body is examined. In particular, the understandings reached are brought to bear on the question of Anglo-Saxon children and work. As part of this endeavor, cross-sectional growth data from the immature skeletal remains from Anglo-Saxon mortuary populations of Blackgate, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Raunds, East Northamptonshire, are compared. The relationship between delayed growth and pathology is explored. The growth curves of the two populations are similar, suggesting a similar level of environmental stress, assuming similarity in genetic factors influencing growth. Further, the prevalence of cobra vertebrae and porotic hyperostosis is high in the Blackgate individuals delayed in growth. Behavioural abilities are more closely related to skeletal age than chronological age, which dental age is seen to approximate. Thus, when discussing children's capabilities, particularly in relation to work, the use of skeletal age is preferable to the use of chronological age. Delayed long bone growth may be used in making inferences about the behavioural developmental stage attained by children in mortuary populations, and further, on the kinds of work children at various growth stages may have been able to perform. The possibility of excessive physical activity should be noted alongside the conventional claims of malnutrition and disease when discussing possible environmental causes for delayed growth. Further, contemporary Western ideas should not be employed when constructing theories of childhood work in archaeological contexts. Better heuristic models for conceptualizing childhood, for example in the Anglo-Saxon period, can be found through ethnographies of traditional rural societies. Children as young as three can perform useful tasks in traditional agricultural settings. Many of the tasks adults are known to have engaged in during the Anglo-Saxon period contain elements that were very possibly (also) conducted by children. Further case study material is presented from other temporal and geographical contexts, including the Eastern Mediterranean and the Near East.

TH1-14 Abstract 04

Childhood in Pre-Roman central Tyrrhenian Italy

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Researching children's daily life in Pre-Roman central Tyrrhenian Italy is challenging, as there is minimal archaeological material indicating the presence of children in settlement contexts. The existing evidence on children consists mostly of infant tombs dated between the final Bronze Age and Archaic period. Considering the high child mortality rate, the amount of child burials at necropolises is very low, and the burials of the youngest children (less than four years of age) are mostly missing. However in Latium and Rome, many infants and fetuses have been found buried at settlement sites. Current research implies that different burial practices may be regarded to have represented different stages of human development children were considered to have, and thus the funerary materials offer an ideal data to explore the status of children in Pre-Roman Eturia, Latium and Rome. This paper will examine, the birth and death, nurture, play and education as well as everyday tasks of children. Even though funerary materials primarily indicate perception of death, it is also possible to extrapolate an individual's roles in everyday life. For instance, textile work was a duty of girls by the latest as juveniles, but both archaeological and ethnographical data suggest that even small children learned manufacturing technologies, perhaps through play. Funerary data proofs that even small infants had been bestowed important status within their families, and their enculturation was already in process prior to their death. Socialization through gender roles is also visible through examination of funerary attire.

TH1-14 Abstract 05

Childhood interrupted: infant burials on Colonia Iulia Emona’s northern cemetery

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It is commonly estimated that in Roman era around 50% of individuals born were unlikely to reach maturity. From the sources we can conclude that high infant mortality was connected with lack of attachment, lesser pollution resulting from child death and, possibly, marginal position of children in community. Here, I wish to reconsider these assumptions using a group of Late Roman infant inhumations from Colonia Iulia Emona (Ljubljana, Slovenia) as a case study. Those infant inhumations represent around 20% of all inhumations in the colony’s largest cemetery in Late Roman period. They are a consistent group exhibiting similar characteristics in terms of burial rituals and grave construction. Grave goods, when present, often include apotropaic objects, such as phallus amulets, crespydula and nails, connected with mort immurare.

TH1-14 Abstract 06

Children and rituals: interpretations of funerary evidences in Estonia during the protohistory

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In the protohistoric European communities, due to the scarcity of evidence in archaeological record, the role of infants and children is difficult to grasp; instead, in the largest European cemeteries, children burials are severely lacking, limiting interpretations about the social identities. Contrary to what is usually attested in Central and Southern Europe, in Baltic funerary contexts, social patterns appear more complete, including all age groups; particularly, in Estonia the youngest society members were highly integrated in mortuary spaces since Bronze Age. By analyzing some Estonian case-studies (e.g. Kaseliku, Jõelahtme) and comparing the findings with other researches conducted in the largest European cemeteries (e.g. Otmo di Nogara, Italy), we can improve our knowledge about the role of children in past societies. This project aims to set this youngest part of the protohistoric communities on the social and cultural background: through spatial analysis and the study of grave goods associated with children/infants burials, we can suggest that children have not played only a marginal role but rather the youngest members have represented a significant component within hitherto social structures in Estonia during the Protohistory.

TH1-14 Abstract 07

Weaponry in child burials: work, play or a symbol.

Study cases from Latvia’s Iron Age cemeteries

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Weaponry (e.g. spears, one sided swords, axes) are occasional findings within child (usually boys’) burials in the Iron Age (study cases will mostly focus on the Middle and Late Iron Age, i.e. 9th - 12th century) cemeteries in Latvia. These artefacts can be found within burials of different stages of childhood, starting with a 1-2 years-0f-age. So how can we analyse and interpret these findings - were they used only as symbolic representation of gender/social status and therefore in some cases could be found already with 1-2 years old boys? Or axes and spears within juveniles or adolescents’ burials are a sign, that they were already working or learning their future occupation? And how about miniature weapons - is it possible to correlate them with a playing as a part of a learning? The main goal of this paper is to give some reflections about weaponry as a part of a mortuary inventory within child burials based on study cases from Latvia and form a discussion whether it is possible to see evidences about playing and working within subadults’ burials.

TH1-14 Abstract 08

Christianisation of children’s death in Western Pomerania

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Between 1124 and 1128, Western Pomerania was visited by the missionary bishop Otto from Bamberg who Christianised the region. He founded several churches and taught people how to practise the true Christian life. One part of this community that was involved in this big historical event were children. The aim of this paper is to present the differences between the children burial from Western Pomerania from the pre-christian medieval period and the period right after the Christianisation. This will be done to examine essential elements of changed religious practices in treating children’s dead bodies.
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

TH1-14 Abstract 09

At the Early Neolithic Flint mine of Casa Montero (Spain)

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The children of the buried children and their artefacts at Casa Montero (Spain) provide insights into the early Neolithic society's social and economic activities. The analysis of the artefacts reveals that children's role was significant, not only as recipients of toys but also as participants in the production of artefacts. The use of finger-rings as a marker of identity is explored, showing how these objects were used to define individual character and social status.

TH1-14 Abstract 10

Children and animals in ancient Greece; animals as children's pets, toys or gifts

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This presentation aims to examine the role of animals in ancient Greek society, focusing on how they were perceived as pets, toys, or gifts. It explores the different contexts in which animals were associated with children, such as domestic life, religious rituals, and public events. The analysis of these sources provides insights into the children's experiences with animals and their role in the society.

TH1-14 Abstract 11

The social construction of childhood through Roman artefacts: finger-rings and their motifs

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This paper explores the use of finger-rings as a means of understanding the social construction of childhood in the Roman period. By examining the motifs and contexts of these rings, the paper identifies patterns that reflect the different roles children played in society, such as apprentices or family members.

The Roman life course is a well-studied topic, but there have been few considerations of how artefact evidence can contribute to our understanding of childhood in the Roman period. Yet objects made specifically for children define and conceptualize childhood as a separate category to adulthood, and embody it through social practices involving material culture. This paper takes one object category, finger-rings, and investigates the evidence that relates to the use of rings by children. By examining grave contexts containing finger-rings, we can establish the normal size ranges that existed for rings worn by children and adults. A much larger sample of rings can then be examined, identifying rings in sizes that are likely to have been worn by children, and documenting any decorative motifs on the bezel of the ring that were particularly associated with them. We can show that decorative motifs that were much used for children in the Roman period include the phallicus symbol, palm branch, depictions of the Egyptian god Serapis, and other motifs such as theatre masks. Many of these themes chosen for children's rings reflect themes of benediction and protection appropriate to the perceived vulnerability of children in antiquity, while others relate to childhood activities and conceptualise childhood as a time of leisure. A difference can even be identified between motifs felt suitable only for babies, and those given to older children. We can also investigate the likely age at which children may have been given seal rings, and so document the life course stage at which they began to articulate their identity as a literate person. The paper suggests that a methodology that could be fruitfully applied in many periods to reveal more about how childhood was conceptualised in the past.

TH1-14 Abstract 12

The children of medieval and post medieval Copenhagen

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Keywords: burials, child labour, children

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Work and play at the early modern orphanage in Altenburg

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Slave and servant children in Archaic and Classical Athenian art

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Presentation Preference - Poster

This poster will explore the life, activities and social status of working children in ancient Athens, as illustrated on vases and on funerary reliefs, dating from the 6th down to the 4th c. BC. Varying or changing attitudes towards child labor and slavery will be identified and discussed. Numerous slaves were used to support households, even the poorest ones, and productivity in many Greek city-states, greatly outnumbering their citizens. Children were a common source of labor in ancient Athens. They were not only slaves bought as such or born to slave parents, but also of lowly social status, or exposed at birth and taken in. Such working children are often depicted on vases or reliefs performing a wide range of menial chores. They are identified by their activities, since the offspring of citizens or well-off foreigners (mendes) were only engaged with play or education at this age. Occasionally they are also singled out by their exotic racial features. Girls are usually shown serving women as maids, helping their mistresses to dress, or performing other household deeds. Boys are depicted assisting men in the palaistra or gymnasium, or at their workshops, or serving them at banquets. From a very tender age they were apparently put to hard labor; sometimes they are shown squatting, taking some rest and waiting for their masters’ call to fulfill their needs, even the most degrading, such as helping revelers to vomit or urinate due to overconsumption of wine. We know that boys were also hired to work as male prostitutes at brothels. Conversely, we quite often find dancing girls entertaining men at banquets on vases, or even serving as prostitutes. They are depicted during training, instructed by an older woman, or performing in the context of a symposium or a brothel. By comparison, prostitution was considered to be unacceptable for the citizen class and could cost boys or men their civil rights and girls or women their life. Being under aged at labor, and a slave, and a foreigner, and a girl constituted, with scalable emphasis, the “polar opposite of the male free (Athenian) citizen”, therefore the ultimate outcast, the ultimate “other” in Athenian society.

Children and environmental stress in Wielbarkian societies

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In the following poster we would like to consider the impact of environmental stress on children in the Wielbark Culture and research possibilities related to this phenomenon. An interdisciplinary research on this type of data allows obtaining the data about landscape use, use of natural resources and economy, as well as information about biological condition of the buried people, paleopathology connected to work, etc. We still lack information about children and their place in the Wielbarkian society based on archaeological finds. The fusion of archaeological and biological points of view will allow describing children and childhood in Wielbark Culture from a different perspective.

Glass ornaments from a girl’s grave in Bytom Odrzanski

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In the course of archaeological explorations in former Evangelical church in Bytom Odrzanski, a crypt with relics of children belonging to the church founders’ family was excavated. One of the coffins contained the body of a girl dressed in clothes imitating dresses of adult women. The team also found rare ornaments made of metal and glass, whose purpose was to emphasize the splendid and social position of the dead girl, but also to show the living that their beloved daughter was to be in future a real lady, but death put an end to her life. Careful manufacturing of the head decorations and sophisticated dress design must have been very expensive, which rarely appears in graves.
CHARTING OTHERWORLDS: CEMETERIES AS CULT SITES

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Richly furnished cemeteries in Europe have long been the focus of scholarly attention, providing one of the most abundant sources of information on pre-Christian societies. The majority of analyses have focused on dating and typologising grave goods and burial types. Western European scholarship has viewed burials as actively constructed rather than passively reflecting culture, rejecting direct correlations between religion, ethnicity and burial practices. Prevailing interpretations of cemeteries regard them as places for the disposal of the dead and public forums for social competition. In recent years there has been a resurgence of interest in the religious significance of burial rites, with funerals considered as forms of performance linked to the expression of cosmological narratives, and the cemetery serving as a ‘theatre’. This has continued to define the study of burials in eastern European scholarship, where there has been more acceptance of pre-Christian cemeteries as foci for a ‘cult of the dead’. The aim of this session is to revisit the links between religion, cult praxis and the use of cemeteries in contrasting geographic and temporal contexts, in order to promote a new understanding of the complexity of these sites, through the application of multi-proxy methodologies. Papers are welcome on any region and relevant time period, including the use of multi-faith cemeteries.

TH1-15 Abstract 01
Cult and Burial Sites as Arenas of Ritual and Performance

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Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper will discuss the definition of cult sites in Vendel and Viking-age Scandinavia. In recent years a number of cult sites with place-names containing the element ‘sacred’ have been excavated. These sites have a number of features in common, such as different types of enclosures and platforms. What these sites seem to lack are burials. A survey of a number of other types of place-name indicating outdoor cult (such as theophoric names and place-names containing the element al ‘sacred site’), however, suggests that burials were present in these locations. In this paper, a selection of these cult sites will be examined through detailed study of archaeological features, topographic features, as well as some written sources, above all Eddic poetry. The overall aim is to investigate how these sites facilitated rituals and ceremonies in terms of movement, acoustics and location of audience and ‘performers’.

TH1-15 Abstract 02
Necromancy in grave reopening practices in late Iron Age Scandinavia

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Keywords: Burial, Exhumation, Magic
Presentation Preference - Oral

Vendel and Viking Period burial places in Scandinavia have long been seen as likely sites for cultic activity, indicated archaeologically both through their widespread conversion to Christian places of worship and by sporadic but persistent finds of evidence for offerings at graves. Burials of this period were often also re-entered and disturbed. High profile reopenings like that of the Oseberg mound in Norway are part of a much wider pattern of revisiting and reworking burials. Such reopening practices have frequently been linked to supernatural beliefs, usually on the basis of written sources, and in particular involving communication with the dead. This paper reviews the evidence for disturbance of later pre-Christian burials in Scandinavia, arguing that reopening here cannot be seen as a single phenomenon: it was carried out on a variety of timescales and in different ways. However, a consistent theme throughout the archaeological evidence is the focus of reopening activities on the body of the dead and the artefacts immediately associated with it. The treatment of human remains and their immediate attributes varied – they could be removed and taken away, damaged or destroyed in situ, or removed and left close to the grave. But the focus on these material remains is a key recurring element in Scandinavian reopening practices from the later Iron Age into the medieval period. The evidence from burial disturbance is thus that if cemeteries retain power as cult places, where other worlds are reachable, this power is based on the presence of bodies in graves – it is centred on the physical remains of the dead.

TH1-15 Abstract 03
The Langelid cemetery - landscape, life and afterlife

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Keywords: grave, ritual, Viking Age
Presentation Preference - Oral

A Late Viking Age cemetery with 21 graves in Langelid, Aust-Agder County, Norway, will be used as a starting point to discuss cult practices relating to burials in the this period. Ideas that will be explored are how new graves relate to older grave monuments and to the landscape and settlement patterns, how and where the treatment of the corpse (both inhumation and cremation) may have been performed, and to which degree external and internal features of the graves may indicate how they have been perceived and how people have related to them on a physical level. Further, the choices of grave goods will be used to discuss the kind of afterlife that the living helped prepare the dead for. Secondary burials in four graves may give insights into the importance of burial rituals in a reuse phase.

The cemetery is highly interesting in two particular aspects, which will be contextualised with similar and/or contrasting examples. Firstly, it covers the very last part of pagan burial custom, at a time when surrounding regions had converted, and show mostly Christian burials. The religious shift in society seems to some extent to be reflected in accented pagan customs in remote areas. Secondly, there is evidence of fairly systematic reopening and manipulation of the graves not very long after the initial burials, which attest to not only activities relating to the actual burials, but also to a later consciousness of the cemetery and its contents, which can be argued to be ritual in nature, and could be interpreted as continued cultic activity on the site.

TH1-15 Abstract 04
Positioning ritual: Interpreting corpse postures in early medieval England

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Keywords: Anglo-Saxon, body, funerary archaeology
Presentation Preference - Oral

The notion of mortuary theatre encapsulates the drama and performativity of funerary tableaux in early medieval Europe. While evidence for mortuary performance is more easily identified in exceptionally sumptuous burials, the narratives of the non-elite may be considerably more challenging to interpret, as a result of smaller scale funerals and less material representation. However, even in the absence of ostentatious display of wealth, the corpse in the grave was heavily implicated in the early medieval mortuary theatre. The funerary body was progressively constructed and articulated through its positional arrangement, clothing, and other accompanying features. This paper discusses the ritual significance of corpse positioning in early Anglo-Saxon inhumations, bringing together corpse-positional data from over 2000 graves from 33 cemeteries across England. Patterns of recurring corpse postures demonstrate that positioning ritual was consciously and meaningfully practised in the early Anglo-Saxon period. Nuanced variations in positional preferences within and between cemeteries suggest that body representation was closely linked with the conception and expression of individual and group identities, locally as well as regionally. Addressing the role of the body in early Anglo-Saxon death rituals, this paper explores the belief and practice underlying the organisation of bodies in graves and attempts to unfold the hidden narratives behind the early medieval corpse.

TH1-15 Abstract 05
Christian and pagan: Eggs as grave goods in the Late Iron Age cemetery at Kukurse, NE Estonia

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The site of Kukurse was a cemetery where many of the graves have inhumations, both Christian and pagan. The Late Iron Age cemetery at Kukurse, NE Estonia, provided a unique opportunity to investigate the co-existence of Christianity and paganism in this region. The presence of eggs as grave goods in the Late Iron Age cemetery at Kukurse, NE Estonia, suggests a complex relationship between Christianity and paganism in this region. This paper explores the significance of eggs as grave goods in the Late Iron Age cemetery at Kukurse, NE Estonia, and how they might reflect the coexistence of Christianity and paganism in this region.
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

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Keywords: conversion period, eastern Europe, egg symbolism

Presentation Preference - Oral

In 2009 two wealthy female inhumations were excavated in the conversion period (12th–13th century) cemetery at Kukruse, NE Lithuania. Both women were exceptionally richly furnished and belonged to the nobility of this society. In addition to rich grave goods both inhumations contained egg shells, although these were recovered from clearly different contexts. In one burial the egg was laid between femurs, on top of her dress and ornaments. It was painted red and clearly displayed with apparent symbolic connotations. The egg from the second inhumation was found at the foot of the woman, next to a ceramic vessel. Both eggs have been identified as chicken eggs with ZooMS and microscopic analysis. The obviously different finding circumstances of eggs in the two female burials at Kukruse raise several questions: What is the meaning of an egg in burial rituals for this conversion period cemetery? Why was the same object curated so differently and how are we to interpret this situation? Can we talk about pagan or Christian connotations, perhaps even simultaneously? What do these egg finds tell us about the religious identity of this society?

TH1-15 Abstract 06

Were cenotaphs built at Milzi kapis? Analysis of barrows discovered in Wysokie site in Lithuania

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In 2013 Stefan Kruševičius excavated 22 barrows at Wysokie site (Viškaitinės, dist. Vainiūnai) in Lithuania. According to the findings, discovered cemetery belonged to the East Lithuanian Barrow Culture and it was used during the Migration Period and the Early Middle Ages. The term Milzi kapis means in Lithuanian “the graveyard of giants” and it relates to the part of the site excavated in 1913. During the exploration mentioned researcher found inter alia six barrows without any burial or artifacts inside them. Despite this, these structures revealed certain traces of funeral rites, for example layers of carbon and ash. The same layers were also discovered at other barrows excavated at Wysokie site. The purpose of my paper is analysis of these six barrows in the context of the funeral rites. Also I will try to answer the question whether they were symbolic burials.

Cenotaphs in the Early Lithuanian East were built throughout the whole existence of the East Lithuanian Barrow Culture, but it should be noted that their number increased, especially since the half of the 1st millennium. Among them they were often the barrows containing burial inventory without burned human remains. There have also been other variants, while in the barrow there was no evidence of both the burial and the remains of equipment. This case was noted e. g. in the cemetery near the town Alkūnai (Alino, dr. Trakai). The barrows with numbers: 9, 10, 11 and 15 did not contain any traces of graves and burial equipment. The lack of human remains in a grave shows us the stage in the development of the funeral ritual, which in this case evolved into a symbolic burial. It is believed that this was a result of the new social and political reality, which followed in the Eastern Lithuania at the end of the 1st and the beginning of the 2nd millennium. In this time the increasing number of people could not be buried in their indigenous places. It has happened so probably because of the disappearance of the body. Its absence caused by its death in the distant lands. This was connected with the increasing threat in these times which forced the Lithuanian warriors to heading out to war and also was one of the reasons of the fall of the Roman Empire.

TH1-15 Abstract 07

Discovering Otherworld: Investigation of the Bajorai Cemetery (SE Lithuania)

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In 2006 Klaipėda University in collaboration with Kaišiadorys museum started investigation of the Bajorai cemetery (Elektrėnai district, SE Lithuania). Due to the climate and water change cemetery was either island or shallow of the Briaunis (former Švenčius river). In 2006 Klaipėda University in collaboration with Kaišiadorys museum started investigation of the Bajorai cemetery (Elektrėnai district, SE Lithuania). Due to the climate and water change cemetery was either island or shallow of the Briaunis (former Švenčius river). In 2009 two wealthy female inhumations were excavated in the conversion period (12th–13th century) cemetery at Kukruse, NE Lithuania. Both women were exceptionally richly furnished and belonged to the nobility of this society. In addition to rich grave goods both inhumations contained egg shells, although these were recovered from clearly different contexts. In one burial the egg was laid between femurs, on top of her dress and ornaments. It was painted red and clearly displayed with apparent symbolic connotations. The egg from the second inhumation was found at the foot of the woman, next to a ceramic vessel. Both eggs have been identified as chicken eggs with ZooMS and microscopic analysis. The obviously different finding circumstances of eggs in the two female burials at Kukruse raise several questions: What is the meaning of an egg in burial rituals for this conversion period cemetery? Why was the same object curated so differently and how are we to interpret this situation? Can we talk about pagan or Christian connotations, perhaps even simultaneously? What do these egg finds tell us about the religious identity of this society?

TH1-15 Abstract 08

Sacredness of Space and the Afterlife: The Topography of Medieval Lithuanian Cremation Cemeteries

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In many cultures burial rites and the relationship with death and the afterlife are fundamental issues of existence. Death is considered as a passage from this world to the afterlife, therefore, burial is perceived as a direct reflection of connection between the living and the dead. Contrary to the established views, burial sites speak not only about the departed to the Paradise, but also about their living, their ideology and the concept of the afterlife. Nowadays researchers perform comprehensive interdisciplinary studies, and burial sites are used for the reconstruction of the social structure and communication, religion and the concept of the afterlife of past societies.

Furthermore, they allow analysing burial sites and their environment that is of less importance. This paper examines the burial topography and its relationship with the surrounding environment and the landscape. The relationship among cemeteries, residential and sacred places, defensive structures and water bodies is investigated. The paper aims to reveal what role sacredness of burial places, the concept of the afterlife, and afterlife images played in the topography of burial sites. The early Medieval Lithuanian cremation cemeteries are the case in this study. In the middle of the 13th century, the Grand Duchy of Lithuania was formed as a Christian state, however, Christianity was abandoned, and until the final conversion to Christianity in 1387, Lithuania existed as the only Medieval pagan state in all Christian Europe. In the 13th and 14th centuries, due to the state reform of Paganism in Lithuania, burning cremated deceased in burial grounds became a uniform burial practice. However, it is possible to notice that despite the defined burial places, though the topography of early Medieval Lithuanian cremation cemeteries, burial traditions are similar, there are also traditional features. The cremated deceased were buried in places above the flat land, that were separated by water from the living spaces. It is argued that separation of spaces of the living and the dead, revealed in the topography of cremation cemeteries, was based on mythological images of the afterlife, and special sacred and mythological values conditioned the localized burial sites.

TH1-15 Abstract 09

Change of the Lithuanian burial rite in the 14th – 16th century: Archaeological and Written data

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Lithuania was the last European country converted to Christianity. In its ethnic lands the old heathen faith thrived till the end of the 14th century (and in Samogitia till the early 15th century). Though Christianity featured some signs of spreading to Lithuania since the occurrence of the Lithuanian state (the 1st half of the 13th century), conversions were far from massive. Christian communities (both Eastern Orthodox and Catholic) and their churches and cemeteries existed in Vilnius during the heathen times.

After Lithuania was baptised in 1387 and Samogitia in 1413, Christianity began to spread causing changes in different spheres of life including burial rites. In the late 14th – early 15th century inhabitants of the present territory of Lithuania practiced inhumation but cremation continued till the 2nd quarter of the 15th century alongside with that. In case of inhumation, the dead body was buried both in coffins and without them. Their orientation varied but the tradition of orienting heads westwards started to prevail. This is especially obvious in the burial sites located in the areas where the process of Christianisation was more advanced; burial goods in such graves also tend to be fewer. Nevertheless, most of the burials dating to the late 14th – early 16th century still contain burial goods. In most of the cemeteries surveyed burial goods were present in more than a half of the graves; their numbers varied from one to several dozen of items. Knives were the most popular; they were found in the burials of males, females, and children. Female burials distinguished with the numbers of jewellery items, whereas in the male burials only rings were a common jewellery piece. Besides that, female burials often contained spindles and awls, whereas male burials included weapons (and sometimes also spurs and stirrups), flint strikers, razors, and belt buckles. Other burial items, such like pouches, purses, coins, chain inks, pots, poultry bones, and amulets (laws of wild beasts in metal sockets), were found in burials of both genders.
The multicultural cemetery in Ułow (site 3, Poland) – the magic of the place or the random choice?

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Ułow is a small village in Lublin Voivodeship (SE Poland) situated in the region of Middle Roztocze. The complex of archaeological sites in the woods of the vicinity of Ułow was found by searches with metal detectors who were looking for military items from the World War II. Among sites recognized during the archaeological excavations, there are two cemeteries dated to the late Roman Period and the Migration Period (sites 3 and 7) and two contemporary settlements (sites 9 and 10), separated from each other by a deep valley of rivulet, now intermittent. At the same time, it is a border between two zones – sacrum and profanum. On site 3, except the cemetery dated to the 4th century AD – to the middle of the 5th century A.D. evidences of much older settlement were found. They are associated with the Late Paleolothic, the Mesolithic, the Neolithic (the Lublin-Volhynia, Funeral Beaker and Corded Ware Cultures), as well as the Bronze Age, the early Iron Age (the Ttrzonicz and Lasuslian Cultures) and the Middle Ages. Three barrows of the Corded Ware Culture were also discovered and explored. They were closely connected with the arrangement of a cemetery from the Late Roman and early Migration Periods. Many aspects of the burials practiced at Ułow in all phases of the settlement is not an analogy in Polish lands. Therefore, the main question is why the people of so many cultures chose this place. Whether the settlement was associated with convenient geographical and geomorphological conditions or with cultural tradition, or whether it was the random choice.

The area of the ritual activities.

Case studies of the cemetery in PAPRKOTISZLO (NE Poland)

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The cemetery of the Bogaczewo Culture from the Roman and early Migration Periods in PAPRKOTISZLO village, in the Masurian Lakeland, delivered several traces related not only to the cult of the deceased but also to another ritual activities which took place on the area of the cemetery. Multidisciplinary research conducted so far, revealed traces of the use of plants in the burial ritual, the social structure reflected by the stratigraphy of graves, a close relationship between the location of the cemetery and environmental conditions and the use of the area of the cemetery as a place of sacrifices of horses. All these discoveries are changing and expanding existing knowledge of flat cremation cemeteries of Bogaczewo Culture, related to the Galiński tribe mentioned by Claudia Primul.
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What can the cemeteries from 8th – 10th centuries from Lower Danube region tell?

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In the region of Lower Danube, in the last centuries of the 1st Millennium, a great number of cemeteries were discovered. This is an epoch when Christianity and paganism among barbarians are still fighting for supremacy, generally speaking; in particular a discussion of fighting of different kinds of Christianity with different kinds of paganism, if not even a christian vs. christian. We have a lot of information of this kind of social manifestation of groups, about the cemeteries. Did those information helps us to understand those fighting? To understand the religion of the different groups the lived on the Lower Danube? Did the differences between the way a grave was construct with all its architecture and goods can be viewed as arguments for seeing religious differences between groups or persons? Did the cremation and inhumation are antagonist or not? Overall, we think we have arguments for a discussion not only about what is christian or what is pagan, but for a deeper one, concerning the main the person and not the group, taking into consideration small, but we think important, differences in the funerary expression of faith of each grave/person.

TH1-15 Abstract 16

In this World and the Next: Deviant Burial Rites from Medieval Cemeteries in Bulgaria

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What is deviant burial and why it occurs are questions that have been part of archaeological thinking longer than we may assume. Nevertheless, the interest of such special cases where the deceased received noticeable deliberate treatment is just now forming systematic approach towards them. Recently the theme of deviant burials was reappeared in European archaeology, sometimes creating very heated debate over it. Simultaneously, the increasing finds of such untypical and strange character attracted significant interest from the media and the wider public on the matter, often turning the topic into academic grey area. The present work is the first consistent archaeological study of this phenomenon on the territory of Bulgaria based on the archaeological findings and records and adopting long-term and theoretically aware perspective. It is based on pilot study undertaken to assess the potential for wider research on regional scale in Southeastern Europe. The paper will present the general conclusions at the current stage of the research and will illustrate the applied methodology and interpretations with certain case studies. The function of deviant burials in the increasingly complex legal culture of the medieval Bulgarian state and the impact of Christianity and the Church on it will be discussed. The close entanglement between sacred meaning and social evaluation of certain individuals can also be seen as a strategy to create and recreate social identities and memory within cemeteries and landscapes.

TH1-15 Abstract 17

Aegaean burials as liminal performances

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Death is one of the moments of transition in life. For the living it is important to affect this event through ritual activities and both pre- and post-mortem rituals. About the transition from the existing world and post-mortem life to the incorporation into the new world are performed. When the Late Bronze Age Aegeans experienced death, they performed special and appropriate rites and ceremonies in order to connect with the transcendental world and bridge the gulf between this world and the other. This world and the other world were separated by a liminal zone, which partakes of the qualities of both and this is where the focus of ritual activity takes place. Special requirements of purity may exist here and a heightened awareness is appropriate, since there is a risk of pollution where transition between life and death takes place. The liminal zone is a special and mysterious region, which carries the risks of hidden dangers. The ritual actions of propitiation directed towards the supernatural powers consist of food and blood sacrifice, libations, gifts of non-consumable material objects, prayer and the payment of respect. The present paper brings forward the ritual activities performed at selected Aegean Late Bronze Age cemeteries through the reflection of the material remains and the analysis of the structural components of the tombs.

TH1-15 Abstract 18

 Phenomenon of multiple burials and its significance in the studies of Early Mycenaean elites

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The present work is the first consistent archaeological study of this phenomenon on the territory of Bulgaria based on the archaeological findings and records and adopting long-term and theoretically aware perspective. It is based on pilot study undertaken to assess the potential for wider research on regional scale in Southeastern Europe. The paper will present the general conclusions at the current stage of the research and will illustrate the applied methodology and interpretations with certain case studies. The function of deviant burials in the increasingly complex legal culture of the medieval Bulgarian state and the impact of Christianity and the Church on it will be discussed. The close entanglement between sacred meaning and social evaluation of certain individuals can also be seen as a strategy to create and recreate social identities and memory within cemeteries and landscapes.

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The Symbolic Meaning of Grave Goods

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Generally, grave goods are defined as artifacts buried with a deceased that are or will be required in the afterlife. Archaeologists collect the following information about grave goods: the material from which they are made, their measurements and typology, and often detailed descriptions of the decoration of ornaments. Usually the functions and purposes of these artifacts are described in terms of their practical meanings, rather than their symbolic meaning. For example, needles in the grave are approached like sewing tools, that will be used for the same purpose in the afterlife. Grave goods are valuable to determine and identify important data: dates and/or periods of graves and cemeteries, cultural migrations within a certain geographical area, the culture itself or even relevant changes of technologies. Often grave goods are broken down into different groups: by purpose e.g., as tools or ornaments, by whether they were belongings of the deceased or grave gifts, or by location of production i.e., whether they were locally produced or imported. In all these calculations and analyses, grave goods are treated like objects without particular deep meanings. Also it seems to have been forgotten that funerals are a complex of symbolic actions, which archaeologists can perceive through material remains. To understand symbolic meaning of grave goods we can use interdisciplinary method. This gives a chance to see diverse view of artifacts. The main aim of this paper is to reveal the symbolic meaning of grave goods, using archaeological, ethnology, history and Lithuanian linguistics. To illustrate, five different artifacts have been chosen: needles, rings, sleigh bells, axes and swords.
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Obsidian Use on Islands Big and Small: Sicily and others in the Central Mediterranean

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Starting in the Early Neolithic (~ 6000 BC) obsidian from four island sources was acquired and distributed over great distances in the Central Mediterranean. In recent years, non-destructive analytical instruments, including portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometers (pXRF), have been used to determine the specific geological sources of thousands of obsidian artefacts from many sites throughout this region. Obsidian from the Aeolian island of Lipari was widely used in Sicily, Malta, peninsular Italy, and the south of France and along the Adriatic Sea in Croatia. Obsidian from Pantelleria was regularly used on Malta and other islands south of Sicily, and to some extent in Tunisia, Sicily, and the island of Uluzzo to the north. Small amounts of obsidian from sources on Sardinia and Palmaire made their way to southern Italy. Prior studies of the obsidian sources show multiple outcrops for each, with differences in visual and physical features (e.g. colour, phenocrysts, translucency, brittleness) as well as in quantity, size, and accessibility. Importantly, pXRF analysis can distinguish between these subsources, including Gabellotto and Carmelo Dennio on Lipari, and Balata dei Turchi and Lago di Venere on Pantelleria. Consideration of these variables is critical in the understanding of obsidian access and selection, distribution, and use, and may be integrated with our knowledge of the availability and transportation of other material culture items (e.g. flint, greenstone, ceramics, animals, secondary products). The number of artefacts from many Neolithic and Bronze Age architectural sites has now allowed us to access socio-economic change over time, and variation based on location and lithic production methods, typology, and usage. Obsidian distribution patterns also provide better understanding of open water transport capabilities and directions, with Pantelleria 100 km from northwest Sicily, Lipari 30 km from the northeast coast of Sicily, and many obsidian artefacts transported several hundred km further along the coast of the Tyrrhenian, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas.

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Provenancing Archaeological Obsidian from Bulgaria

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Use of obsidian is documented in a small number of Neolithic and Chalcolithic sites in Bulgaria. With no known geological sources in the eastern Balkans, the obsidian must have been obtained from areas further afield. Establishing the provenance of archaeological obsidian can provide insights into social and economic contacts among regions and to the nature of those contacts. We report the first results of non-destructive XRF analyses of obsidian artefacts from Bulgarian prehistoric sites and comparisons with geological sources in Anatolia, the Aegean, and the central Mediterranean and Carpathians. Our findings have an important bearing on lithic raw material exchange systems in the Balkans from the Early Neolithic onwards.

TH1-16 Abstract 03

Sites, Sources and Flint Routes

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During the Middle Neolithic in the Asine and Velea valleys, the numerous sites dating to the Michelsberg Culture mostly exploit Upper Bartonian Tertiary flint (e7b). This was used predominantly for producing flakes, although long blades and polished axes were also made. Other Tertiary silicifications are used, as well as varying amounts of Secondary flint. Survey was recently undertaken to record all Upper Bartonian outcrops located between the Velea valley and the well-known source at Romigny Lhéry. The aim here was to address a number of issues. Is there a source of Bartonian flint closer than Romigny Lhéry with sufficiently large and good quality nodules for production of long blades? Are there any mine shafts of the kind known in other Michelsberg areas? Are ditched enclosures involved here in controlling access to a source? Is it the case elsewhere in Michelsberg contexts, for example at Jadlines, in the central Paris Basin, or Sprennes in Belgium? Using the results obtained, we tested various models of routes between sites and sources, based on least cost analysis algorithms for return trips. This enabled us not only to identify the possible routes used, but also to calculate more precise distances involved. Different hypotheses were tested, including direct or indirect access, with or without an enclosure controlling either access or distribution. To conclude, the preliminary results are compared with evidence elsewhere of Michelsberg lithic procurement territories.
quartz, quartzite, sandstone. One of such non-flint raw processing cases are set out in the study of the Early Mesolithic Pasiegal-I
site in eastern Lithuania, where knapped porphyry, quartzite and sandstone material amounted to 15 percent of the total debitage from the site. These raw materials were reduced in manner of flint knapping (bipolar core + soft indirect percussion, blades and flakes as blanks). At the end of the Mesolithic, the situation changed dramatically and local fisher-hunter communities of north-eastern Lithuania made their contacts with people from the Valdai / Upper Volga Region and got access to sources of high-quality reddish flint. A few hundred years later, together with banded flint nodules the first ceramic / pottery making tradition have reached the Lithuanian territory around 5800 cal. BC. The reddish banded flint was widely used in manufacturing of various types of microblades (backed blades, lancelets) and working tools. The majority of blanks were struck from single platform conical cores using soft hammer percussion and pressure flaking. In some sites (Sudota-2, Sudota-4) about 5-15 percent of the debitage consists of such kind of flint. The imported grey flint from south Lithuania was also used but in much less quantity than in earlier times. The lack of high-quality flint raw material is quite visible in the majority of the late Mesolithic-early Neolithic settlements’ assemblages from north-east and north Lithuanian, due of sizes of cores, too!s and debits which are 3-10 times smaller than usual. Other kinds of rocks used widely for the production of special tools (axes, chisels, grinding stones, etc.), too. Daugava-Dyana river corridor was widely re-used at the turn of the Neolithic-Bronze Age, when the yellow flint was imported from the Valdai / Upper Volga region.

Differences in the raw material preferences in Polgár-Csoeszalomm, northwestern Hungary

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Chipped stones played an important role in the sustenance of human life not just in the Palaeolithic, but also in the Neolithic period too. The raw material preferences and choices became more indicative as more complex settlements and societies emerged. Chipped stones in different contexts teach us to take into consideration the many aspects of the prehistoric worldview. The case of the Late Neolithic site Polgár-Csoeszalomm reflects well these combined phenomena, where two different habitation units (tell and horizontal settlement), two different geographical regions (Central Europe and the Balkans), two different scenes of life (f!tal and proto-f!tal) met and mixed with each other. Although these categories were more plastic and permeable for the prehistoric people, it is worth trying to investigate separately the several situations, where chipped stones played their role. Through these analyses it became clear that, generally, the local raw material is more related to the part of the settlement presumed to be related to daily, while the tell is more oriented toward to distant sources. In other situations the stone itself became a medium and bears a significance of many different dimensions, no matter which is made of. In some cases, the raw material choice and the technology used may have been forced by practical reasons, without any other motives behind it.
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Banded flint from Central Poland – new discoveries, new questions
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Prehistoric banded flint mines were discovered on the northeast margin of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains nearly a hundred years ago. Since then, they have been attracting the attention of several generations of Polish archaeologists. A special place in these studies was taken by a large and well-preserved mining field “Króziomilno”. Intensive research on prehistoric banded flint exploitations in the second quarter of the twentieth century was summarised during the VII International Flint Symposium. In recent years, one has returned to the research of flint mining using new technical possibilities. Geological survey showed the location of many kilometres of outcrops of banded flint in the southwest margin of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains. However, there is no evidence of its use in prehistoric times. Survey also located sporadic occurrences of secondary accumulations of banded flint in glacial deposits in southern Poland (near Kraków). Airborne Laser Scanning (ALS) make it possible to analyze in great detail the entire course of banded flint outcrops from the NE margin of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains. This resulted in the discovery of yet another prehistoric point of exploitation. Also allowed to create detailed maps of all known prehistoric mining sites. These plans reveal a previously unknown method of exploitation and also changed our ideas and state of preservation of most sites. Verification survey surface of prehistoric banded flint mines resulted in the discovery of materials that show in new light the problem to access to resources and how they were used in the final Neolithic and Bronze Age.

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Still in Prehistoric Times? The mined flint for production of high quality tools in Dynastic Egypt
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Flint as a material for the production of implements in Egypt was still common during the Bronze Age. It was caused mostly by the difficult access to copper and tin deposits and especially the costs of the production of metal tools. In contrast, sources of flint were easily accessible for everybody. Additionally, products of this raw material had a long durability and a low cost. Flint appeared almost throughout Egypt, but mined flint of better quality, was placed mostly in wads, such as in Wad el-Sheikh, Wadi Sojoor, Wadi Umm el-Nasa’ab and in Western Thebaid. These places attracted the attention of researchers since the end of the 19th century. However, none of them has been comprehensively examined. Only recently research has been resumed. In the area of the wads there are still places of extraction of raw material, lasting its quality, knapping workshops and some temporary workers’ shelters visible at the surface. On the other hand, there are not many traces of knapping workshops on the settlement area in the Dynastic Period. However, a wide spectrum of everyday objects made of flint is known from the territory of Egypt. This paper is concerned with the study of flint assemblages from a number of Egyptian archaeological sites of the Dynastic Period. The observations suggest that the links with the south were not limited to one area. The presence or absence of these two types of flint has an influence on our knowledge about the meaning of the sources, the use and existence of flint mining and the reconstruction of exchange routes. Unfortunately, mistakes are sometimes made when distinguishing the various flints. In particular “chocolate” flint is mistaken for Jurassic-Cracow flint. To better distinguish those two types of flint we made several analyses. One method we used was Electron Probe Micro Analysis (EPMA). We analyzed several geological samples as well as archaeological artefacts from four prehistoric sites from Chełmno Land. In this paper we present the results of the analyses and their potential implications for our knowledge of Linearbandkeramik communities’ exchange and distribution of siliceous rock. Acknowledgements: The investigations were funded by the National Science Centre in Poland (PRELUDIUM 2; UMO-2011/03/N/HS3/03973).

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Obsidian blades debitage at Kašov-Cepegov I (Bükk Culture), Slovakia
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This paper will present the result of a new study of the site of Kašov-Cepegov I in eastern Slovakia. Excavations at Kašov were led by Dominika Fricová-Banásová during the mid-1980s. Excavations revealed one pit with hundreds of obsidian waste concentrations and associated decorated potsherds belonging to the Bükk Culture (Bnpe 1991). The exploitation and trade of obsidian is usually linked to the Bükk Culture. Previous analyses of chipped stone industries from various sites have shown that obsidian played a major role especially with the existence of so-called specialized on-site workshops where blocks were preliminarily worked and partially exploited to produce blades. The detailed technological study of the concentrations shows that the use and exploitation of obsidian knapping at Kašov is quite an original Neolithic obsidian debitage discovered previously. The production is not very regular and shows « macro blade debitage » as well as smaller blades. Evidence of flint-knapping apprenticeship has also been detected. Finally, we demonstrate that Kalov can rather be interpreted as a domestic assemblage. The obsidian production does not differ much from other blades production made on lennoquartze or radiolarite described on other Bükk sites. We believe that the blade debitage of the pit at Kalov belongs to a laminar tradition that appeared in the Early Phase of the ELC in eastern Slovakia.

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In search of a non-destructive way of identifying lidite in archaeological lithic assemblages
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Lidite is a low grade metamorphosed siliceous sedimentary rock consisting of quartz and approximately 5% noncristalline shungite carbon. The rock has a conchoidal fracture but often contains internal fissures while the noncrystalline carbon gives it a pitch black colour. In Northeast Europe deposits of this raw rock type can be found only on the north-western shores of Lake Onega in Russia among other shungite-bearing rocks. The Onega lidite from bedrock and glaciot-drift-derived pebbles, were used for stone tool raw material since the initial postglacial habitation of southern Karelia in the Mesolithic. Outside present-day Russian Karelia artefacts made of lidite are rare but no systematic study of their distribution outside the core area has been conducted so far. However, several artefacts made of a raw material that we suggest to be lidite were recently detected among the finds from Jokivarsi 1, the earliest Mesolithic site in Finland and some 250 kilometres from the western shore of Lake Onega. In support of our working hypothesis of the source of the Jokivarsi 1 artefacts radiocarbon dates, which indicate contemporary Late Preboreal human presence on the northern shores of the Onega Lake. In order to identify the raw material of the Jokivarsi 1 artefacts, a multidisciplinary research project was designed with two aims: 1) to identify the raw material of the Jokivarsi 1 artefacts using a variety of petrological and geological methods, and 2) to develop a non-destructive method for identifying lidite in archaeological assemblages. The study was conducted and the paper prepared with support from the North Karelia Fund of the Finnish Cultural Foundation and the Russian Scientific Fund (grant 14-17-00766).

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A Danubian raw material exchange network: a case study from Chełmno Land (Poland)
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The Polish Lowland is poor in deposits of good quality raw materials for the manufacture of chipped stone artefacts. Linienbandkeramik communities, in Chełmno Land, distributed good quality siliceous rock. Some of them were distributed over dozens of kilometres. On the sites “imported” flints were predominant. Among the most important are the “chocolate” flint from the northeast margin of the Świętokrzyskie (Holy Cross) Mountains, and Jurassic-Cracow flint from the Polish Jura, near Kraków. From 14 inventories from Chełmno Land were analysed more than 1400 flint artefacts. The presence of distributed materials is from 3.5% to 85%. In the oldest phase Jurassic-Cracow flint predominates, while in the younger stages “chocolate” flint is dominant. The latter is present in several varieties, which indicates that it may have been imported from different outcrops. This suggests that the links with the south were not limited to one area. The presence or absence of these two types of flint has an influence on our knowledge about the meaning of the sources, the use and existence of flint mining and the reconstruction of exchange routes. Unfortunately, mistakes are sometimes made when distinguishing the various flints. In particular “chocolate” flint is mistaken for Jurassic-Cracow flint. To better distinguish those two types of flint we made several analyses. One method we used was Electron Probe Micro Analysis (EPMA). We analyzed several geological samples as well as archaeological artefacts from four prehistoric sites from Chełmno Land. In this paper we present the results of the analyses and their potential implications for our knowledge of Linearbandkeramik communities exchange and distribution of siliceous rock. Acknowledgements: The investigations were funded by the National Science Centre in Poland (PRELUDIUM 2; UMO-2011/03/N/HS3/03973).
Local flint pebbles reduction strategies in the settlement of Sărnate

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The Flint Inventory of the Neolithic and Bronze Age from the sites at Żylicy (western Belarus)

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Localisation of Sources of Obsidian Registered in Bohemian Prehistory (Czech Republic)

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The poster summarises the results of the first geochemical analyses of prehistoric obsidian artefacts from Bohemia (Czech Republic, Central Europe). The analyses focused on eleven samples with reliable find contexts. The majority of the samples come from the Neolithic period (Linear Pottery Culture: LBC, 5500–5000 cal. BC; Stroked Pottery Culture: STK, 5000–4500/4400 cal. BC). Based on the data obtained, it is possible to locate the raw material of nine samples to the Slovakian source called Carpathian 1b (Breho – Čajkov). However, the raw material of the two remaining samples dated to the same period comes from Hungarian sources, Carpathian 2b (Délbénye – Oslávulda). It is therefore evident that in the Neolithic period, obsidian from the Carpathian 2b source was used in Bohemia. Both sources are more than 500 km away from the sites studied, which suggests that direct access to the sources is highly unlikely. There are two possible explanations. Either, the obsidian raw material was transported to the Bohemian territory with the primary aim of gaining the raw material as such (good quality, black colour), disregarding its source. Thus, the final evidence of the two sources in the site is the result of a pure coincidence. The other explanation is based on the possibility that different societies (settlements) had different demands or exchange strategies.

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Chocolate flint extraction points and workshops in Oronoso, Poland. Spatial and functional analysis

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Oronoso village and region is located in the northwest part of the chocolate flint deposits (one of the most valuable raw materials of Poland), on the northeast Masovian margin of the Holy Cross Mountains and Radom Plain, in the district of Radom (Masovian voivodeship). The history of researches in this area began in the early XX century, when S. Krukowski discovered several sites connected with the exploitation of local raw materials that are dated from Late Palaeolithic to Early Bronze Age. During this research, the use of underground, mining methods there was also confirmed, and dated as early as the Late Palaeolithic and probably Early Bronze Age. All of the sites known from archival research (conducted also by other researchers until recently) have been collected in one database. This contains several hundred sites concentrated in the northwest part of the chocolate flint outcrops (about 60 km), connected with the Stone Age settlement. The problem was that the diversity of their density results besides potential prehistoric settlement factors) from the accessibility for research of the area, connected with the hydrology of this region, with many marshy areas that were inaccessible for surface observations, as well as the accuracy of research in particular areas. In part of this area, few investigations such as road building have been undertaken, which would have led to detailed surveys and excavations. Regardless, the database highlights the intensity of the sites and their broad chronological range. This database is consequently increased. Recently, after new surface field works that had to verify known mining sites (mining fields, workshops), new data were collected. This paper presents the information from the sites already known from earlier researches in light of new data obtained during the field works as well as remote sensing, aerial and satellite imagery analysis. Generally, it raises the problem of the Stone Age (mainly Palaeolithic and Mesolithic) settlement organisation system in the vicinity of the flint outcrops, its preferences and dependence on natural conditions, as well as the quality of chocolate flint outcrops vicinity and mining in different periods of the Stone Age.
There are eight multicultural sites known near Žyličy village (Hrodna district). Open-air settlements dating from the Final Palaeolithic until the late Middle Ages are located on the upper and lower terraces of the left bank of the Neman River. Five of them were excavated between 1999 and 2011. The first inventories from sites 3 and 4 comprised mainly debitage products, which makes it difficult to determine their cultural attribution. Materials from sites 1, 2 and 5 are more characteristic and allow the flint industry to be ascribed to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Local Cretaceous flint was used as a raw material. The tool set of the complexes under discussion is typical for the Neolithic and Bronze Age of the Upper Neman region: triangular arrowheads, end-scrapers, borers, knives and knife-like blades, combination tools, burins, splintered pieces, notched tools, axes and adzes. More than 50% of the flint artefacts are waste products: flakes, blades and technical chips. Typological and comparative analyses permit cultural and chronological interpretation of the material as well as highlighting the main features of the local flint industry of the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Therefore, flint materials testify to the presence of the population of the following cultural traditions on the settlements under discussion: Prypiat-Neman and Neman Cultures, the Circle of the Corded Ware Culture, and the Trzciniec Cultural Circle.

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Application of morphometric methods for the lithic analysis based on 2D and 3D visualizations

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Traditionally, tools are regarded as indicative for characterization of ancient cultures and many of the prehistoric cultures have been distinguished mainly based on the characteristic shapes of tools and applied processing technologies. The relatively high level of preservation of stone artefacts determines their special value in prehistoric studies, especially regarding the most ancient periods. Studies to date confirm the importance of morphometry analysis not only for typology and classification, but also for tracing similarities, differences and transitions of shape characteristics comparing archaeological evidences in temporal and spatial context. Moreover, morphology analysis of artefacts reflects also ancient men knowledge, skills and cognition. Morphology analysis quantitatively can be carried out using morphometric methods. Traditional morphometric methods used in archaeology mainly correspond to linear measurements, however, such data do not characterize shape, but refer just to some shape features (e.g., size, certain proportions), thus, such data are not complete. Important contribution to improvement of morphometric methods has been delivered by development of various geometric morphometric methods. These methods are not widely used in archaeology, and studies carried out so far mainly have demonstrated the benefits of certain applications that have been borrowed from other research fields where such methods have been adapted. In this respect, the number of studies conducted do not allow to evaluate the suitability of applied methods and point to fact that still there has not been developed an appropriate methodology that would allow to characterize distinguished tools or tool types, mostly in narrow regional context often applied in case studies, but would be also used as a method for obtaining data for wider comparisons and determination of standard characteristics of artefact shapes. The mentioned indicates that it is necessary to develop a coherent contribution based on examination of morphometric methods and that requires evaluation of morphometric methods in an appropriate context. Morphology analysis is based on precise and uniform documentation of artefacts and one of topical approaches is 3D visualization. Accordingly, in the study were conducted experiments in which the 3D models of pebbles and lithic artefacts were created using Arcon Breuckmann smartSCAN 3D scanner and software OPTOGAT. As well the objects were visualized in 3D by photogrammetric methods using images obtained with a Canon EOS 700D SLR camera, which were processed using software Agisoft PhotoScan Professional and MeshLab. The studied objects had dimensions from 0.5-2.0 cm. Subsequently, application options of various detailization morphometric methods were evaluated using 2D images and 3D models of the studied objects. In order to conduct comprehensive morphology analysis of lithics, documentation and appropriate methodology are important. The study conducted reflects possibilities of accurate documentation in 3D, however, the solutions are resource intensive. The obtained data are more complete comparing with 2D documentation, however, dominant part of information cannot be directly used for interpretation. Therefore, still the high-quality 2D documentation in representative projections of artefacts can be considered as sufficient and should be chosen as minimal requirement for artefact documentation. It also allows choosing items for further detailed research that would be useful to conduct using 3D visualisations.

THI-17 Abstract 01
Buildings, Spaces and Societies: Manorial Sites in Normandy, ca 1050-1200

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This paper focuses on the interpretation of space at manorial sites in Normandy from the central middle ages, and what spatial analysis can provide to a social meaning of a building. Focusing on research undertaken at manorial sites in Calvados, this paper suggests that considering spatial aspects of medieval buildings provides a heightened awareness to the society using these places, particularly in examining the ways in which social authority would be embodied or enacted through the material trappings as well as the spatial indications of the buildings. This paper will ultimately demonstrate the varying applicability of spatial analysis in considering social interpretations of buildings particularly for interdisciplinary studies of buildings and societies. This is seen through the Norman and English case studies of the paper, in seeking to discern aspects of the relationships between these intertwined societies of the central middle ages. Overall the paper will demonstrate that the utilization of spatial analysis can be used not only to deepen an understanding of society and their buildings, such as those in Calvados in a period of cultural exchange, domination, and altering views of authority, but also that the use of this method can further illuminate aspects of space and society by using a different lens to view the Norman worlds of the central middle ages.

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Living on the Edge: Cheshire Castles in Context

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Landscape studies have seen considerable recent debate, resulting in the development of an interdisciplinary research environment. This reengaging with castle studies by promoting new approaches and intermediate studies. However, in this work the county of Cheshire in north-west England has been hitherto ignored, perhaps because few medieval documents exist for the county, and because relatively little archaeological excavations and survey have been undertaken on the county’s castles. Interdisciplinary landscape research for Cheshire’s castles therefore distinguishes from previous studies, in its recognition, definition and presentation of the entire medieval county of Cheshire as a medieval frontier. Considered separate from England by its contemporaries, this frontier, and the unique power of the earls of Chester, provided the context for the multifarious purposes and forms of Cheshire’s castles. Placing the construction of the castle within the political framework of
Anglo-Welsh social and political relations is therefore an original dimension of this paper to both castle studies and to the study of the medieval March of Wales.

However, the frontier of Cheshire also had influence beyond its boundaries: it was representative, and indeed pivotal, to changes within the British Isles. The county was clearly and intrinsically linked with the overall political, social and economic developments of not only England, but also Wales and the Irish Sea Province. This paper therefore questions traditional documentary and secondary source narratives, which have taken on divisive Welsh versus English cultural identities based on false or irrelevant, modern, and thus constructive, historical time periods and territorial boundaries.

TH1 Abstract 03
The archaeology of medieval buildings in a borderland: a study-case
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Keywords: buildings archaeology, medieval church, Transylvania
Presentation Preference - Oral

In my paper I will provide an accurate overview of this topic and focus on the ruined church uncovered recently in Alba Iulia fortress – the oldest medieval church ever found north of the Lower Danube. The ruins were unexpectedly discovered during structural works, in a very complicated stratigraphic context, consequence of the use of the area during the last two thousand years. Preliminary, Roman, post-Roman, Depot, and 8th-10th centuries’ habitation evidence indicates that this site was in use for about a hundred years, until it was in turn pulled down during the second half of the 11th century, when the first Roman Catholic Cathedral was being built. Subsequently, the ruins were disturbed and partly destroyed by the 11th-12th centuries’ medieval grayvayard and later by numerous medieval and modern intrusions. The analysis of this discovery (archaeological context, architectural features, building materials) offers a unique opportunity to explore the history of the Carpathian Basin around the year 1000.

TH1 Abstract 04
PETRAPLOSA. Building and historical development of medieval fort
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Keywords: development, Medieval fort, preliminary reconstructions
Presentation Preference - Oral

The Medieval fort Petrapilosa is situated in the northeast of the Istrian peninsula in the Republic of Croatia. It is one of the largest, and as historical sources indicates, one of the most significant feudal forts in Istria. Systematic archaeological researches of the fort area have been conducted in the last six years that confirmed the lengthy and very dynamic development of this fort. The results of the archaeological researches in combination with the detailed analysis of the preserved wall structure allowed us to distinguish several phases of development that cover period from 11th till 17th century - a process that synthesises both the stages of growth and development and episodes of destruction or degradation. These analyses allowed us a reconstruction of the appearance of the fort in its various developmental phases. Development of building structures was closely connected with different phases that more or less influenced the character of buildings and activities that have been happening in and around it. In a way, preserved structures of Petrapilosa are reflection of historical processes that have been changing Istrian peninsula through long period of Middle Ages.

TH1 Abstract 05
Medieval Roof Trusses in the Swedish landscape of Västergötland
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This paper deals with the methods and results of an inventory made 2014-2015 with the aim to survey what is preserved of medieval roof constructions in church attics in the Diocese of Skara in the landscape of Västergötland of western Sweden. More or less intact roof trusses from the 12th century up until the first half of the 13th century are scarcely preserved outside Scandinavia, which add up to the importance of mapping this quite unknown heritage in Sweden. Similar surveys have been made in the diocese of Lund; Skara, Stockholm, Strängnäs and Västerås during 2013-2015 and are about to be made in Linköping, thus giving us a more complete view of the grade of preservation. It has been as-sumed that the Swedish material may consist of some hundred Romanesque roof structures and probably almost a hundred Gothic structures. Until the conduct of above mentioned surveys our knowledge of the number of preser-ved objects was scarce and or less random. In the present stand it seems that the early med-ieval roof structures of churches in the landscapes of Göteborg may comprise the largest preserved corpus of this kind in Northern Europe. This heritage is at time of importance as a source for the dating of churches and for understanding the process behind their erection.

164 churches in the Diocese of Skara have medieval origins. They are all situated in the old landscape of Västergötland. The survey has identified whole or partly preserved medieval roof constructions or traces of such in the attics of almost 70 of these churches. 28 roofs can be regarded as well preserved roof trusses with tie beam, dating from the 12th century and the first half of the 13th century. Ten are only partly preserved and 18 remains as reused parts in later constructions. Some of the early medieval churches have been dated with dendrochronology and span from the 1110s up to around 1250. A group of roof trusses with two cantilever struts (often meeting the rafters and tie beam) with tenons seems to belong to the oldest ones, though these are only partly preserved in a few geographically concentrated churches. The most common type of roof truss has crossed struts, the most advanced of them boasts six and the most simple two. Some of these roof trusses have decorative features or mountings for liturgical bells, which clearly shows that the earliest stone churches in the diocese did not have ceilings or vaults. Four early medieval tower roofs have been preserved.

From the end of the 12th century up until the beginning of the 16th century, very few constructs-ions are preserved. Probably there was a period where the interesting building activity was almost completely a thing of the past. However, the frontier of Cheshire also had influence beyond its boundaries: it was representative, and indeed pivotal, to changes within the British Isles. The county was clearly and intrinsically linked with the overall political, social and economic developments of not only England, but also Wales and the Irish Sea Province. This paper therefore questions traditional documentary and secondary source narratives, which have taken on divisive Welsh versus English cultural identities based on false or irrelevant, modern, and thus constructive, historical time periods and territorial boundaries.

TH1 Abstract 06
The Cathedral of Anagni, A case study of the evolution of Southern Lazio in the the Middle Ages
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Keywords: buildings archaeology, cathedral, medieval Italy
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The cathedral is one of the most distinctive buildings of the medieval city. Symbol of the power of the Bishop and of the Church and connected with the heart of Orvieto represented by the city of Orvieto, the cathedral offers a valuable insight into medieval society. In Italy this type of building influenced settlement dynamics in different ways across the geographical areas. In particular, in Central and Southern Italy, the cathedral was often a site in conflict due to the proliferation of dioceses with limited territorial extension and uncertain borders subject to suppressions and unifications. It is within this context that the proposed case study of the Cathedral of St. Mary in Anagni is located. Today this church presents a Romanesque architectural style, as designed and developed by Bishop Peter from Salerno, in the eleventh century. However, its history dates back at least two centuries earlier. A comparison between archaeological data and written sources points to the hypothesis that the first cathedral was built in the ninth century by Bishop Rumaudus of Anagni, the same spot where today rests the Romanesque church. It is thus possible to reconstruct the development of the cathedral over the centuries from the Early to the Late Middle Ages. The church of St. Mary can be situated within the historical evolution of the territory at a time when the Carolingian kings recognised and guaranteed to the Church of Rome its spiritual and political power by granting it large portions of land to rule. Evidence of this wide administration is found in the exceptional epigraphic record that is today held at the Diocesan Museum of Anagni. The record consists of a corpus of inscriptions all of which are ascribable to the same charity laudanda, namely a documentary epigraph; a copy of a rotary deed which lists charters and landed properties attributed to the cathedral. The inscriptions, characterized by strong stylistic and paleographic similarities, are engraved on parts of sculptural ornaments belonging to the liturgical decoration of the ninth century church. The examination of these inscriptions has generated two results. Firstly, a reconstruction of the extent and importance of the land donated to the church; secondly, a hypothesis about the original location of the marble pieces today decontextualized by their display in a museum. The decoration engraved with inscriptions has an even more important value if we consider that many of the fragments were consciously reused by Bishop Peter from Salerno for the Romanesque makeover with a clear symbolic intent of reconnecting with a historical moment of supremacy of the Roman Church in which bishops, as local representatives, were the pinnacle of territorial power.
This paper will outline the importance of examining the full range of buildings found at the medieval hospitals of England, and how they interact as part of a complex, for understanding how these sites functioned, both physically and religiously. The medieval hospital first appeared in England in the 1080s, with two founded by Archbishop Lanfranc of Canterbury, and they lasted until 1547 when Edward VI passed the Chantries Act, abolishing the practice of prayers for the souls of the dead. In the four and a half centuries between these dates, the medieval hospitals were utilised by the charitable to cater to a range of people deemed worthy of Christian charity. Whilst poverty was an overwhelming concern, this often manifested in care for sufferers of leprosy or in sheltering poor wayfarers and pilgrims, and often attention has focused on seeing how different hospitals cared for different people. Unfortunately this has often meant that examination of their underlying ideological foundation, especially architectural layout, has tended to be secondary. Previous architectural discussion of English medieval hospitals have focussed specifically on the infirmary hall and chapel, the most likely elements to survive as standing remains, and have otherwise noted little overall planning to the site. If the rest of the buildings, such as kitchens or dormitories, are studied at all. Archaeologically, despite the ever increasing number of excavations from across the country, there has only been limited synthesis, the most complete by Roberta Gilchrist in 1995. In both fields the great variation in the nature and form of these buildings across the country has been noted and described as random, but medieval hospitals acted within a form of spiritual economy that also included institutions such as monasteries, nunneries, friaries, charities, and charter houses. Despite the overwhelming religious nature of these institutions, the underlying presence of a structure to their space has never truly been investigated.

New research has suggested that when looking at these sites as a whole a hierarchy of space can be seen that implies that at some level there was a unified conception of how these sites should look and function, with areas to the south and east being ideologically higher than the north and west. Utilising case studies from excavated hospitals across England these structured spaces will be explored, from the famous St Mary Spital in London, to St Bartholomew’s at Bristol, to small pilgrim cells such as St Mary Magdalene at Patney, and suggest that the layout of English medieval hospitals was likely based upon religious ideology, social standing, and attitudes to gender. This paper will also highlight some of the implications this ordering of space may have had for those residing in the hospital complex, both staff and inmates. Ultimately the nature of the structured space is not surprising, given the mixed nature of these communities, with men and women, religious and secular, rich and poor, living together. What is surprising is the apparent ubiquity of this structuring across the country and throughout the later medieval period.

TH1-17 Abstract 08
Saint Gunther and the Central Bavarian Forest - Was his monastery the beginning of settlement?
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Keywords: Geoarchaeology, Monastery, Settlement
Presentation Preference - Oral

This question is the central part of a beginning master’s thesis dealing with geoarchaeological methods and how they can help us interpret archaeological evidence concerning settlement, landscape and the human impact on landscape and nature.

The monastery of Rinchnach, located in the Bavarian Forest, is said to have been the first settlement in this region. Apparently, St Gunther, founder of the monastery, started the clearing of the forest and the building itself back in 1011 AD. Now this historical date is to be analysed with various methods. The research on geoarchaeological prospection data, cores from swamps or colurns and other archives could give us hints and reliable data about the first activities there and tell us, whether the foundation of the monastery really was the beginning of human settlement in the forest. Another advantage is that the combination of archaeological, geographical, geological and historical sources can give an insight into land use, agriculture, the origin of building materials and perhaps the general human impact on flora, fauna and landscape itself. Furthermore with analyses like radiocarbon dating or archaeobotanical reasearches, a chronological overview can be given.

However, as these works are still in progress, the presentation will only give an overview on preliminary results. Its goal is to show the possibilities of geoarchitecture and its necessity to create reliable data that can be well interpreted and answer geoarchaeological and historic questions.

This way, historical evidence and the impact that mankind had on different sites can be reconstructed. With interdisciplinary methods, the progress of technology and new approaches, various data can be collected and used to work with.

Altogether, these methods can contextualize this medieval monastery in relation to settlement activities in the Central Bavarian Forest and offer information about its influence on the region and how human activities shaped this low mountain range in the last millennium.

TH1-17 Abstract 09
Medieval Oslo’s Masonry Buildings Revisited
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Recent excavations in Oslo’s medieval town revealed two masonry cellars close to the episcopal complex. Both cellars date to the late 13th or early 14th century, i.e. the high-medieval period in Norway. Most excavated masonrycellars in Oslo are interpreted as late- or post-medieval.

However, this paper problematizes the basis for the dating of some of these structures. The recent finds accentuate the need to revisit Oslo’s masonry buildings and discuss the impression of the medieval town as an almost exclusively timber-constructed town, built around the high-status masonry complexes belonging to the bishop, the king, and the monastic orders. This paper will utilise both archaeological and written sources and address Oslo’s known secular masonry buildings, their chronology, context, use, and owners. A central question is how the masonry buildings functioned as social markers in a town where the secular architecture mainly consisted of timber constructions.

Oslo might have a greater number of medieval masonry buildings than hitherto believed. This possibility impacts earlier interpretations of Oslo’s town’s social topography. A central aspect considered in this paper is how the secular masonry architecture reflects the builders’ status, motives, and activities.

TH1-17 Abstract 10
The metalworker’s farm. A study of a medieval “bygården” in Oslo
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Keywords: Building and property, medieval town, Norway
Presentation Preference - Oral

Since 2013 the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research has been excavating several sites in the medieval town in Oslo, in connection with a major railway project. One of the sites contained remains from several phases of medieval buildings with domestic and industrial activity from the late 11th to the early 14th century.

This paper aims to present one of the buildings in a Norwegian medieval town property, a “bygården”, literally a “farm in the town’. The building itself has at least two building phases, and possibly several phases of occupation and use. There are several ovens used for metalworking on the property, as well as evidence of domestic activities like a latrine and keeping animals. I will show how the use of the building and the surrounding property changes over time and how they fit into the context of the town.

The excavations have shown that several of the neighboring properties may also have been used for metalworking. This could mean that the buildings and other features in the excavated area formed part of a metalworking district in the heart of the town of Oslo until a new law, Magnus the Law-mender’s law for the towns, was introduced around 1276. This law regulated metalworking activities to the fringes of the town because of the risk of fire. The excavated building was destroyed in a fire, demonstrating the need for such regulations.

TH1-17 Abstract 11
Finnish medieval brickmakers’ marks as markers of identity
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Late medieval brickmakers’ marks used in the Nordic countries are a poorly studied set of symbols used by master brickmakers to sign their production. The signs consist mostly of symbols that derive from the common medieval imagery - attributes of saints, apostropic symbols and letters. In Finland the brickmakers’ marks can be mostly found in still standing masonry buildings like castles and particularly churches. Lately they have also been found in excavations of urban sites. As the marks seem to have been personal, they offer also a mean of relative dating of masonry buildings. A hypothesis has emerged that these marks could be used to study both the medieval brickmaking industry and the visual and mental culture behind the marks. Furthermore the comparison of marks in different buildings makes it possible to study the geographic areas where the brickmakers worked. In this way the marks could reveal data about the craftsmen that has not been preserved in written sources. I will also bring up the question of the ethnicity of the medieval brickmakers who worked in the area of modern Finland. Were they Swedish-Finnish or German?

TH1-17 Abstract 12
To build the Medieval harbourside of Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark
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Presentation Preference - Oral

From the Early Medieval period onwards, the harbourside of Copenhagen was constantly developed to provide a safe and profitable harbour for shipping and trade. By the 1400s, the harbourside had expanded southwards to Gammel Strand, and this area became...
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The Formation of the three-compartment rural house in medieval Central Europe

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Presentation Preference: Oral

A new house form represented by a three-compartment rural dwelling was formed in Central Europe during the 12th – 14th century. Consisting of a central entrance room, a living room and a storage room (in the Eastern Central Europe) or a byre (in Western Central Europe) it has remained the most common type of traditional village house until the 20th century. Identical house forms appeared in areas of fundamentally different early medieval building traditions of “Germanic” and “Slavic” culture spheres. A comparison of the formal attributes of this new house form with earlier house types provides evidence of a formation process which can be characterized as a synthesis or type of cultural hybridity based on the mutual influences.

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Urban life in an early byzantine small scale house

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The early byzantine settlement of Carinçin Grad in southern Serbia, which is supposed to be the imperial city rustinvana Prima, existed for merely 90 years. Without any marks of earlier or later occupation, the excavations provide undisturbed insight into everyday life in an early medieval settlement of the 6th century. Excavations in Carinçin Grad take place since 100 years. The early campaigns concentrated on representative buildings like churches, while the emphasis nowadays is on the living quarters. Considering the concept and methodology of Household Archaeology, one single room house was excavated in 2014 and 2015 in high resolution with integration of archaeobiology and soil science. The finds indicate a habitational function.

The interpretation of the building bases on the results of the interdisciplinary research. The simple configuration of the house and the multiplicity of potential types of use in a single room structure challenge the examination. This is the crucial point where field work and the theories of Household Archaeology come together. Working with an elementary constructed house and a few objects connected with specific activities restrict the possibilities which houses with many rooms and outdoor-areas may provide. It is necessary to examine the activities in- and outside the building to understand the function the household fullfills in the settlement system regarding social, religious and economic aspects. The building accommodated one or more persons who belonged to a lower social stratum. Taking their perspective on the settlement raises the question of their everyday life. The household can be seen as the place where social roles are negotiated in daily routine and thus as a social landscape which reflects the mentality of the dwellers. The analysis of installations and formation processes helps to understand activities carried out in daily routine and how the domestic space may be used. The distribution of finds is imbalanced between the inside of the house and its exterior which depiction the pattern of disposal organisation. This and other domestic activities display in little organisation of the whole settlement. Working on households provides information of how the dwellers contributed to the development of the society. Changes and continuities in the ceramic spectrum and the settlement structure may indicate cultural but also economic transformations which concerned the ordinary people directly.

The talk will examine if it is generally possible to work with the household concept if there are unspecific structures or if it is rather necessary to apply it to gain more information. For this purpose it will place the archaeological remains of a specific small scale house into the context of the organisation of a settlement.

Abstract 17

The Alp Fenga - Analysis of a post medieval alpine dairy hut in the Silvretta Alps

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The Alp Fenga has been analysed in form of a bachelor thesis in the year 2013. It was possible to determine typology, chronology and functionality with an interdisciplinary approach.

Beginning in 2007 with a field survey it has been excavated in three campaigns. Due to the project “Rückwege” there should be created a record of human activities and environmental changes within this region. The building can be interpreted due to the finds, results and historical notes. For example the ground plan of the hut has similarities in the 18th/19th century. Furthermore with the help of dendrochronological examination, analysing finds (e.g. the only coin and historical maps this dating could be verified. Although this building is meant to be built in the 18th/19th century, we also have clues and written evidences that the pasturing activities already started in the medieval period.

Another attempt in the whole region to record archaeological sites was to collect data with satellite images, drones and geoarchaeological methods. Beside the chronology it was possible to find evidences for almost constant human activities in this high mountain region. In conclusion the Alp Fenga is an important pat for the archaeological research of dairy farming in the Silvretta Alps.
The rise and development of brick production in Vilnius, the capital of the former Grand Duchy of Lithuania, was inspired as strategic importance craft. The production of bricks has been changing and improving during more than seven centuries. Therefore brick is an important source providing the knowledge about the technical development, production potential and cultural influence during different periods. The evaluation of physical and chemical properties of bricks would enable us to judge about the technological standards of Vilnius bricks, deviations from them and their reasons. The promising investigation methods of the old bricks are related to applied methods of exact sciences. One of them is geochemical method. The geochemical data statistically grouped using Ward’s hierarchical clustering (Sarcevičius, Taralálievičius, 2015, Archaeologia Lituana, v.16, p.45-62) enables to hypothesize that: a) in certain chronological periods the material for construction of buildings and production of bricks could be extracted from the same or adjacent clay deposits similar in mineral composition; b) there existed brick production technologies specific for that period. So, it is possible to try to create peculiar “multivariate recalibration matrices” with as many as possible dated or characterised by other parameters samples. According to them it would be possible to determine at least approximate data of the newly found interesting brick of unknown chronology or to compare other features.

Geochemical investigations are understood as a complex of methods which includes: a) purposeful selection of brick fragment samples, b) multi-elemental method of determination of real total contents of elements, c) multivariate statistical analysis (cluster, factor analysis), d) analysis of the ratios of geochemical indices, e) graphical representation of data. Energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence is usually used for investigation of chemical composition. Its advantage is that great number of chemical elements which can be determined including those related to clay minerals and their additives (Al, Ca, Fe, Mg, Na, K, Si, Ti) accompanied by specific trace elements (Ga, Co, Cr, Cu, Mn, Nb, Ni, Rb, Sr, S, P, Br, Cl, Zn, Pb, etc.).

Aiming to obtain more precise interpretation of brick origin and technological processes using geochemical methods it would be useful: a) to take more (³3) sub-samples from the same brick (avoiding the effect of random sample selection), b) to take samples from the inner part of the brick (reducing anthropogenicchemical component), c) to use multivariate analysis method with obligatory determination of total content of main major chemical elements and their specific satellites, d) to compile geochemical database of as many as possible exactly dated bricks (when a, b and c requirements are met), e) to select the set of chemical elements for multivariate analysis basing on various geochemical features (not only variability of composition), f) to verify and supplement the results of cluster analysis with the help of other multivariate statistical methods; g) to accumulate geochemical data on potential raw material (clay) deposits.

A glimpse of the main street in Medieval Oslo

During the excavations at the Folto line project a small plot outside the main excavation area was explored in the medieval town of Oslo. Although the first meter of the cultural layer was disturbed, there were still preserved 11 stratigraphically layers of which 9 was from a street. It was soon determined the street was the main street in Medieval Oslo – Vestre strete (western street). Vestre strete connected the Maria Church with the Cathedral and Bispegården (the Bishops House). The part of the street excavated was 9 meters connected the Maria Church with the Cathedral and Bispegården (the Bishops House). The part of the street excavated was 9 meters.

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THE LATE NEOlITHIC AND BRONZE AGE

Social Dynamics and Transformation during the Late Neolithic and Bronze Age

This session aims at exploring the avenues of social dynamics through periods of significant transformations during prehistory. In specific the session wants to highlight the Late Neolithic and the Bronze Age with particular focus on the LN/EBBA and EBA/ LBA transitions. Are these just conceptual divisions, or are there material culture that provides an understanding of the social dynamics leading towards the observed profound transformation of the societies? We explicitly seek to frame these issues by exploring the relation between material culture and resources leading to social and political constellations and how this is framed by environmental differences.

What happens when resources and technologies change or are transformed? Further we want to question if there is a sharp decline in the LN, which gave rise to the BA, or if there are regional variations in this respect. Likewise, we want to question what happens during the transition to the LBA (Mont. till fyr) by analyzing the social dynamics involved. The session welcomes case studies and comparative studies addressing these themes, but also theoretical approaches on social dynamics in periods of transformation. The session will be geographically limited to the Nordic Bronze Age sphere including all parts of Northwest Europe (e.g. the Baltic states, Nordic countries and countries bordering the Atlantic).

One burial at a time: Integrating eventful archaeology and mortuary analysis

Social change often comes as a thunderbolt shattering structured and institutionalized landscapes of human-material relations. Social change generally becomes recognized and experienced as an event. It is perceived as a single, synchronous episode affecting multiple intersecting spheres of life. Most of social progress, however, remains invisible, hidden from the broader public and from the outside observer with no durable and less visible material traces. Nevertheless, it is critical to recognize that individual occurrences of negotiating stasis and change contribute to the particular shape events take. Additionally such occurrences construct the social, political and economic circumstances that enable events to have a sweeping material effect on society. These observations are exponentially significant in the study of past societies. In archaeological analyses major transformations become recognized mostly through detectable and durable broad scale ruptures in the articulation of people and material resources. Most processes leading up to such events remain invisible. The goal of this paper is to provide a theoretical framework for the analysis of social negotiations shaping major shifts in European prehistory. Integrating Victor Turner’s theory on ritual process and William Sewell’s concept of historical change I will present a historical processualist approach to death rituals. I argue that a contextual and sequential analysis of funerals is a powerful tool to reveal micro-political processes contributing to broad historical transformations.

Big men and small chiefs – social transformations during the early 2nd millennium BC

The Neo lithic societies of southern Scandinavia were clearly demarcated from those of the Masolithic by labour-intensive, large-scale construction works such as monumental tombs and enclosures. However, we do not yet see the long-distance, monopolized exchange of metal and prestige items that characterises Bronze Age societies from period II onwards, and which bear witness to a chiefdom organisation.
How then should we perceive the Late Neolithic and Earliest Bronze Age societies of southern Scandinavia? One of the most significant features of the Late Neolithic was the ‘reinvention’ of metal. Even though limited in number, the presence of metal objects bears witness to the establishment of far-reaching contact and exchange networks, which then developed further from around 2000 BC, as a result of increased links with the Jōnisse culture. The amount of imported metal had, however, not yet reached a level, which allowed the creation of formal hierarchies. Helms and depictions show the display of wealth and surplus, probably deposited as the culmination of large gatherings and feasts, which included the distribution of food and drink. The variation in length evident in contemporary dagger types indicates furthermore that supreme examples functioned as elite items that were used as status symbols, bride price etc. What we see is probably the appearance of some kind of big-man competition for power and recognition through feasts and potlatch-like giveaways. However, this status was not yet formalised into fixed hierarchies. One of the reasons for this lack of formalised hierarchisation was probably that it was difficult to monopolise the necessary raw materials (for example flint for the production of flint daggers). Copper and gold, on the other hand, held opportunities for control by powerful and influential lineages or individuals, as these metals could only be obtained through exchange. Consequently, if upcoming chiefs were able to monopolise external exchange, increased social stratification could be facilitated and might have led to the formation of self-perpetuating elites. The occurrence of large ‘chiefdom’ houses and the increasing number of metal objects evident from 2000 BC onwards shows that certain individuals and/or lineages were successful in creating a production surplus to be exchanged for metal objects and that these lineages were able to obtain influential positions in the exchange networks over time. The creation of chiefdom structures was, of course, a long and complicated social process with no single explanatory factor, as clearly illustrated by copper imports in the Early Neolithic, which did not lead to the formation of formal hierarchies.

However, in contrast to the Early Neolithic, metal was, from around 2000 BC, an inevitable precondition for the production of ‘international’ status symbols and up-to-date weaponry such as daggers, halberds and spearsheads, as well as gold and bronze rings etc. The necessity of obtaining bronze and gold meant that it became more difficult to manifest oneself as an influential individual or ‘big-man’ without access to these prestige goods. As a consequence, formal hierarchies and centralisation of wealth developed further and the classic Nordic Bronze Age became a reality.

Keywords: Bronze Age, amber finds, Northern Germany

One of the typical features of the given period, inhumation of the whole body, is interpreted as the evidence of increased emphasis on the individual in funerary practice. This might be seen and has been discussed as enabling e.g. a remembrance of an individual or a creation of a bond between an individual belonging to some group and a particular part of landscape. In the paper I want to focus on the barrow cemetery of Five Knolls near Dunstable, South England, excavated in the 19th and early 20th century.

I use these barrows as an example on which I want to explore the ways in which the modernist concept of “individual” have been used to interpret the change in funerary practices, or, to put it more explicit – how the modernist concept of individual proliferates into the discussion of features within archaeological context. My aim is not to refute the idea of the individual altogether, but to explore other potential productive ways of interpreting the funerary practice based on closing the line of communication between the barrow.

TH1-18 Abstract 05

Investigation of transition phases by the example of the Bronze Age amber finds in northern Germany

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Multiplesocial processes are taking place at the transition between cultural phases. Their reflection by analysing the amber finds gives information about the influence of dynamic changes on the raw material accessibility and craftsmen production which point to a special demand of the Bronze Age Societies.

Amber finds were part of the ornamental art and were involved in complex social practices concerning the prestige system, the group identity and the individual representation. In the German Bronze Age, personal adornment was a discontinuous phenomenon, prevailed in different areas and appearing in varying sorts of jewerly types. This paper discusses the disparate effects of the Bronze Age transition phases (LN/EARLY/EBALBA) at the amber artifacts in northern Germany with regard to their special find context and the patterns of distribution. The results will lead to a nuanced view of the influence of socialcultural transmissions on the amber use.

TH1-18 Abstract 06

Finding a place to call home: an analysis of Bronze Age settlement change in South West Britain

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Keywords: Bronze Age, GIS, Settlement

Presentation Preference - Oral

The Bronze Age in Britain (c. 2200-800 BC) is the span of time in which inhabitants of the island truly shifted to wholesale use of permanent sedimentary settlements. Before this period houses are largely limited to the Early Neolithic and are far fewer in number that those that may be attributed to the Middle Bronze Age and beyond. As such the archaeology provides an opportunity to truly understand a society which underwent profound social transformation as expressed in the shift to permanent settlement structures.

However, despite extensive archaeological and major research programmes, there are still no convincing explanations for the significant trends seen during this period such as: the relative invisibility of settlements from c. 2200-1500 BC (Allen 2005); the dramatically increased visibility of settlements after c. 1500 BC (Brück 2000); the emergence of apparently defended settlements and hillforts from c. 1200 BC (Brown 2008); and the perplexing and continuing absence of any villages (Rathbone 2013).

Previous analyses of Bronze Age living spaces in Britain have traditionally concentrated upon the structure and activities occurring within defined settlements or small settlement clusters (e.g. Pope 2003). Instead, this paper will present a new method that systematically compares the contents of settlement ensembles using the initial results of my PhD research, focusing on 60 settlements sites found solely within the southwest region of Britain (Wiltshire to Shropshire to Dorset). I discuss the variations in these settlements’ placements over time in respect to contemporary and antecedent cultural and landscape features within their environs. These environs are defined through a custom cost surfaces model which has been used to estimate the maximum distances that might have been reached by occupants of these settlements, considering slope and terrain, within one day. The comparison of these environs’ contents has begun to identify trends in priorities of these site’s inhabitants in relation to both “economic” and earlier ritual features which will be shown to change over the course of the Bronze Age.

By doing so I hope to present and explore the social transformations that must have occurred during the Bronze Age in Britain and to comment on how effectively this period represents a time in which society changed profoundly.


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**TH1-18 Abstract 07**

*Renfre reloaded: the social organisation of monument construction in Neolithic Wessex*

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In 1973, Colin Renfrew published Monuments, mobilisation and social organisation in Neolithic Wessex. This seminal study examined how the amount of time invested in monument building changed throughout the Neolithic period in south central England. Renfrew's (1973) calculations appeared to demonstrate that the number of 'man-hours' invested in building monuments increased as the absolute numbers of individual monuments fell. On the basis of these findings, Renfrew (1973) argued that a number of hierarchical, centrally controlled chiefdoms had emerged in Wessex by the Late Neolithic / EBA period. He summed that whilst the smaller, tribal societies of the earlier Neolithic had built many, small monuments, the later and more populous polities of the Late Neolithic harnessed labour from vast geographical areas in order to build the few large henge enclosures of Stonehenge, Avebury, Ditchling etc.

The implications of Renfrew's (1973) study were far reaching: the great monuments of Wessex were, in effect, presented as the earliest evidence of hierarchical institutions exercising power and control in Britain. Moreover, in contrast to earlier, culture-historical models of the past, Renfrew's (1973) explanatory framework succinctly demonstrated how internal processes, not external influences, could drive large-scale social change. Throughout the 1980s and 90s, however, a number of researchers began to question Renfrew's (1973) claims and the anthropological theory that underpinned them (e.g. Hodder, 1985; Barrett, 1994). They argued that functionalist, social evolutionary models like Renfrew's (1973) were simply a means of making the historically specific and unfamiliar comprehensible (Barrett 1994:161). In fact, the actions and experiences of individuals – the very things that actually constitute human history – were erroneously being written out of these overly generalised accounts of the past.

This postprocessual view garnered particular popularity within the field of British prehistoric monumentality and, from the mid-1980s onwards, there was a rapid move away from quantifying the intrinsic properties of Neolithic monuments towards a structuralist consideration of the kind of social orders their form, material, or position in the landscape could have embodied (e.g. Parker Pearson and Richards 1994). This theoretical shift allowed archaeologists to successfully retake narratives of monumentality around the individual but it also had two other consequences. Firstly, the empirical basis of Renfrew's (1973) thesis was never thoroughly interrogated (though see Starlin and Bradley, 1981) and, secondly, alternative narratives of how changing monumentality fitted into large-scale upheavals within social organisation were eschewed.

This paper attempts to redress this imbalance by critically examining Renfrew's (1973) claim that the labour expended on constructing prehistoric monuments steadily increased over time. Renfrew's (1973) methods are reviewed, replicated and his sample expanded so that a more comprehensive but comparable set of data are generated. These data are subjected to statistical and a variety of spatial analyses within a GIS package. The results are considered in terms of how they may be used to construct an alternative narrative of large-scale social change in Wessex from c. 4000 BC – 2000 BC.

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**TH1-18 Abstract 08**

*Making silent stones speak. A diachronic view on flint craftsmanship in Bronze Age Denmark*

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**Keywords:** Bronze Age Denmark, craft specialization, lithic technology

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

An archaeological examination of lithic inventories from a number of Danish Bronze Age settlement sites will provide the basis for a discussion of the role of skilled mass production of lithic artefacts in past metal using societies. Based on a contextual chain operator analysis the paper will focus on the technological and socio-economic processes pertaining to raw material exploitation patterns and procurement strategies through time and it will examine the question of control over and access to resources. The concluding discussion will proceed to address the degree of craft specialization and the role of flint craftsmanship on a diachronic scale in relation to contemporary socio-economic structures.

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**TH1-18 Abstract 09**

*Contact Networks in Metalcraft: the Nordic Bronze Age between 1500-1100 BC*

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**Keywords:** Itinerant craftpeople, Metalcraft, workshop organisation

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Different craftpeople and their area of influence could be identified, from a craftsperson's point of view, and as such also workshops and contact networks. With the knowledge of distinct techniques, the different skill levels of craftpeople and their affiliation to each other the organisation of metal craft and specific workshops were defined within the Nordic Bronze Age. The intensive exchange of technical knowledge between workshops around the North Sea formed contact networks that are clearly visible in the material of the Nordic Bronze Age. This presentation will focus on distinct traces on bronze ornaments that show the development of specific technologies or techniques especially at the beginning of the middle Bronze Age and its end. The analysis of said technological peculiarities resulted in differently structured workshops, like kinship based workshops (spread over the entire area and probably related to villages), communities of practice (with an extended market and possibly some kind of relationship to the local elite) and occasionally also attached craft, in the sense that the craftpeople fully depended on a governing institution (raw material supply, workshops and far reaching knowledge exchange), which will be shortly introduced.

Moreover, the focus should lie on the influence of the surrounding regions on specific technological developments. As technological innovation and the specific use of stylistic elements clearly separates single workshops from each other, and support the idea of regional groups within the social unit Nordic Bronze Age, this analysis tries to show the contact networks in between and explains how and why we can talk about one social unit during the Bronze Age.

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**TH1-18 Abstract 10**

*Dynamics and transformation during the Late Bronze Age of western Norway*

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**Keywords:** EBA-LBA, Materiality, Transformation

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

This paper aims to take an in-depth look at the changes that take place during the transition from the Early Bronze Age (EBA) to the Late Bronze Age (LBA) in western Norway. Traditionally western Norway had a central position during the Late Neolithic and EBA, but during the transformation of the Bronze Age, there is an apparent change in relations and material culture in the LBA. It has been argued that the region loses much of its significance to the cost of eastern Norway. Therefore, this paper will look at the materiality including changes in burial patterns and the use of various raw materials of the LBA in western Norway and correlate this with possible changes in economic structures and agricultural practice. This will be combined with the broader north european pattern of changes in order to understand the social dynamics involved in these processes.

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**TH1-18 Abstract 11**

*Social dynamics in Bronze Age Scania*

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

In southern Scania an interesting turning point appeared around 1200 BC when the tradition of building mounds came to an end and was replaced by urn burials. New excavations in south Sweden (Scania) demonstrate the urn burials to be organised as grave fields possibly related to individual farms. In parallel to these changes the number of different grown crops expanded and the tradition of building very large longhouses came to an end. These changes demonstrate a rather complex re-organization of the cultural landscape. In this paper I will discuss whether changes in burial traditions and resource exploitations also involved a new social organisation focusing on the individual household. Does this re-organization of the cultural landscape reflect a social dynamic through time?
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Turganic Settlement in the Southern Ural: Stratigraphy, Planigraphy and Radiocarbon Chronology

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Presentation Preference: Poster

The settlement is located in the north-western part of Orenburg region. About 800 square meters of the settlement area were investigated (1982–2014–2015). The stratigraphy on the all excavation trench is the same. The lower cultural layer of the Enolithic (the E-complex) is presented with ceramics, and flint and bone artifacts. Ceramics can distinguish two types of Samarsky culture. The flint artifacts (about 2000 copies) represent only 60% of the finds are represented with blades and tools made from blades; about 20% are represented with flakes. The tools made of blades are represented with end-scrapers, chisels, sharp points, arrow heads, and blades with stretching. The finding of an accumulation of semi-finished products and unbroken tips made of large bones of horse, bear, and deer horn, that were surrounded by flint microliths is very important. The found copper ingot which has been attributed as an object of Balkan origin can also be dated as Enolithic. The BA-complex (Early Bronze Age) was well-represented findings as ceramics (about 2000 fragments of more than 50 vessels), animal bones, wreathages of construction stones, macro products made of sandstone and big pebbles, tools made of bones are numerous. Possibly, the findings of fragments of copper ore and slags, as well as stone casting moulds, are also related to this complex. The found pendant with through hole and small horns made of plain bone blade is similar to the materials of the early Yamnaya culture.

Archaeozoological materials: the E-layer contains mainly the bones of domestic species: cattle and small cattle, dog, horse, and also of elk and beaver; the BA-layer contains predominantly the bones of domestic species and horse; the remains of wilding, including elk, auroch, bear, beaver, and fox, are live in number.

The series of 15 radiocarbon dates created from animal bones from all the sections of the settlement area, and from different depths was undertaken. The materials of E-complex have been dated approximately by 4900-4400 BC (cal). Above that, some materials have been dated approximately by 4250-3950 BC (cal). The series of radiocarbon dates based on animal bones from the upper cultural layer confirmed previously published data based on the shadings ceramics from Turganic settlement K-15597 4710±80 ВР. In total, the BA-layer could be dated by 3900 – 3400 лет ВС (cal). This dating corresponds with the well-known dates of the ceramics from Repin Hutor and Kyzyl-Hak I and II settlements, and from some other dates of Repin horizon of Early Yamnaya culture. The ceramics from the BA-layer of Turganic settlement is similar to the ceramics from these sites.

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FOOD CHOICE AND ALIMENTARY PRACTICES: FROM MEALS TO DIET AND FROM SITE TO REGION – THE DIFFICULTIES AND BENEFITS OF EXAMINATIONS OF DIET AND DIETARY PRACTICES

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The development of cooking and food preparation practices transform raw ingredients into edible food. This transformation is not only chemical, but also cultural. This forms part of what the anthropologist Claude Levy-Strass suggested sets humans apart from apes and makes us a “cooking animal” (1964: Le Cru et la cuite). These complex actions (cooking and cultural assimilation) may take two forms, those which leave traces in the archaeological deposits and those actions which may leave no physical trace in the archaeological record.

When examining preserved food remains on a supranational level the environmental record within Europe has facilitated some successful studies for some regions and periods (Liviard and van der Veen 2008; van der Veen, Liviard and HH 2008). The evidence of preparation techniques is supported by the remains of flora and fauna that are indicative of food choice and alimentary practices. Later, from the historic period onwards, we have textual documents which add much detail in form of economic documents, recipes, and personal observations on food consumption.

But to what extent are these practices limited to different periods, cultures, peoples and places? And to what extent do modern political boundaries, differences in philosophical, or methodological approaches to archaeological remains limit our ability to create pan-European narratives on the nature of human food use from different periods?

This session aims to explore how food choice and alimentary practices in Europe changed through time, but also how these changes may be linked to culture, technological innovations, shifting borders and the rise and fall of civilizations. The session encourages researchers who have successfully studied different cultures or periods, passing existing cultural or political borders (i.e. from different cultures or European countries) or comparing rural environments to towns, but also those who have encountered difficulties when trying to operate such projects.

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The Chenopod album presence in Romania Prehistory.
Sign of consumption?

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Presentation Preference: Oral

From the oldest times, humans have been intentionally and selectively collecting the herbaceous plants. Often, such species were recognized for their contribution to vitamins and caloric enrichment in human’s diet and also, of their medicinal properties. The evolution of human’s culinary preferences was based, initially, on the natural products of their immediate environment. Alongside such plants (Polygonum lapathifolium L, Fallopia convolvulus L) which has medicinal properties and nutritious values (such as laxative, blood purifier, vitamin A, C and so on), this species’ plant remains have been discovered in some Eneolithic and Bronze Age archaeological sites in Romania. Although different discovery contexts imply different actions in using the plant, these discoveries can suggest the usage of this species, mostly probably as a supplement for human consumption.

However, only through discovery of a large quantity of seeds of Chenopod album L and knowing the contexts of discoveries, one can be sure of its usage and can suggest the awareness of this plant’s properties and benefits for consumption. The cultural heritage of different countries such as old recipes of Chenopodium album L., has a substantial impact in the reconsideration of its use in prehistoric times. One can think that these dishes have an older origin, which can be used in explaining empirically usage of this plants. The findings of plant remains of Chenopodium album L will be presented in a manner that it will put into light the intentions of gathering of this species in the prehistoric times. Also, based on the experimental studies we will try to show the cooking process of these plants and their mode of consumption.

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TH1-19 Abstract 02

Bronze Age foodways in the Carpathian Basin: similarities and differences, continuities and changes

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The Bronze Age of the Carpathian Basin is characterized by a series of communities with stylistically rather diverse material culture. This has traditionally lead scholars to believe that the area is divided between culturally rather different groups. While in some respects this may be true, there is a considerable number of cultural traits that cross-cut such boundaries through both space and time. The aim of our paper is to examine if this is also true for Bronze Age foodways. 'Subsistence economy' is generally a rather neglected field of Bronze Age research in the region, and its wide-ranging cultural implications are rarely considered. In our paper we will examine the subsistence economy and foodways of the study area through the review of the available paleo-ethnobotanical and archaeozoological data, the study of macrolithic implements used in food production and of the ceramic repertoire used to prepare and serve meals. Our aim is to reveal if the reconstructed foodways of the Bronze Age Carpathian Basin show similar cultural boundaries as some aspects of material culture or cross-cut them instead.

TH1-19 Abstract 03

Evidence from experimental & organic residue analysis of beeswax and honey uses (Argaric Bronze Age)

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The Argaric society was developed during the Early Bronze Age (c.2200-1550 BC) in the South east of the Iberian Peninsula, and became one of the first State societies in continental Europe. This society had a very characteristic pottery repertory, with a high degree of standardisation distributed in 8 ceramic forms. Nevertheless, the Argaric ceramics have generally been studied from a morphometric point of view, rather than their functional aspect. In this context, the organic residue analysis has been applied on a limited number of Argaric vessels in two different sites: La Bastida (Totana, Spain) and La Almoloya (Pliego, Spain). One of the key results is the detection of invisible substances in the form of a wax with a unknown origin. This wax was further analyzed in order to determine its possible role in the Argaric context. Our aim was to determine if for the first time in an Argaric context, we can investigate the use of honey by Argaric societies.

TH1-19 Abstract 04

Finding broken grain in the archaeobotanical record: ethnoarchaeobotanical and experimental approaches

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Cereals have been a major contributor to human diet in many parts of the planet during the past 10,000 years. They can be consumed in a large variety of ways (grains, bulgur, flour, bread, etc.), which makes the archaeobotanical recognition of cereal food remains extremely difficult. In the last decade, a larger number of archaeobotanists have shown their concern for the identification of archaeological fragments of cereal grain produced prior to charring. Their identification seems to remain somewhat problematic, and their interpretation is open to discussion. They are often seen as evidence of bulgur production, but how can we exclude that they were not produced during cereal dehusking or threshing, or during flour production? During the last years we developed three independent lines of research that we would like to combine in this presentation. These are of different nature: ethnoarchaeobotanical, experimental and archaeobotanical.

The ethnoarchaeobotanical research aimed to record the steps involved in grinding and the many by-products obtained from this process. These change according to species and the desired product. The work was conducted in the villages of the Ouwerik Berber tribe (Kif, western Tunisia), where women still perform many of the domestic tasks related to the preparation of cereals for consumption, and they still often mill with rotary querns. This involved the manual cleaning and grinding of bread wheat and durum wheat, and the cleaning, roasting and milling of hulled barley. We detail the different steps of each process, as well as the different products, byproducts and residues resulting from each stage of the operation.

The experimental research consisted in the dehusking of several cereal species using different techniques and different pre-treatments in order to observe the degree and type of breakage that was produced on the grains. Finally, a systematic analysis of all the fragments produced prior to charring in Neolithic sites of the NE of the Iberian Peninsula was conducted. We were not only quantified but also the type of fragment and the size were recorded, as potential relevant variables to understand the process that generated these fragments.

This combined sum of experiences will be used to make some recommendations for future research on this issue, both in terms of necessary experimental work and the archaeobotanical analysis of these remains.

TH1-19 Abstract 05

The diet of non-Romans living in the border area of the Netherlands

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The diet of non-Romans living in the border area of the Netherlands, as reconstructed by bioarchaeological research, is the Roman empire has been subjected to numerous archaeological and historical studies over the past decades. In the Netherlands, Roman occupation of the southern provinces has been studied intensively via archaeological research. Forts, villas and vici have been excavated and some have been reconstructed. These layouts speak to the imagination, as well as the ships used for transport. Recently, the Limes has been reconstructed to visualize the Roman border and demonstrate the Roman province of Germany Inferior and the lands inhabited by the indigenous tribes.

It used to be thought that the arrival of the Romans brought about a culture shock in the area south of the Limes, imposing another lifestyle upon the inhabitants than they were used to. However, archaeological and historical research has shown that this was not the case. The indigenous people assimilated and took over some aspects of Roman life whilst at the same time continuing with some of their own traditions. Roman culture mixed with the traditional lifestyle of the peoples of Germany.

An important part of culture are food and alimentary practices. It is what you do and do not eat, how we eat, how we prepare food and how we think about food that culture bound. It is assumed that in some way, the Roman food culture changed due to the introduction of new species. This introduced sum of experiences will be used to make some recommendations for future research on this issue, both in terms of necessary experimental work and the archaeobotanical analysis of these remains.

TH1-19 Abstract 06

Islamic diet and agricultural practices in rural al-Andalus: new archaeobotanical evidences

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In the literature (i.e. Watson, Aubâile-Sallanve, Deckert), it is stated that the beginning of the Islamic period (7th c. A.D.) led to the development and spread of a new type of agriculture, that is commonly characterized as the `Islamic agricultural revolution'. This `new' agriculture would have been based on several criteria: spread of new irrigation methods, use of intensive fertilizers, spread and improvement of several agricultural practices (i.e. grafting), development of spring crops, broadening of the diversity of plants exploited and spread of new species, development of new varieties, etc. A recent synthesis led on agriculture in al-Andalus lists 47 crops, introduced or spread by arabic peoples. Nonetheless, the knowledge we have of Islamic diet and agriculture in al-Andalus is mostly based on three types of sources: written sources (i.e. agronomic, medical, food treatises, tax sources, etc.), iconographic sources (illustration of said treatises) and archaeological sources (i.e. excavation of irrigation structures). Data documenting directly these questions remain scarce, especially for rural areas.

For the first time in an Argaric context, we have investigated the molecular and isotopic composition of organic residues from Argaric pottery related to the use of beeswax. To ascertain the possible sources and transformation processes of the identified lipids we have conducted heating and processing experiments of modern raw honey in ceramic, based on ethnographic references. Our results shed new light on the reconstruction of human feeding Argaric practices. The identification of lipids derived from beeswax in a specific archaeological context allow us to infer and hypothesise different uses for beeswax in addition to secondary uses of honey by Argaric societies.

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TH1-19 Abstract 07
PLANTCULT: An investigation of plant foods among prehistoric cuisines of Europe
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Presentation Preference - Oral

The plant component of cuisines of Europe’s prehistoric farmers, together with the associated transformation equipment such as grinding equipment, cooking vessels and cooking installations will be explored within a five year research project titled PLANTCULT, recently funded by the European Research Council (ERC). The project will investigate culinary practice among early European farming communities, from the Aegean to Central Europe, spanning the Neolithic through to the Iron Age (7th-1st millennia BC).

A collaboration between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece (author), IPNA-Basel University in Switzerland (Prof. Stefanie Jacomet), University of Hohenheim in Germany (Dr. Harri Peter Silas) and University of Vienna (Dr. Andreas Heiss) this newly launched project seeks to identify the ‘food cultures’ of prehistoric Europe, and to reconstruct how cultivated and wild plant foods were transformed into dishes, exploring their underlying cultural and environmental contexts and their evolution through time. The project will explore how culinary identities were shaped through the selection of plant foods, both in terms of ingredients as well as processing and cooking practices. Through the examination of macroscopic and microscopic remains of plant foods, combined with experimental replication of various aspects of food preparation techniques original ethnographic investigations and insights of ancient texts, the project aims to provide a multifaceted and integrated approach of Europe’s cuisine during late prehistoric to early medieval periods. In presentation we focus on the data and methods that will form the basis of the project and present an overview of the available data, research questions and lines of investigation that will be followed to address them.

TH1-19 Abstract 08
Medieval alimentation habits deduced from archaeological studies of cesspits
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Presentation Preference - Oral

Medieval alimentation habits deduced from cesspits: a comparison of archaeological results from cesspits of towns in eastern France and from the Baltic harbor towns of Stralsund and Greifswald in northeastern Germany

Cesspits fillings are the most commonly studied contexts in late medieval and early modern archaeobotany. In most cases, especially when waterlogged plant remains were retrieved, abundant plant remains were recorded, but the archaeobotanical data sets from cesspits are hampered by taphonomic problems. Oil plants, spices, collected and wild fruits are in most cases much better preserved than cereals and pulses. Nevertheless, despite quite different preservation conditions for different types of plant food these emblematic deposits of faecal remains and kitchen waste are most suitable for comparisons due to a high number of recorded taxa of cultivated and wild edible plants used for human alimentation. Rescue excavations conducted by the Institute national de recherches archéologiques preventives (Inrap) in the medieval towns of Sarrebourg and Toul in eastern France revealed waterlogged and mineralized plant remains in huge quantities. These towns have developed since Roman times and some of the recorded spices and other cultivated plants are at least introduced since Roman times. These data of recent studies are confronted with archaeological results from late medieval and early modern cesspits coming from the harbor towns of the Hanseatic Stralsund and the Hanseatic Greifswald which developed from the 13th century onwards. During medieval times both towns were part of the Hanseatic League and the medieval and early modern commercial network of the Baltic trade gave access to some imported luxury products like black pepper, cardamon, rice and others. In contrast to these harbor towns with wide-spread commercial contacts the studied towns in eastern France played a more modest role during late medieval and early modern times.

The communication aims to compare archaeobotanical data from two different regions without direct commercial contacts to study aspects of the social and economic background of plant food and alimentation and choices made by Man.

TH1-19 Abstract 09
Aspects of the Diet of the Medieval Population (10th – 12th Century AD) in Northern France: the archaeobotanical study from the caste of Boves and surroundings sites
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Archaeobotanical investigations from medieval sites in Northern France have provided charred and mineralised plant remains (seeds and fruits). Despite some taphonomical constraints of the different preservation of these plant assemblages, archaeobotanical analysis revealed valuable information on the diet, food choice and alimentary practices of the medieval population in Northern France between 10th and 12th Century AD. The archaeobotanical results were influenced by the different types of features from which macro-remains were retrieved and by the reliability of the studied samples. Many seeds and fruits remains, especially found in latrines and/or dump pits, were used to understand the alimentary practices of the populations studied.

The social context of the archaeological sites is heterogeneous. Therefore, it’s possible to compare and to discuss the potential of archaeobotanical data helping to identify social differences by defining archaeobotanical indicators of social level from the food practices and the diet. Indeed, we can define and approach some direct (presence of certain species, taxonomic size spectrum...) and indirect indicators (method of administration, food preparation, food quality, such associations ...) of the social status.

TH1-19 Abstract 10
The contribution of pollen analysis to the archaeobotany of cesspits
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Archaeobotanical analysis of cesspits is an important source of information on former diet, medical practices and other types of plant use. A large range of food plants such as leafy vegetables, herbs and spices of which only the leaves or flowers are used, generally remain invisible or occur only very sporadically in the macrofossil records. This is because these plants are harvested and used as food before they produce seeds. As a result, little is known about the import, local production and consumption of many of these plants in the past.

The former use of some of these plants, such as garden chervil (Anthriscus cerefolium), beetroot/chard (Beta vulgaris), borage (Borago officinalis), capers (Capparis spinosa), spinach (Spinacea oleracea) and many other plants can be demonstrated by pollen analyses of archaeological remains of cesspits however. This paper now presents a first overview of a large set of pollen data from Roman, medieval and post medieval cesspits from Belgium and the Netherlands for several of these plants and discuss their use in the diet during the respective periods.

TH1-19 Abstract 11
Animals, Meats, Waste and Garbage in Medieval Visby
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Faunal remains may give important clues to subsistence strategies, utilisation of meat and man – animal relationships in urban contexts. Bones are often recovered in various types of contexts that offer different opportunities to highlight aspects of urban “life”. The Medieval city of Visby on the island of Gotland has a unique system of latrine chambers, each belonging to a separate house and, thus, one specific household. From an osteoarchaeological – and also social archaeological – point of view the material in the latrines are interesting since it may be assumed that they represent one household only. The latrine contexts offer a possibility to investigate differences between households with a variation not offered by open-air context such as yard deposit or out-door refuse areas where faunal remains are found commodoing. The latrines were constructed under the houses and a number of them have been excavated. When in use, garbage and refuse-material – including faunal remains – was deposited in the latrines which had to be regularly emptied. Thus, the latrine finds offer a good opportunity to identify specific meat-cuts and other preferences which in turn highlight differences between the household, differences over time, differences in economic – and in the end life conditions in Medieval Visby.
TH1-19 Abstract 12
Problems and progress in the study of postmedieval archaeobotany in London

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In the 18th and 19th centuries, London was at the heart of the British trading empire. The collection, propagation and cultivation of new plant species from its colonies was a focus of the British Empire and its naturalists, and this had a huge impact on foodways in Britain. Archaeobotanical evidence from this period has tended to be underevaluated in the past, with funding often biased towards earlier periods. This paper will demonstrate the results that can be gained when environmental research aims are fully incorporated into the project design from the outset, presenting some lessons learned and data produced from a commercially excavated site in the centre of London. Well preserved archaeobotanical remains from this site help to build a picture of London society in the 18th and 19th centuries. Results show that the occupants of the site had access to plants from the Americas and Asia, as well as those grown more locally, though the continued absence of certain plants in the archaeological record was also noted. The use of imported plants for the production of alcohol was also found at the site, presenting evidence of the ‘Gin Craze’ which swept London in the 18th century.

TH1-19 Abstract 13
Unmasking millet from a multi-proxy approach

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An extensive palaeobotanical sampling program was carried out at the Early Medieval village of Gózquez (central Spain, AD 525-766). It is one of the most comprehensive collections of botanical remains so far analysed for this kind of geographic and chronological context. 8800 items from 34 positive samples were retrieved. Hulled barley and free-threshing wheats were the dominant species. Hulled barley and rye were present in minor proportion, and Avena species were also sporadically present in the assemblage in all the four items analysed in the first round, in addition to wheat, barley and oats.

At this point, we realised of several possible explanations for the invisibility of the production and consumption of millet at Gózquez. Insufficient sampling, unwise preservation of carbonized plant remains, or complete distinctive routines in the processing of different cereal types may be possibly argued. Whatever the right explanation, this case study suggests that we should be extremely cautious when drawing conclusions if there is no way to consider unexpected biases on archaeological and palaeobotanical records.

TH1-19 Abstract 14
Meals on Wings: Multi-strand investigation of avian contributions to diet and nutrition

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Today, birds, and especially the chicken, provide huge quantities of food products - both as meat and eggs. However the archaeological investigations of avian contributions to diet have often been limited in extent and application. Eggs form an important part of avian-human interactions both today and in the past. However, eggs are one of the more challenging avian dietary areas to address due to the fragility of eggshell in acidic soil conditions, the need for rigorous retrieval processes, and the resources needed to identify archaeological eggshell to species. Eggs can be sourced from wild and domestic birds, but due to the creation of extended laying times in several domesticates, egg acquisition is frequently weighted towards poultry. Ducks, geese and other birds can all be kept for their eggs, but the chicken plays perhaps the most important role. As such, this work focusses on chickens but is contextualised within the wider body of archaeovarian evidence. Such examination allows fuller understanding of past avian-human relationships in the context of diet, economy, society, and (particularly for wild birds) the environmental and seasonal aspects of their relationship. This paper investigates egg use in the past by combining zooarchaeological and scientific analysis of physical eggshell remains from archaeological sites with evidence from documentary sources and material culture. Identification of eggshell via the new technique of ZooMS (Zooarchaeology by Mass Spectrometry) and exploration of developmental stage via SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope) can be used to examinehusbandry practices, fowling, and resource use in the past by informing on meat and egg production.

Determining the hatching profile of archaeological eggshells can indicate whether these were being utilised to produce live animals or as a direct egg food source. As such new methods of analysing eggshell material are allowing unprecedented insights into these areas of food choice and nutrition. Documentary sources, where available, are valuable for aiding these studies and include letters and orders (e.g. the Vindolanda tablet), and agricultural guides detailing husbandry and husbanding (such as Columela’s Res rustica). Using case studies from Roman and Medieval Britain this paper demonstrates how multidisciplinary integration of eggshell analysis with other lines of evidence can offer new insights into avian contributions to diet and food selection. These case studies are then situated within the extended application of this methodology to a wider European dataset (including material from France, Portugal, Turkey, Romania and Estonia) to explore the challenges and benefits of applying these approaches across a wide geographic and temporal area, and on material from a diverse body of archaeological sites which range from Neolithic tells to Post-Medieval monasteries.

TH1-19 Abstract 15
Diagnosing biostratigraphy and taphonomy: Seeking out the pathways to destruction or preservation

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Presentation Preference - Oral

This presentation will argue that the catch-all term ‘taphonomy’, when used to describe a seamless or continuous process, distracts from the differing cultural and natural formation processes which act together to preserve or destroy the archaeological record. Through the influence of taphonomic experiments and observations (which have reached an increasingly advanced level) archaeobotanists often have recourse to ‘taphonomy’ as an explanation for how assemblages may present a biased record of the past. However, with few actualistic experiments to determine what the primary taphonomic processes might be within a burial system the understanding of preservation within archaeobotany is often based on inference rather than experiment. This presentation discusses the case of the products of digestion and highlights the difficulties for the archaeobotanist in interpreting the recovered assemblage. Understanding the effects of multiple taphonomic agents, often acting independent of each other but combining to alter the environmental record is a key to understanding the nature of the recovered assemblage. Using evidence from medieval historical sources, experimental taphonomy work, and an archaeobotanical study of urban cesspit remains from England this presentation will highlight the gaps in our knowledge and argue that we need to develop new methodologies for approaching urban remains, or begin the treat the record as the preservation of multiple separate assemblages with shared taphonomic routes into the archaeological record, but not shared taphonomic routes in the post-burial environment. It is hoped that in the course of discussion researchers from across Europe will be able to present their own observations to stimulate debate on how we approach these problems.

TH1-19 Abstract 16
Reconstructing the Greek Byzantine Diet using a comparative analysis of archaeozoology, isotope studies and literature

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Until now, not much archaeological research has been conducted on faunal diet in Late Byzantine Greece. Most of the knowledge on the diet in Greece from this period is based on literature studies. Recently, isotope studies have also contributed to wider knowledge. However, so far no archaeozoological analysis has been conducted, focussing in this topic. The main goal of this research is to contribute to filling the lacuna of knowledge of the food supply in the Late Byzantine period in Greece and comparing the results to the existing data from isotope and literature studies. As a case study for this research, faunal material from Chalios will be studied. In Byzantine times, between the 10th and 12th centuries, Chalios was the harbour for Trebiz in Boeotia, one of the most important centres in this region. Later, from the 13th century, the city become a trading colony and transit port for the Venetians. The excavated material from a rescue excavation in
the current city centre is extremely diverse (including glazed and unglazed earthenware, metal, glass, coins) especially within the material culture (i.e. wooden remains, burial relics, amphora for transport). This indicates that Chalcis was an important distribution centre with contacts in Venice and Constantinople. This makes the research interesting not only by creating a dietary image of Byzantine Greece, but also to see whether intercultural changes in diet have taken place between the Late Byzantines and the Venetians. From its prominent geographical location, Chalcis, with its well analysed stratigraphy and vast quantity and quality of faunal material, it offers the unique possibility to fill the absence of knowledge surrounding the food supply of the Byzantine period in Greece.

This paper is in progress and I will present my first results and problems during this conference.

TH1-19 Abstract 17
Analysis of a latrine from 17th century Copenhagen, Denmark
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During archaeological excavations in central Copenhagen a latrine dated to the 1680s was uncovered. The poster presents results from the combined analyses of animal bones, waterlogged plant remains, pollen, and eggs from intestinal parasites found in the latrine. The results show how the diet of the local users of the latrine was varied, including several types of fish, pork, a range of cereals, herbs and fruits, some of which were exotic. The number of intestinal parasites also shows that hygiene was rather low. DNA analysis of the parasite eggs is carried out in order to get a species determination as well as investigating the zoonotic potential. The archaeological material from the vicinity suggests that the local inhabitants would have been in contact with traders from the Netherlands, based on the architectural, numismatic and ceramic finds. This is corroborated from the find of buckwheat (Fagopyrum) in the latrine, which is known to have been used a packaging material for goods exported from the Netherlands, while being only a very minor crop in Denmark.

TH1-19 Abstract 18
Middle Bronze Age spread of broomcorn millet in N-Italy: cultural choice or environmental change?
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Presentation Preference - Poster

In the Neolithic Northern Italy, broomcorn millet (Panicum miliaceum) remains are sporadic and doubtful. Certain identifications originate from two Chalcolithic sites: Monte Covolo and Velturno-Tanzgasse. Nevertheless, these finds are represented by single grains. Panicum is still sporadic in Early Bronze Age (EBA), while it expands from the Middle Bronze Age onwards and reaches its maximal diffusion in the Iron Age and in medieval times.

The huge amount of broomcorn millet remains in the Middle Bronze Age (MBA) layers of the Lavagnone site (Garda region), are of importance as they are found in stratigraphic continuity with underlying EBA layers. This allows analysing quantitative changes in plant macroremains spectra, shedding light on the acquisition of new crops at the Early to Middle BA boundary. After this transition, we observed a higher biodiversity in the plant fossil assemblage, marked by increase and diversification of the terrestrial herbs. The occurrence of many new taxa accounts for a diversified and wider open land. Most of these newly introduced taxa (e.g. Agrosteen repens, Medicago minima, Chorionum itybus, Oroporion acanthum, Pastinacea sativa, Silene stellata, Veronica sp.) favour dry and warm habitats. It is in this scenario that broomcorn millet started to be widely cultivated. The ecological tolerances of broomcorn millet should also be considered in order to explain its adoption in a multiple cropping system. It is a summer crop, down very late in spring, as it does not withstand frost during germination. It grows well in regions with the Venetians. From its prominent geographical location, Chalcis, with its well analysed stratigraphy and vast quantity and quality of faunal material, it offers the unique possibility to fill the absence of knowledge surrounding the food supply of the Byzantine period in Greece.

TH1-19 Abstract 19
Unravel the Medieval Islamic diet: preliminary data from the malacoфаuna of Tejo do Praio (Portugal)
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The Tejo do Praio site is a Medieval Islamic settlement dating from the 10–12th century, located in Quinta do Lago in Loulé, Algarve, Portugal. Nowadays, the site is approximately 1.6 km from the coastline, within the Ria Formosa Natural Park. The unique nature of the site - due to its rural nature, residential areas, types of structures and proximity to the coastline - raises several questions, such as the importance and characterization of the exploitation of aquatic resources for this Islamic community.

The main objectives of this study are to understand the local diet, to characterize the exploitation strategies of wildlife resources and to do an environmental characterization of the area during the occupation period. The results will then be integrated in what is already known for other Medieval Islamic contexts in Algarve. For this we will do the zooarchaeological analyses (classification of remains, abundances, anthropic and other modifications, biometry) of the aquatic invertebrate remains. Ultimately, zooarchaeology informs us on diet behaviour by studying the mechanisms used in the exploitation of natural resources by past societies, the processing techniques developed for animal resources and the possible trade of resources and commercial routes.

So far data show a greater abundance of Cerastoderma edule (common cockle), followed by Rudilapes decussatus (clams), species that presently are quite common in region, well known as the highest mollusk production area of Portugal. Among other identified species are Ostra edulis (oyster), Mytilus cf. galloprovincialis (mussel), Solen marginatus (razor clam), Venus verrucosa (verus) and remains of Pectinidae family (scallops). The level of fragmentation is very heterogeneous across the contexts, from a mix of pre- and post-depositional agents.

TH1-19 Abstract 20
Parasites in archaeological deposits. How to interpret their presence and how to recognize them
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The study of archaeological deposits reveals a lot of information about the ways of life and the food economy of the ancient communities. Diet food, farming methods and the surrounding environment are not the only information that we find during the study of the finds. Often, pests and insects are part of the organic assemblages. Recognize and interpret these remains is not always easy. The following posters will analyze a study of ahabiting area of the fourteenth and fifteenth century in the northeast of France.

TH1-19 Abstract 21
Interpreting the Archaeological Record
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TH1-20

REGIONAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING: ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN PAST ECONOMIES AND THEIR SOCIOECONOMIC DYNAMICS

Fishing may have had a substantial role among many agrarian societies, specific social groups, at special occasions (feasting) and during times of distress (famine). In addition, cultural constraints, behavioural interactions, and social norms might have regulated fishing and the consumption of aquatic resources. Exploitation technologies might express group identity, and provide insights into contacts and communication between different fishing societies. Still, aquatic resources and procurement technologies are often poorly visible in the archaeological record. Therefore, knowledge about proportion and importance of fish in prehistoric subsistence is often still quite uncertain. Fishing tackle, either passive gear like nets, basket traps and weirs or active gear such as hooks, line sinkers, spears, leisters and tridents are relatively simple constructions, which change little over time and are widely distributed. In other cases equipment is made from prestigious material (e.g. bronze fish hooks), and large amounts of building materials are required (e.g. for fish weirs). This session aims to deepen current knowledge within the framework of local, supra-regional, and diachronic development and application of active and passive fishing technologies in the harvesting of aquatic resources as well as other linked activities. In locations where direct evidence of the utilisation of fish is insufficient (e.g., because of the poor preservation of fish remains and fishing-related artifacts), various forms of indirect evidence are employed.

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Fishing was one of the simplest sources of livelihood in prehistory. Where available, fish constitutes an important food resource. Apart from the nutritional value, all parts of the fish have been utilised for various purposes. Humans’ adaptive and innovative ability to conquer new-ecological niches and to respond to environmental stress led to the invention of new fishing technologies and e.g., mass-harvesting facilities and highly organised procurement strategies. Sometimes fisheries are labour-intensive and collective effort may have been required. Hence, fishing technologies may be closely related to the socioeconomic, cultural, and politico-societal systems in fishing communities, as well as to population dynamics. Cultural constraints, behavioural interactions, and social norms might have regulated fishing and the consumption of aquatic resources. Exploitation technologies might express group identity, and provide insights into contacts and communication between different fishing societies. Still, aquatic resources and procurement technologies are often poorly visible in the archaeological record. Therefore, knowledge about the importance of fish in prehistoric subsistence is often quite uncertain.

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TH1-20 Abstract 01

Introduction. Regional and chronological development of fishing

Fishing has been one of the simplest sources of livelihood since the early days of human prehistory and therefore fish constitutes an important food resource for human societies in water rich areas with access to lakes, rivers and coasts. Fish is a significant source of protein, an element vital to human nutrition. Apart from the nutritional value, all parts of the fish have been commonly utilised for various purposes. Fish are relatively easy to catch even with the simplest equipment and therefore this wild food resource was exploited with varying intensity through time employing different technologies in a wide range of aquatic landscapes. The humans’ adaptive and innovative ability to conquer new ecological niches and to respond to environmental stress has led to the invention of new fishing technologies and developing, e.g., mass-harvesting facilities and highly organised procurement strategies. Sometimes fisheries are time-consuming and collective labour may have been required to make the most of the seasonally abundant resources. Hence, fishing technologies may be seen as closely related to the socioeconomic, cultural, and politico-societal systems affecting the fishing communities, as well as the populationdynamics.

TH1-20 Abstract 02

Discontinuities in fishing practices

TH1-20 Abstract 03

Comfortable fishers in Mesolithic western Norway

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Whereas the significance of fishing is well documented at a number of Mesolithic and Early Neolithic (c. 9500 - 5500 cal BC) sites in the Danube Gorges (the Danube stretch between present-day Serbia and Romania) and is corroborated by archaeozoological, isotopic and archaeological evidence, this important aspect received less attention in the study of surrounding areas. The issue of determining the role of fishing is particularly relevant for the understanding of transitions from foraging to farming, as well as providing tools for understanding the development of the first farming communities. The Danube Gorges, the Danube stretch between present-day Serbia and Romania, is particularly well suited for this purpose. The river is the longest in Europe, and the Danube Gorges is one of the most important places for the study of prehistoric societies. The Danube Gorges is a place where many different prehistoric cultures met and interacted with each other. The Danube Gorges is a place where many different prehistoric cultures met and interacted with each other. The Danube Gorges is a place where many different prehistoric cultures met and interacted with each other.

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In late Mesolithic western Norway fishing stood for a major factor in the subsistence. The majority of the residential sites are situated close to the shoreline, near good fishing grounds. Line-sinkers of soapstone occur frequently at these sites, and at some of them - where conditions for preservation for faunal materials are favourable - fishhooks of bone are found, and also...
Fish constitute a significant source of essential nutrients in the human diet. Over time, people around the world have developed numerous different methods of obtaining vital nutritional elements from aquatic environments. Eels, with their substantial content of fatty acids, vitamins, and, not least, fat, are an example of an aquatic food source that has been prized in many parts of the world for millennia. Numerous different fishing methods have been employed, founded on observations of the behaviour of this fish. Its remarkable biology did not begin to be understood until the 20th century and there are still some unanswered questions. The fishing methods and equipment required to catch eels, both on a daily basis and in large quantities as stored provisions, were developed on the basis of experience and oral traditions, handed down from generation to generation. In a Danish context, written sources such as law texts and ethnological evidence can provide information that is useful in interpreting prehistoric eel-fishing strategies. Ethno-historical sources support evidence from studies of prehistoric wood suggesting that Stone Age people systematically managed the surrounding forest to obtain building materials of an appropriate quality and in the required quantities for their fishing structures in the sea. Archaeological and archaeological data show that eels have been part of Danish food culture for the past 8000 years. In 1988 and 1990, remains of fishing structures dating back between 4500 and 7000 years were investigated. These archaeological structures were interpreted as so-called áigaldr – eel weirs, which the fisherman of historical times built on the coast and out into the sea. They were used to catch the shoals of silver eels which, then as now, migrated each year from Baltic and Danish waters to the Sargasso Sea to mate and reproduce. This interpretation provided grounds for examining a number of different ethno-historical source categories from Danish museums and archives in order to assess information on construction methods, choice of materials and landscape in relation to the corresponding prehistoric structures. According to a Danish adage, it’s hard to catch an eel by its tail. This paper presents diachronous Danish examples showing how the skill, craftsmanship and know-how of the Stone Age fishermen, in relation to the manipulation of both marine and terrestrial resources targeted at catching the ‘tricky’ eel with its high nutritional value, were apparently passed down from generation to generation until the demise of this activity in the mid-20th century. But everything has its price! Some Danish sources reveal how people risked both life and limb when fishing from stationary structures during autumn and winter storms. Still eels are a much sought-after targeted at catching the ‘tricky’ eel with its high nutritional value, were apparently passed down from generation to generation until the demise of this activity in the mid-20th century. But everything has its price! Some Danish sources reveal how people risked both life and limb when fishing from stationary structures during autumn and winter storms. Still eels are a much sought-after valued for their fishing structures in the sea. The production method of Ertebølle and Early Neolithic leister prongs could be reconstructed with the help of several unfinished tools that show characteristic cutting marks at the tips and the shafts. The tips of the finished fishing gear can either be elongated and pointed, or short and rounded. These differences are most likely due to their respective use on muddy or hard underwater. Moreover, traces of usage such as cracks, splitting, and roughening at the tips are frequently documented. The examination of wooden leister prongs shows that special wood types were preferred. These particularly include the tough woods of fruit trees (Malusiae) and red dogwood (Cornus sanguinea), as well as the flexible and common hazel (Corylus avellana). A few other types were used very rarely. The proportions of material used show regional and chronological differences, certainly as a result of which resources were available.

Spear fishing is one of the practiced fishing methods during Final Mesolithic and Early Neolithic in the Baltic Sea region. Very high find density of wooden leister prongs at specialised coastal hunting and fishing camp sites shows the intense use of spears especially during the winter months. Thus, spear fishing of eel plays an important role in the subsistence system of Stone Age Hunter-Fisher-Gatherer groups in the Baltic Sea region.
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

The archaeological evidence confirming the significance of salmon fishing in prehistoric Finland is weak. Based on historic spring spawn.

Fish bone analysis shows that the main activity on site was fishing of pike and zander in the lagoonal lake during the Subneolithic assemblage and pottery which bears close resemblance to the typical Comb Ware. It is also evident that amber was worked directly on the site and shaped into ornaments, whose forms are identical to those found at Comb Ware sites in the Eastern Baltic.

The prehistoric complex of Šventoji in SE Baltic is well known for its multiple archaeological sites, which range in timespan from Subneolithic to the Bronze Age (4000-500 cal BC). Surveys and excavations carried out there in 2013 and 2014 led to the discovery of several new sites, among them a Subneolithic site Šventoji 43, which is one of the earliest sites from Šventoji and includes a dwelling zone dated to 3900-3700 cal BC. The goal of the present paper is to present the results of the excavations at Šventoji 43 and also the analysis of the fish bones recovered at the site.

Šventoji 43 is distinguished from later Subneolithic sites of Šventoji by the presence of blades and microliths in the lithic assemblage and pottery which bears close resemblance to the typical Comb Ware. It is also evident that amber was worked directly on the site and shaped into ornaments, whose forms are identical to those found at Comb Ware sites in the Eastern Baltic.

Archaeological wood has already perished, but a great number of both burned and unburned, mostly very fragmented bone was recovered, amounting to ca. 26,000 fragments. 1436 fragments of bone belonging to fish, seal and forest mammals were identified. The greatest number of identified fragments come from seals among mammals while the majority of fish bones belong to pike and zander. Fish bone analysis shows that the main activity on site was fishing of pike and zander in the lagoon lake during the spring spawn.

The Steinhuder Meer is a lake of 30 sq. km northwest of Hannover in Northern Germany. Mesolithic artefacts indicate that people lived around the lake since the 6th millennium BC. The lake itself was formed by glacial lakes and covered an area of 60 km². This changed around 1900 when the whole lake was leased to a single person. He introduced a type of vessel (Angelkahn) which derived from Havel region and new methods like line fishing and the use of a large seine net. At the time the lake was surrounded by reed and eel grass which provided food for the fishermen and fishers as well. Today the lake is leased to a group of fishermen who are farmers as well, because they could not make their living from fishing alone. The surplus of flax was used for cloth making which was then sold to the urban market. The Steinhuder Meer was also used for carrying day-trippers. They were fond of smoked eel which was not only sold in the village of Steinhude but also in the market in Hannover. In fact the consumption of eel was for many people a reason to visit the lake. Because of this economic success only eels were caught and the rest of the catch was dumped back into the lake. This process lasts until today most of the eels are now imported from other regions. Perhaps this development can to develop patterns for the economic impact of large settlements like the so-called Fürstentum of the Holy Roman Empire, the Cypriot of the Late Period or the Roman military forts. In those places there were not only many people who had to be fed, but there lived also a group of wealthier people who were able to afford special food, like eels or other delicacies. Also the other side the Steinhude shows that the introduction of new means of production can sometimes be linked to a single event. Apart from these questions the paper will deal with the various methods how the fish was caught.

Our knowledge of Roman fishing is based on a wide range of written and pictorial as well as archaeological sources. The study of the latter came into academic focus in the past few years (cf. International Workshop “NETS AND FISHING GEAR IN CLASSICAL ANTOQUITY: A FIRST APPROACH”, University of Cadiz 2007). All sources teach us about techniques and fish consumption as well as fish processing to manufacture the famous garum. Ancient authors (cf. Oppian’s Halexandria) and some rare inscriptions give us insights in the organisation and socioeconimic structures behind the Roman fishing industries. Most of these sources originate from the Mediterranean.

In contrast, almost nothing is known about freshwater fishing in the north-western provinces. Even though fishing tools as hooks and net needles were regularly found at Roman sites (cf. Windisch- Vindonissa, Biberist/CH, Nettetal/DE, Kempraten/CH etc.). The Roman poet Ausonius also reported that Romans fished with fishing rods and nets in the Moselle. Thus it must be assumed that fresh water fishing was more common than it seems.

Following this assumption, the paper provides a first comprehensive and interdisciplinary presentation of freshwater fishing during Roman times on the Swiss Plateau. This study area is chosen because of its diversified landscape with lakes, rivers and streams and its good state of research; find assemblages of several ancient cities, vici, villae rusticae and rural settlements have been widely published and discussed.

This paper focuses on the investigation of fishing equipment and fish remains. Data will be compiled from the secondary literature. This quantitative approach will also consider their archaeological context to gain knowledge about the spatial and chronological distribution of the objects. This allows me to draw conclusions in terms of the organisation, nature, dynamic and range of fishing and fish consumption in the north-western provinces.
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Early medieval sites with funeral cremations in the North-West of Eastern Europe

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5th – 11th century were a time of dominance of funerary cremation in the North-West of Eastern Europe. Among sites of that time are the burial of cremated remains in the ground pits, the flat graves and the so-called "houses of the dead". The burial burials stand out against this background, this cultural tradition was introduced into the territory of the North-West from the outside a few times. Materials of the studied sites allow to describe the specific funerary traditions and their interaction.

Cremations in Sheksovo: new evidence of the Viking Age burial rituals in Central Russia

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Cremation is known as a dominating funeral ritual in the Upper Volga in the IX-XI-th cc, however present knowledge of cremation practices in this region in the Viking Age is based mainly on the documentation of the burial mounds excavated in the 1960-1980-ies and in the earlier times.

Recent investigations in Sheksovo burial site not far from Suzdal, produced with the implementation of modern excavation techniques (2011-2015), opened new research perspective, revealing important aspects of cremation ritual and transition from cremation to its re-definition after conversion to Christianity'. Field investigations in Shekskovo produced evidence of coexistence of the two forms of funeral rites with cremations. According to the first tradition, cremated skeletal remains have been placed in the mounds. Another tradition involves dispersing human and animal cremated bones on the surface or in the ground pits. Both have coexisted in the X-XI c. Recording of superficial cremations with small fragments of burned bones (from five to fifteen millimeters in diameter) and fragments of grave goods (glass beads, metal ornaments, coins) destroyed by the fire in Shekskovo reveals special features of this funeral ritual. First, cremated remains were not grouped in the individual burials, but placed on a broad area forming common field with the burned ashes of the humans (men, women and children) as well as the animals. Second, the weight of cremated remains, which can be regarded as belonging to one individual is very small (about tens of grams). Therefore, most of the cremated remains of the skeletons were not interred on the cemetery. These features indicate special funerary practice, which was earlier recorded in Northern Russia, but proves to have much wider geographical spread including the center of the Volga-Oka region.

Find material associated with the cremations (melted objects of silver, non-ferrous metal and glass, mostly dress decoration) includes female ornaments relating to Volga-Finnic and Sami cultural traditions. C-14 dating and the study of the artifacts define characteristics. Some burials have no any grave goods. The age of these burials have been dated by 14C (charcoal samples) within the period of 5th to the first half of the 6th century. This cluster of cremation graves is characterised by big pits with a lot of charcoal and early finds from the 5th century, some with Germanic influences. One urn deposition and one 4-post grave house are to be mentioned. The second group is scattered all over the cemetery and is to be dated in the same period as the inauguration graves in these sections (second half of the 6th till the second half of the 7th century). The funerary structures consist mostly of so-called Brandgrabengräber or Knochengerüge. The osteological analysis aims to provide a detailed description of the nature of the deposits, to identify and quantify the human and animal cremated bone, to assess taphonomic effects of thermal alteration and fragmentation, to estimate the minimum number of buried individuals, to assess demographic data (age, sex) and presence of pathological changes, to identify any evidence of pyre technology (used during the cremation process) and presence and type of graves.

Cremated remains and funerary rites at the Merovingian cemetery of Broechem, Antwerp (Belgium)

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This paper discusses the preliminary results of the anthropological analysis of the human cremated bone excavated at the Broechem cemetery and sheds light on early medieval funerary practices in the Scheldt valley in Belgium. The cemetery was excavated in 2001-2003 and 2007-2010 by the predecessors of the Flanders Heritage Agency. The funerary ensemble includes 442 inhumation graves and 74 cremation graves. Two groups of cremation graves are present. One group is situated in the northern part of the cemetery, which is the oldest section of the cemetery with deposits dating from the second half of the 5th to the first half of the 6th century. This cluster of cremation graves is characterised by big pits with a lot of charcoal and early finds from the 5th century, some with Germanic influences. One urn deposition and one 4-post grave house are to be mentioned. The second group is scattered all over the cemetery and is to be dated in the same period as the inauguration graves in these sections (second half of the 6th till the second half of the 7th century). The funerary structures consist mostly of so-called Brandgrabengräber or Knochengerüge. The osteological analysis aims to provide a detailed description of the nature of the deposits, to identify and quantify the human and animal cremated bone, to assess taphonomic effects of thermal alteration and fragmentation, to estimate the minimum number of buried individuals, to assess demographic data (age, sex) and presence of pathological changes, to identify any evidence of pyre technology (used during the cremation process) and presence and type of graves.

The current study is expected to provide additional information on former wood use for fuel. Additionally for the study of the charcoal from Broechem, attention will be paid to possible differences in fuel selection between the different types of cremation graves.

Funeral cremation of the Middle Oka region from the Great Migration Period to the Viking Age

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Many variants of the funeral rites were distributed rite in Eastern Europe during the second half of the 1st millennium AD. These centuries’ burial sites of the Moscow region were unknown until the last years. Systematic studies of these cemeteries have been done over the past 15 years only. All known burial are opened in the Middle and Upper Oka river, from Kolomna to Bryanskoukh, (Moscow region). Rite feature is that burned bone fragments placed on the ground surface. Urns were used rarely. The compact deposition of cremated bones suggests that they were put in the any organic (leather? textile? wood?) boxes. There are no pits in these ground cemeteries. That is why these sites were not detected for a long time. Now for seven cemeteries of different ages are known. The earliest one goes from V c. and the most late has been dated to the XII c. These dating based on the grave goods characteristics. Some burials have no any grave goods. The age of these burials have been dated by 14C (charcoal samples). All findings are presented with imported products, which complicate the cultural attribution of these graves. Feasts pit and Finnic jewelry and buckles can be present in the burials together. Melted beads, melted objects from the bronze and silver chair mail parts, sylgams and buckles go from different European, Byzantine, Syrian and other centers. Glass beads and silver ornaments as well as jewelry from the different parths of Kazer Khanate characterise Viking Age burials. The latest burials contain grave goods that are typical for the period of Old Russian state. Most things badly damaged pyre, melted, and cannot be
THI-21 Abstract 06

Folk from “Lodges of the dead” (on the burial sites of the Russian North in first millennium AD)

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“The lodges of dead” – is the special type of burial sites which was typical for the Mologo-Sheksna interfluvie and other parts of the Russian North and central region of the European Russia. This name comes from the special wooden structures (small houses - lodges) with materials of the funeral cremations as well as ash, pieces of carbon, fragments of bronze, iron, glass, bone grave goods. The tradition of these sites stretches for many centuries, from the first cc. BC to the end of the first millennium AD.

These archaeological sites of the Mologo-Sheksna interfluvie (western part of the Vologda district) were excavated by A.N. Bashenkin (1) during 80-90 years of XX c. The author did not formulate the clear opinion about the ethnocultural background of these sites (2). Skeletal materials from “lodges of dead” of this region were not studied till nowadays.

The report is the first summary of the characteristics of the cremated remains from these burial structures. Burned bones from burial sites Chagoda 1, Pungio, Kurevnikha XIII, Kurevnikha XVI were used in this research. Materials were examined with the help of a binocular microscope. All cremated fragments were verified by color, weight, number, high temperature cracks and deformations. Clear anatomically fragments were used to determine the sex and age of the individuals, and to detect the presence of animals. All clear anatomical fragments were recorded in archaeological plans.

At the present stage of the research, every “lodge of dead” includes the remains of about 7-10 individuals (males, females, subadults). The fragments of the treated animal bones were detected as well. 87/86 Sr ratio indicates the presence of the individuals who lived on the different territories. Their remains were deposited inside burial structure (“lodge of dead”) together. They used cremations as a bioarchaeological approach to identify the migrants. The last decade of the life of these humans took place in the different geological environments (3).

Comparative analysis of the regional sites highlighted the main features of a funeral ceremony: the burning of dead bodies on the funeral pyre outside the cemetery; partial deposition of burned bones together with charcoal, ash, melted grave goods. There is no individual burial space inside the “lodge of dead”. This structure includes all the individuals who were buried at different times together.

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Medieval cremations of Novgorod Land: Christians or Pagans?

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The study of funerary monuments of the Novgorod land was started in the middle of the XIX century and continues to this day. In total, about 10,000 different types of burial constructions were excavated. The investigations demonstrated that in the X-7th century throughout the Novgorod land cremation prevailed. The adoption of Christianity at the end of the X-7th century has become the most important factor in changing the burial rites of medieval population. The first burials according to the new Christian rites (inhumations beneath barrows) have been dated by the middle of the X-7th century. Since that time the Christian funeral rites certainly begin to dominate in the Novgorod land. Details of burials and structures could be different, but the transition from cremation to inhumation spread everywhere.

However, a small number of cremated burials in the Old Russian barrows of the X-7th beginning of the X-8th centuries were excavated in the west part of Novgorod land. This group of burials has never been the subject of a special study for archaeologists. In the field reports and publications they have been interpreted as “a relic of paganism” without any arguments.

Micro-topography analysis of the cemeteries shows that such mounds with the cremated remains were not separated from the other mounds and located in the early part of the burial groups. The mounds with cremations and the mounds with inhumations of the same period are identical externally and internally. Simultaneously the cremated remains are quite different from the cremations of earlier times (for example, the Culture of Long mounds, Sopka culture, etc.) in size and in the degree of burning. The remains were scattered on the bottom of the burial pits, their size and shape are very similar to the inhumation graves. Finds (kines, iron weapon’s heads, coins) are rare in the analyzed group and located like in inhumation graves. The subjects typical for female costume have not been found yet. It is important to emphasize that the found things have no trace of a fire.

 Mentioned peculiarities give us an opportunity to clear why Christian burial canon was disrupted. Probably the cremation was the only possible way to deliver the body to the family cemetery, where the deceased could not be put by the relatives.

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Underwater burial sites of the 14th century: Kernave case

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At least three underwater burial sites with cremated graves from to the 14th century have been investigated in Eastern Lithuania. In recent years, the cremation graves were discovered close to Kernave town of the 13-14th centuries. In the dried stream watercourse about 13 kg of cremated human and animal bones, pottery and metal artifacts from the 14th century were discovered.

Burials in the water have received various scientific interpretations. The report provides the archaeological research data analysis of Kernave burial site and reveals the relation of this object to contemporaneous town. The essential question – whether the burial in water was a long - time tradition or was it only the consequence of important historical events? Burial in water ritual, which was practiced comparatively briefly forces us to look for uncoventional causes of this phenomenon. Today's research methodologies do not allow us to state the chronology or the purpose of these underwater cremations. Based on artifacts typology Kernave burial site can be dated rather broadly (the 14th century). However cremated underwater graves are essentially treated as a mass burial site, where there are no boundaries among individuals. Mass graves, whether in water or on land are usually interpreted as a simultaneous consequence of deaths of several persons. So, the possibility remains that all the dead were buried there because of the certain circumstances, which occurred for the short period of time. Thus not only burial site was massive, but also the cremation process itself. It also should be noticed that when the deceased is buried in this way, any grave personalization opportunity disappears. East Lithuanian region is noted for barrow burials with very conservative funeral customs which existed 1000 years until the 13th century. Barrow was installed and used for a long time as a posthumous dwelling for a certain family. The specific individual burial place had to be important and at least several family generations were familiar with it. Therefore, the cardinal change of these traditions had to be the consequence of sudden and unavoidable events. Perhaps these events were the cause of death of significant group of persons. In this context, the attention should be drawn to the fact that precisely in the second half of 14th century the eastern Lithuania was reached by the largest forces of German Order and during the attacks of 1385 and 1390 Kernave town was left in ruins. Furthermore, precisely at that time the “black death” spread throughout Europe and perhaps plague could reach Kernave too.

THI-21 Abstract 09

Urn Cremation in the Southeast Baltics in the late Roman period.

Field record sand laboratory study

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The cremation was the prevalent burial rite since Roman times and early Middle Ages in Western Baltics. In this regard it should be noted that the development of new approaches to the study of cremation urn particularly relevant. A lot of new burial sites opened in the second half of the last century, but they have not been studied with the bioarchaeological approaches.

New cemeteries with inhumations and cremations of the Roman period (Sambian-Natangian archaeological culture) discovered by Sambian expedition Institute of Archaeology in recent years. Most of the vessels were disturbed, so we cannot
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1. Romanov-Pugachev pond - one of the monuments, which was opened recently in the Zelenograd district of Kaliningrad region (East Prussia). Some graves disturbed by robbers, but one urn burial with cremation has been intact. The vessel was filled with heavy clay soil. Recording and sorting out the urn contents took place in the laboratory. Contents unsmutted in layers, taking into account the depth of the layer. As a result, it was revealed that the burned bone fragments were placed in an urn without anatomical order. Weight cremated bones indicates that the cremated fragments of the funeral pyre was collected selectively, but not completely. The most parts of cremation are located in two layers of the urn: at the bottom and in the middle. Objects of iron and iron weapon (ax, spear, umbo and other fragments) tightly putted above of each of these two clusters of the cremated bones.

2. This methodical approach of the study of the contents of urn in the laboratory enables to reconstruct the complex and multi-stage procedure for the funeral rite. Also, thanks to this method, we can discuss some of the important characteristics as: The temperature and time of pyre burning; The presence/absence of single and double (collective) burials; The age and sex of the individuals from the burials with weapons;

3. Grave goods burned on a pyre and those that have been put into the urn without burning. Further rise of data will contribute to estimate the interaction of local and outside cultural influences and migrations on the funerary traditions of the inhabitants of the region of Sambian peninsula.

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"The largest cremation" of the burial ground Schurovo: typical or exclusive?

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Multivariate of funeral rites of the Late Roman period - the Early Middle Ages in the central part of European Russia (Moscow region) are not studied in detail. In particular, the burials differ in the way the localization of the burned bones (burial mound and burial ground). The batches of the burned bones may be scattered and compactly located. We consider all these variations, since they have a specific meaning and formal position in the funerary rites. This report - the description of the unusual case of burial cremation of the first half of the 10th century. It comes out of the ordinary ones by "heavy weight" of all individual burials in the Middle Oka.

Schurovo archaeological site is located on the first terrace of the right bank of the Oka (the middle reaches of the river) near the Kolomna town. There are kurgans and ground graves with cremations on this site territory. Systematic excavations take place since 2001 by Kolomna archeological center expedition (A.S. Syrovatko). According to the dating of the grave goods the site existed from VI till X cc. Ground graves with cremation is more late type of burials and associate with IX-X cc. The batches of the burned bones in pits and diffuse cremated bone fragments scattered on the ancient surface are variants of the individual burials. Only a few cases are placed in the pits. In 2013, well preserved burial pit has been discovered among others during field archaeological work. The bones of this burial were studied in detail. The number of fragments, size of the fragments, the color and weight, deformations and cracks were estimated. The color is invariable, light-grey. According Walker-Miller data, the temperature of the fire was about 750°C and above during an hour. The size of fragments is in borders 5-55 mm.

The total weight of the bones burial was 10470 g (NB - average weight of a single burial of about 300 g). Thegrave goods are typical for this site. Most part of the fragments (8375 g.) is indelible. Nevertheless, we could estimate anatomical position of the 8 fragments from different part of skull and postcranial skeleton of the adult human (20-30 year, the sex is unclear). The mass of these fragments is about 32 g. Cremated bones (273 fragments, 1762 g.) of large and small mammals have been identified besides human bones. Thus, this is the extraordinary burial. We offer two versions of interpretations:

- The high-status burial:
  - Rich sacrifice (animal bodies) were burned on the pyre;
  - Cemetary that goes beyond the funerary practices (sacrifice???)

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MESOLITHIC DWELLING STRUCTURES: FROM METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

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The study of Mesolithic settlements is a key issue to understanding the articulation of a social and economical system that lasted for several millennia and its collapse. Analyzing the spatial organization of settlements increases our knowledge on activity areas, subsistence strategies, seasonality of occupations and social organization. One of the most informative aspects is the study of dwelling structures identified in the archaeological record as post holes, stakes, pits, walls, floors, hearths, etc... The interpretation of their functions often leads to heavy assumptions (mobility system, storage, social hierarchy). The passage of these archaeological facts to their interpretations is obviously a crucial phase of our works, we need closer monitoring.

Research on dwelling structures can be approached from a wide range of theoretical and methodological points of view, which in turn can provide heterogeneous perspectives of archaeological interpretation that lead to the enrichment of discussion and debates. The session aims to gather together presentations on dwelling structures from archaeological sites but also multidisciplinary research on the structures from multiple methodological perspectives (e.g. spatial analysis by GIS, lithic refitting, geosciences, artifact analysis, geochemistry).

In this session we intend to discuss this crucial topic for the European Mesolithic, considering all geographical locations (coastal settlements located as well as inland sites) and also Mesolithic chronologies, to offer a very wide panel of the concepts, methods and technical means at the disposal of the archaeologists.

TH1-23 Abstract 01

Social organization behind shell-middens: ethnoarchaeological experiences from Tierra del Fuego

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Mesolithic shell-middens sites have been used to support the existence of economic intensification and reliance on maritime resources and sedentarism. The archaeological visibility of shell-middens and the good preservation of archaeological remains have led to a long tradition of research.

Nevertheless, the stratigraphic analysis of shell-middens always carries specific problems, given their very heterogeneous nature and the successive post-depositional processes that may have occurred. Indeed, traditional methods and techniques of excavation as well as the character of undifferentiated palimpsests commonly attributed to shell-middens, have reduced the advantages of good preservation of the archaeological record.

Since 1988, a Spanish-Argentinian team has been developing ethnoarchaeological projects in Tierra del Fuego (Argentina) with the objective of improving methodology and developing conceptual instruments in order to advance in the study of prehistoric hunter-gatherer societies. The archaeological sites on the coast of Tierra del Fuego archipelago are shell-middens corresponding to fisher-hunter-gatherer groups that intensively exploited the littoral resources. Thus, in the frame of these projects, we excavated two settlements of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries: Yamana people. Tzulel-VII and Lanashuaia, both located on the northern coast of the Beagle Channel.

The ethnoarchitectural record, including pictures, descriptions of shape, size and the discontinuous but repeated use of circular huts by Yamana people, have allowed us to test a specially developed excavation methodology. We separated and registered 3D dimensions of fine deposition pockets. Experiments of sampling strategies for malacological fish remains allowed to choose the best and less time-consuming procedure to obtain reliable samples. Columns and wide-area samples for soil micromorphology and chemical analyses contributed to the interpretation of the formation processes. We also analysed the spatial distribution and densities of consumed goods and residues, the articulation of skeletons, the refitting broken bones and debitage in order to get a complete understanding of human activity in the sites.

TH1-23 Abstract 02

Mesolithic dwelling Space in an interdisciplinary perspective

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This paper discusses the authors’ development of an empirically based approach for analysis of the Mesolithic use of dwelling space based on theory, concepts and data from mathematics/physics, experimental social psychology, social anthropology as well as archaeology. The underlying assumption is that the space of hunter-gatherer dwellings is organised in accordance with culture-specific patterns so that the general positions of the individuals in a specific culture reflect their age, sex and status.

One focus is the merging of theory from several disciplines into one theoretical context. Another is the involved disciplines’ reaction on such a merging.

TH1-23 Abstract 03

Early Mesolithic site space in western Norway

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It has been hypothesized that western Norwegian Early Mesolithic sites are characterized by a standard lithic tool inventory with a uniform spatial configuration of the lithic debris. Specific lithic dispersal patterns are associated with both dwellings and “open air sites”. The dwellings are mainly identified as tent rings of stoneobbles and associated fireplaces and lithic debris. These features have been suggested as indicative of the early Mesolithic way of life as mobile hunter-fishers being present in both coastal and mountain areas. Presumably the lithic dispersal patterns primarily seems to the remains of activities performed by a single individual. But false raises the apparent question concerning lithic tool sharing. Site evidence at the transition from Early to the Middle Mesolithic seems to indicate a change and different site pattern due to changes in the spatial configuration of activities related to the lithic debris.

Early Mesolithic sites in general, are small sites and among the few sites which it is realistically possible to analyse site structures and patterns on an individual spatial level. However, lack of identified structures makes a continued discussion concerning identification of dwellings through their relation to lithic dispersal patterns important. More discrete site analyses are needed through a consideration of site characteristics, excavation methods and lithic technological, functional and spatial features, in order to analyse trends in Early Mesolithic site patterns. Aspects of this culture-historical development and methodological challenges will be discussed.

TH1-23 Abstract 04

Little house on the shore: Understanding the dryland structures at Star Carr, UK

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We have been able to distinguish fine deposition sub-units and to identify discrete periods of occupation time. There were different dynamics, activities distribution and management of space in apparently very similar sites. In Tzulel-VIII site there were at least ten discrete re-occupations in different seasons. Whereas in Lanashuaia only one (maximum two) long occupation period have been registered.

A shell-midden is thus not necessarily a homogeneous block of sediments and the variability inside can be very significant of the economic and social system that produced it. Experimental ethnoarchaeology is a useful tool, providing guidelines for excavating and explaining similar archaeological sites around the world. For example, Mesolithic Atlantic Europe shell-middens have been described as residential or logistical based on their size and thickness, or on the amount of remains and sometimes considered sedentary settlements based in averaged samples. But similar shell-middens may be the result of different strategies of occupation. We need to develop specific methodology, maximize and adequate techniques of excavation in order to reconstruct the social organization behind the processes that formed each shell-midden.
Keywords: Mesolithic, refitting, Star Carr

Presentation Preference: Oral

During excavations at the early Mesolithic site of Star Carr, UK, between 2007 and 2015, three features were encountered. One of these was an unambiguous pit and post structure with the pit filled with large quantities of lithics and organic material. In 2014 what appears to have been a similar feature was discovered, though this had been partially truncated by previous excavations. Finally in 2014/2015, a series of post-holes were encountered, though many of these were ambiguous in an area that had been heavily affected by root action. In this paper we present results of post-excision analysis of these features. Using refitting, soil wear and micromorphology, we investigate the nature of these structures, and their differing history of use and abandonment. Beyond this what do these structures and their relationship to adjacent debris tell us about the nature of dryland activities that complement the well-known wetland archaeology of the site.

TH1-23 Abstract 05

Back to Beg-er-Vil: from taphonomy to spatial analysis of a mesolithic dwelling in Atlantic France

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Keywords: Dwelling, Mesolithic, Spatial Analysis

Presentation Preference: Oral

Firstly excavated by G. Kayser during the 1980s, the Mesolithic site of Beg-er-Vil at Quiberon (Brittany, France) is the object of an extensive excavation since 2012, to anticipate its likely destruction by the erosion. It involves both a shell deposit and its periphery, occupied between ca 6200 and 6000 BC. Numerous archaeological structures (pits, post-holes, fire-places, hut) have been discovered. The sedimentary analyses (sedimentology, soil micromorphology) are linked to chemical analyzes (acidity, minerals) to best describe the spatial variations of the archaeological remains. These taphonomic analyzes allow us to enter for the first time in the histories of maritime hunter-gatherers, particularly marked by many changes of function of the site during the human occupation.

TH1-23 Abstract 06

New insights into open-air Mesolithic settlement in northern Spain

Recent research at El Alloru

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The dearth of direct evidence on the settlement areas and particularly on dwelling structures has traditionally been a serious challenge for the understanding of the Mesolithic of northern Iberia. Recent research is contributing to overcome those difficulties. In 2013 we started a systematic survey of open-air settlements in an area with a high density of cave sites, the region of northern Spain coast where the classic “Asturian” facies is located. It included geomorphological analysis, magnetometry survey, sedimentology cores and archaeological excavations. Among the most outstanding results, an open-air Asturian site was located near the cave of El Alloru (Balmori, Asturias). In this communication, the results of the last field-work season are discussed, particularly focusing on the Mesolithic features. An updated synthesis on this Mesolithic settlement, including micromorphological, archaeobotanical, archaeozoological, lithic raw materials and lithic technology analysis, is also provided.

TH1-23 Abstract 07

Mesolithic shell midden sites from northern Iberia: habitation sites or waste disposal mounds?

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Research on Mesolithic coastal settlements in northern Iberia has been focused in the so-called Asturian area (northern Iberia). Settlement patterns in the area have been defined by the formation of numerous shell middens. The huge amount of shells discarded at the sites, together with the limited presence of other materials, firstly led to consider these deposits as mere waste disposal mounds, whilst habitation areas were thought to be elsewhere. However, after a century of research in the area no Mesolithic habitation sites related to the shell middens have been found. Extensive excavations in shell middens were limited to the site of Mazacostas II in the late 70’s and early 80’s, where several living floors were recorded. From 2009 extensive excavations at the shell midden sites of El Toral III and El Mazo have brought to light different dwelling structures, such as post holes and hearths. In addition to these features, the excavation of discrete shell midden units produced a variety of materials including molluscs, mammal, fish & bird bones, lithics, charcoal, seeds and human remains, confirming that shell middens in northern Iberia were not only places where the shells were processed and discarded, but habitation sites where a wide range of activities took place.

TH1-23 Abstract 08

Microstratigraphic investigations at the Mesolithic shell midden of El Mazo, Asturias, Spain

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The Mesolithic of the coastal karstic platform of eastern Asturias is characterized by more than one hundred deposits of marine shells and other archaeological material cemented by carbonate in the walls and ceilings of karstic cavities. There are only a handful of shell middens that allowed archaeological excavation. The knowledge about the Asturian shell middens still lacks information about the formation and post-depositional processes that are clearly affecting them and complicating archaeological interpretations on its functionality and accumulation. This is also partially due to the scarcity of geoarchaeological approaches to these deposits. At El Mazo limestone shelter the discovery of a widely stratified shell midden constitutes a rare chance to answering these questions. From a geoarchaeological point of view, El Mazo is particularly relevant for the existence of several layers rich in marine molluscs embedded in matrices with different sedimentary compositions, some of them only a few centimetre thick. Structures apparently well preserved were also identified, such as combustion features, also with heterogeneous configurations (e.g. presence/absence of stone structuration), which might be indicating different behaviours and types of occupations through time. Undisturbed sedimentary block samples were collected to investigate into the microstratigraphy of this shell midden and the structures within the shell layers. The study under the microscope of the thin sections obtained allows to systematically identify sedimentary microfabrics and ascribe them to possible in-situ and reworked contexts, including those of fire combustion features. Ultimately, the identification of sedimentary structures resulting from human activities, that many times leave imprints visible only microscopically, might lead to the reconstruction of the behaviours behind the accumulation of the shell middens.
TH1-23 Abstract 09
Can pits define a settlement? One example from inland Iberia Mesolithic
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Interpreting the Archaeological Record

In the last years new discoveries regarding Early Holocene human occupations have been made in inland Iberia, namely in northeast Portugal. One particular site, Foz do Medal, will bring important contributions to the study of Mesolithic communities due to its well preserved records as well as its location in the border of Spanish Meseta.

Foz do Medal has more than 60 pits within three Mesolithic phases, from the 8th to the 6th millennia cal. BC. In some Mesolithic phases pits appear associated to other types of structures, such as post holes, hearths and hut floors. Nevertheless pits dominate the settlement area. Its contents were analysed by a multidisciplinary team, revealing lithic industry, faunal and archaeobotanic remains. One pit presented a human burial. Throughout Europe pits have been found in several Mesolithic sites and their interpretation has been a matter of debate. Interpretations range from storage structures to hunting traps.

Considering the amount of pits that were found and the interdisciplinary approach carried out in their investigation, Foz do Medal can be a very important site in such debate. Furthermore the excavation provided relevant data regarding subsistence strategies and the use of both organic and inorganic resources.

TH1-23 Abstract 10
Clues to recognize spatial organization and function of the Mesolithic camps from Polish Lowland
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The presentation will discuss the results of the interdisciplinarity and multilocalised studies, which were subjected to three Late Mesolithic camps from the area of central Poland: Sazieczno 4 and Ludowice 6 (eastern and western habitation). The studies included: soil, geomorphological and hydrological analysis of the sites area, archaeozoological and palynological analysis of the bones, palynology, AMS dating and multinliced analysis of stone artifacts, including: petrography, technology, retifing and use-wear study of all artefacts. Spatial analysis were carried out using primarily Kernel density and “Ring and Sector” methods, also GIS equipment and software. As a result the data were collected, that allow to recognize the probable original function and spatial organization of the included camps and individual settlement points (residential and economic) discovered in their area. It was observed clear differences here, which were used as a basis for inference about the seasonality, specialization, functional and structural diversity of the analyzed camps and even their possible relationship with only one gender.

TH1-24 Abstract 01
Introduction: studying evidence for weighing through the ages - problems and challenges
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WEIGHTS AND WEIGHING FROM THE BRONZE AGE TO THE MIDDLE AGES: PERCEPTION, CONTEXT, USE
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Faculty of Philosophy, Room 201

The material remains of past cultures are conceptualizations of their creators. Artefacts associated with the application of weight standards from prehistory to the Middle Ages may be analysed in this way. Certainly, weights and scales facilitated trade and exchange, integrated different geographical spheres and cultures in economic terms and became in this way a medium in defining interpersonal and intergroup communication. Weighing is also closely connected the other kinds of measurements of concrete things as well as the conceptualization of numbers.

During this session we would like to raise the following topics:

• When emerged the concept of weighing and under which circumstances? How closely was it related to the increasing importance of metallurgy?
• Whether and to what extent weighing units were abstract concepts?
• Why were certain shapes of weights chosen and preferred in certain regions and periods?
• How was weight systems constructed and how were their transferred through time? Can we really define the origin and end of the use of specific weighing systems and units?
• What are the contextual associations of weighing equipment (scales and weights)? What does this tell us about the use of these tools and the social status of the users?
• Influenced weighing systems the perception and description of the world?

We would like to invite all scholars to this workshop who analyse such issues by the study of archaeological remains.

TH1-24 Abstract 02
Normative and behavioural aspects in Near Eastern weight systems: a Case study from Ebla (Syria)
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The discipline of ancient metrology is generally considered to be a difficult subject and weighing equipment is often not sufficiently discussed in publications. If the evidence has indeed been recognised at all. One of the aims of this session is to promote such studies and to demonstrate its relevance for many key issues of the human past, among them cognition, trade and economic integration, mathematical conception and socio-economic organisation. The time is past due to disseminate the relevance of weights and measures, especially because the identification of such tools often allows for a considerable reinterpretation of the cultural context in which they appear.

We will highlight some of the problems and challenges we have to face when studying (potential) weights, scales or weight-regulated artefacts. Issues we will touch upon comprise the relation of weighing to metallurgy, abstraction, standardisation, metrology, trade and traders and even to the ancient perception and description of the world.
THI-24 Abstract 03

Weight - highly abstract measure

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Nowadays in most countries of the world we have one coherent metric system in which every phenomenon can be described using 7 base units. But even in not very remote past every unit had its own scope of references and one quantity could be measured using different units depending on physical state, purpose and other properties. Among other measures invented or negotiated the weight is the most abstract one. It is hard to point any natural equivalent that can be used as a comparative amount measured using different units depending on physical state, purpose and other properties. Among other measures invented or negotiated the weight is the most abstract one. It is hard to point any natural equivalent that can be used as a comparative amount.

The earliest weight units seem to be connected solely with metal production. This particular activity - starting from ore acquisition, transportation, alloy preparation, up till the end-product - required very specific knowledge and ability to abstract thinking taking into account that at every stage of this process the material has completely different properties. So in this meaning the beginning of the Bronze Age can be also perceived as a moment of emergence of the new, abstract unit - the weight.

In interpreting our results, we acknowledge that norm and practice are the two sides of a same coin, in that they stand as complementary aspects of real-world economies; therefore, understanding the interplay requires first to tackle each aspect through the appropriate methodology.

THI-24 Abstract 04

Identifying weights in later Bronze Age Western Europe

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In Europe, outside the Aegean, secure evidence for the use of weights is known from the second half of the second millennium. The increasing attestation of weights in Europe has been noted in recent decades by archaeologists, particularly by Christopher F. Erichsen, for Central Europe, by Andrea Cardarelli and others for Italy, and Raquel Wijf for Portugal. These individual authors have contributed immensely to the identification and publication of weights in various regions of Europe, but large blind spots in between these specific research areas still prevail. In some regions we know of balances but no weights have so far been reported – a situation which cannot reflect any ancient reality. In this presentation I will discuss some new finds of weighing equipment in Western Europe from the late second and early-first millennium BCE that have been established through systematic research. The identification of weights or scales allows for radical new interpretations for specific sites, the intensity of exchange – i.e. trade – and cultural developments in these regions.

THI-24 Abstract 05

The social use of metrology in the western Mediterranean Iron Age

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In this paper, we will like to present the first steps of an investigation aimed at discussing the nature of metrology in a specific context of the Mediterranean Iron Age, the Iberian one. Metrology is basically an institution, whose materiality in the Iron Age is mainly linked with weighing. It can take different aspects. When based on experience, on practice and on spontaneous and mutual agreement, we can speak of a practical institution. When enforced by law, and guaranteed through the activity of magistrates, it is a formal institution that may have, much more than the first one, a secondary impact on the material record.

The use of weights and scales during the Iberian Iron Age is well known and has generated an extensive bibliography. These works rely mostly in two assumptions. The first one is that weighing has to be understood on the widest frame of the trading practices connecting at this time the Iberians with others peoples of the Mediterranean area, namely the Greeks and the Punics. The second one is that the weights themselves are characteristics of a metrology having a wide range of application, including – and often predominantly- the proto-monetary sphere. In other word, the adoption of such technology would have meant the deliberate development of an exotic, formal institution, whose imitation aimed at inserting the native networks in the wider Mediterranean ones. This convergence of the Iberian institutions of trade with those of the “Classical” Mediterranean is considered as part of a wider evolutionary process, which conclusion would be the constitution of Iberian “Early States”.

We will first look for the evidence linked to weighing. Such evidence is overwhelmingly concentrated in the Valencian Country. We will show that here, from the end of the 5th cent onward, metrology is quite coherent from one place to another. However, through the contextual analysis of the weighing instruments, we will argue that weighing is not prominently linked with long distance trade, but rather with one’s patrimony management, and was a highly performative activity.

In a second time, we will examine the evidence for normative behaviours, much sketchier. We will introduce a new analytic method allowing the direct comparison of vessel production standardization in different contexts of the Ancient Mediterranean, in order to show that Iberian practices in this regard didn’t show much preoccupation for the adequacy to any norm. The only tendency for a homogenization of the capacities seemed indeed to result from the productive routine. On this ground, we will conclude, that in the Iberian context, metrology is not a formal institution enforced through legal control and public coercion, but a practical one, aimed at not diminishing the transaction costs in a trade context, but at creating interpersonal trust between partners whose association went far beyond the strict economic sphere.
Metal ingots as a medium of exchange in the Bronze Age and the Iron Age

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Metal ingots constituted a long-lasting phenomenon that occurred from the beginning of the Bronze Age to the late Middle Ages. They appeared at the earliest in the Natufian culture in Central Europe. Specimens made of bronze are rib-shaped, while gold ones were made of spiral coils of wire. In the era of the Urnfield complex, longitudinal ingots of bronze and tin appeared. Sometimes they had regularly spaced constrictions which facilitated their breaking. They were often found in contexts associated with metallurgy. In the Hallstatt period, objects of this type made from iron appeared. In the La Tène period, ingots of gold, silver or bronze, often broken, have been found together with chopped coins. Analogous finds date from the Roman period, the Migration period and the Middle Ages. From that time spiral wound ingots and coils of wire are also known. Silver ingots of that medium of exchange in medieval Lithuania. It seems the reason for such a long use of ingots is their unique usability. They served as a source of raw material, yet remained bullion money. Their form facilitated their breaking up to smaller pieces in order to achieve the proper weight. This method of their use facilitated relationships with communities using different weight measurement systems. They were also necessary, even if coins were available, in areas where political power was not able to guarantee and enforce their value.

Late Antique and Byzantine weights in the Mediterranean Area. The Glass weights

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Byzantine glass weights are essential tools of a regulated and controlled coin circulation. To understand the financial management and ultimately the Byzantine tax system of the 6th and 7th century AD they are of a great use. They are made of transparent glass of different colour. Domains are pale yellow and green colours, but even pieces made of dark blue and red or opaque brown glass occur. On the front side they are stamped sometimes with the bust of a dignitary surrounded by a legend including his title and name. The majority of the weights are stamped with the names of dignitaries in the form of monograms.

For the first time 1300 Byzantine glass weights were systematically collected from various public and private collections in a database. About the half of these weights were studied and measured by the author himself to achieve reliable data. The typology of the glass weights is based on the inscriptions, various monograms and figural elements. The aim of the project is to establish a typological and chronological framework of glass weights from the period of the 6th and 7th century AD.

The main problems in the research of the glass weights occur in the understanding of the whole system and the chronology of the different weight types, which is based on their prosopographic identification.

Multifaceted Head of Neck Ornaments “Perm Type”

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The neck silver jewelry of the Viking Age in a large number found in hoards in the Kama River basin, had multifaceted clasps, which was a truncated pyramid. The usual method of archaeological research for analogies, is comparative benchmarking, let still detect only similar things. In fact, many-sided fastener rings “Permian” type is half the geometric figures tetrahedron with truncated corners, which found in Hungarian antiquities originating in the territory of Bulgaria by Alexander Spitsyn. It is an object against a fastener ring and a size two times greater than it.

Therefore the search for the source of a head, which said Ture Arne even have continued in Iran and the African side. Finding head of the Hungarian antiquities 9-10 centuries suggests that the rings of the Persian such as appeared in the area between the Vyatka and Kama in the ancient homeland Udmurt-Finno-Permian population as cultural synthesis (cultural genes). But they began to fall out in hoards with the Arab coins first on Gotland, and then Southern Sweden and Denmark and is only the latest in Vyatka and Kama. With 833 for 845 years.

Neck decoration Scandinavians were of iron, they were not used and the Slavs. Slavs used as an expensive silver jewelry and fashion item or as a store of value. But in Sweden rings Persian type were made to get rid of the excess of silver in the form of coins, which were worn as bracelets.

Neck rings were brought to the Baltic States through the Arab coin, which is before the first silver crisis of 60 - 90 years of the 9th century rushed flow to Sweden. Therefore the treasures with the Arab coins could fall in the period of excess revenues coins from the east, and in the case of buying valuables, besides multi-faceted neck rings head marked by 2 things: bracelets on hand, clasps-fibulae.

Mass discoveries brooches, buckles during archaeological excavations in the Baltic States are talking about ethnic identification of this type of things, but in the entire Baltic region is alien neck rings and bracelets.

Some of the findings of these items without heads arrived in the Eastern Baltic from different ethnic backgrounds, because they are known only in hoards. All three subjects costume complex served as money, and the neck ring served as ring money By Br. Hard. Cash and weight standards allow a very high degree of accuracy to determine specific ethnic identity even hoards. If weight standards correspond to the different ethnic groups, and it indicates the direction of trade relations or to cultural and consumer preferences cash holders. Treasures, consisting of the neck rings is preferable to studying in weight than coin treasures, as things that are hidden in them larger and the measurement error is small. Weight measurements artifacts nescessary. They may correspond to the Nordic, Byzantine, Iranian, Prussian, Danish weight standards in no less than 322, 344, 190, 200 grams. Alone or in combination. Neck ring in hoards have tangible evidence of large wholesale trading or tax collection.
Scales and Weights in Roman Trade: 
The Case of the Wreck Found in Valle Pega (Comacchio, Italy)

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**Abstract:**

In 1981 in the delta of the Po river, in Valle Ponti near Comacchio, was found one the wreck of a Roman ship with its cargo. The boat was engaged in small scale coastal shipping, but it was able also to transport by river. The shipwreck occurred around 12 BC along the north-western Adriatic coast, between two branches of the ancient Po.

The ship’s cargo excavated by archaeologists includes a big variety of merchandise: lead ingots, some with the stamp of Agrippa, amphorae and ceramics of various type and provenance, lamps, wooden beams, fourths of meat and various small objects, including several little lead temples.

A turn-over steelyard for retail trade and a big stone weight are also found in the cargo. They were part of the ship’s equipment. The turn-over steelyard has two capacities and a stamp with the mention of one personage, probably the mensor who built the instrument in according to similar finds. The stone weight, a centussis (100 librae), was used instead for wholesale trade. This mold is related with the first metallurgical activities in our region. Finally, this piece allow a first approach to check if there is some patterns in weights and measures issue during the production of several prehistoric tools.

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Analysis of weights and measures 
from the flat axes mould discovered in Pendia’s Hillfort (Spain)

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In 2008 a flat axes mould was discovered in one of the streets of Pendia’s Hillfort, a fortified enclosure in NW of Iberia (IV BC-II AD). Despite its location, in secondary position after using for casting, this find shows a long term survival. Moreover, this mould is related with the first metallurgical activities in our region. Finally, this piece allow a first approach to check if there is some patterns in weights and measures issue during the production of several prehistoric tools.

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Animal deposits are perhaps the most frequent type of sacrifice in Danish wetlands, and they appear in most of the prehistory. In Denmark animal deposits tend to be overlooked compared to other finds from the wetlands, which includes precious metal objects, bog bodies and weapons etc. In contrast, our neighboring countries traditionally prioritize animal deposits a little higher. However, there is still a tendency to look upon animal deposits from a zoological point of view. In order fully to understand all aspects of the Iron Age utility of the wetlands, we have to reexamine the animal deposits and discuss their part in sacred and profane lifestyle of the Iron Age. Most importantly, we must focus on the deposits and their context, not just consider them as zoological objects but also acknowledge the animal deposits as archeological objects with substantial information about society, people and beliefs.

During the last eight years, a large number of animal finds, both sacred and profane, have been excavated from wetlands in northern Zealand. Especially the ongoing excavations at the site called Sætpetermosen have revealed a small bog with numerous sacred animal deposits. Though still preliminary, a vast amount of results seem to be the outcome, which will enable us to interpret both the new finds as well as reinterpret some of the old finds from northern Zealand. So far, the new discoveries can contribute with information about the variation of sacrificed animals, which parts that were sacrificed, the combination with other items, the context in which they were sacrificed and the differences compared to the profane animal deposits etc.

Finally yet importantly, animal deposits contribute to the discussion about the utility of wetlands. Were their sole purpose to be marginal, mystical and sacred places or were they all that and part of the daily profane life? In other words, based on animal deposits, we should take a holistic point of view when it comes to wetlands.
Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Archaeological finds of human and animal remains in bogs and wetlands are random and unpredictable causing trouble for both archaeologist and antiquarian authorities. In Sweden new finds are scarce but searching museums and archives you can find numerous notes of earlier discoveries. This paper asks the question what is the potential in these old notes by presenting recently conducted work on one such a site - Lake Bokaren in central eastern Sweden just some 20 kilometers east of Uppsala.

The place was first found when farmers were trying to ditch out the bog/lake to retrieve new farmland in 1939 and found to two human skulls and a couple of horse skulls. The finding was followed by a small excavation in 1941 where more animal bones (primarily horse skulls) were retrieved alongside with a wooden platform covered with flux. Unfortunately this quite spectacular find were forgotten about and the report never written up. It’s only been referred to in some texts. We have now been able to recollect most of the material from the excavation that was spread out at different museum storages and we have studied the documentation. We have also dated some the human skulls and some of the animal’s bones and performed osteological analysis of the human remains. Last year we got the chance to return to the place for a small scale research excavation to see how the finds had been preserved and trying to find out how big the actual site was. We found another human being and two horse skulls together with worked wood. The site appears to be quite big, and there is more the 35 meters between the findings of horse skull and human bones and we were not able to find the boundaries of the site. The radiocarbon dates spread out for about 1000 years from 300 AD until 1300 AD, which is quite remarkable since it means we are well into the Swedish middle ages and Christian period… It’s interesting that both the humans and the animals have been exposed to similar types of violence on this site, and this might be one of the clues in how to interpret the mysterious bog bodies. Lake Bokaren is placed near double parish boundaries, between Rasbo and Stavby parishes. This can be interpreted as if this was a place where various localities got together around sacrifice.

This paper will analyse mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion in Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Scandinavia (with case studies – Oral Presentation Preference

TH1-25 Abstract 03
Place-lore concerning bog bodies and a bog body concerning place-lore

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Under the swamp sods and when chopping down shrubs, many human bones came out from Lawdioo ‘encampment swamp’. Also pigs dug out human bones with rusted pieces of iron. It seems that fighting had been so fierce that there was not enough time to bury the dead, so they were trampled into the swamp –[---] (E 630012).

The aim of this paper is to introduce Estonian place-lore concerning bog bodies. This oral history is collected and written down mostly in the past, but some narratives are vital among locals also nowadays. There are different stories that describe burials, drownings, suicides and executions in wetlands: actions that may result in bog bodies. In oral tradition, there is also place-lore describing finds of human remains from peat. This refers to incidents where bog bodies were found in the past of which we do not have any knowledge based on archaeological records. In more details I show how a real archaeological find, a Rabivere bog body is reflected in place-lore. How information in place-lore is comparable with archaeological data and how this folklore should be received by archaeologists, will be discussed.

TH1-25 Abstract 04
Sacrifice and necropolitics

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This paper will analyse mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion in Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Scandinavia (with case studies mainly from Sweden) manifested in the deposition of human and non-human remains in places outside burial grounds such as in wells, rivers, wetlands and bogs, traditionally seen as sacrifices. Problematising the concept of sacrifice, this paper will deal with the question of bio-politics insofar that it will look at what lives these individuals led as reflected in the skeletal remains. It also particularly deals with questions about Necropolitics and the control of the boundary between life and death and the effects of such control on societies, but also reflect on Zoe-politics as a historical phenomena (cf. Agamben 1998, Mbembe 2003, Braidotti 2013).

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Peat Pits practical or ritual constructions

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In the sacrificial bog of Svennum (Vendsyssel, Denmark) six sculls were deposited in a group of 13 small peat pits (2013 excavation). The deposited is dated by ceramics to the first century AD. In the pits were also deposited dishes, ceramics animal bones and white stones placed meticulously as querns and rows in an one practical way. In 2015 the bog was further excavated and here it became clear that pits was not the most common way of extracting peat from the bog, large scale vertical stripping of peat was by far the norm this stripping is also dated to the Iron Age by ceramics. New deposits of animal bones, stones and wooden objects came to light, the deposits were different in form than the ones excavated in 2013, some were very organized some more random in character. A survey of older finds of bog deposited sculls in Vendsyssel suggest that they also were found in small peat pits. In Denmark it is generally held that Iron Age peat digging is always conducted in form of small pits but Svennum clearly shows that this is not the case. Most cases of Iron Age peat digging are registered because deposits come to light and are found to be rich in remains. The question raised is the the pits actually dug for practical reasons or are they in fact in themselves a result of ritual practice. The very elaborate placement of stones at the bottom of the pits before any new peat growth and the alternative form of peat extraction could suggest this.

TH1-25 Abstract 06
‘Well-preserved’ human remains – cultural paradigms on conservation

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This paper explores the marvelous accident of natural preservation which characterizes bog bodies, and the deliberate conservation choices which then determine their future. We as well-preserved corpses, but critically examines the different paradigms which have governed cultural choices over whether to re-bury, curate or conserve bog bodies, from the 17th-21st centuries within UK and Ireland. It will contrast two changing attitudes to the body, with developing ideals on conservation philosophy during this time. By contrasting these case studies with wider examples from northern Europe, it will show how they can be a lens through which we examine societal attitudes to bodies that confound our expectations of corporal decay. The paper hopes to share current ideas about ‘best practice’, pointing to the vital relationship between curator and conservator, in terms of the long-term future of such internationally significant remains.
THE LIFE BIOGRAPHY OF ARTEFACTS AND RITUAL PRACTICE

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Taking a closer look – causewayed enclosures through the lens of a large scale use-wear analysis

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This paper presents a closer look at the phenomenon of monumentality in the early Neolithic; at a micro scale. The methodological approach is use-wear analysis of flint assemblages from selected contexts of a number of well excavated early Neolithic causewayed enclosures in southern Britain and southern Scandinavia. The UK sites include: Etton (Cambridgeshire) and Staines (Surrey), with reference also being made to preliminary analyses of assemblages from Hambleton Hill (Derbyshire) and Windmill Hill (Wiltshire); for southern Scandinavia, Sarup (Denmark). Results from the use-wear analysis offer a way of characterizing activities at these sites that has not been attempted before. In particular, use-wear analysis has been able to reveal some of the micropopulated life histories that the flint artefacts hold, and in this way contributes to understanding the temporality in depositional practices at causewayed enclosures. The project has also sought to develop a method in use-wear analysis, notably through the use of high-end digital microscope technology in combination with a conventional microscope.

Grinding Tools and Circular Enclosures - Ceremonial Behaviour or Common Refuse Management?

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The presentation will introduce assemblages of stone grinding tools from the late Neolithic sites (4500 - 4500 cal. BC) in the Czech Republic that were collected in the vicinity of circular enclosures (rondels) the function of which is assumed to be socio-ritual. The assemblages consist mostly of fragments of tools from ditch infillings of the rondels, or from other pits in their vicinity.

We would like to present assemblages from several long-term excavations where the origin of raw source, the manufacturing process, the stage of preservation, and the location of the artefacts in relation to the rondel or other features are known. The following issues related to the socio-ritual features and other surrounding artefacts will be discussed: Is there any evidence that there is a direct relation between the grinding tools and the socio-ritual structure, such as ritual grinding activities during various ceremonies, or do they represent just a common refuse management in the settlement? Why were some of the grinding tools intentionally destroyed and others not?

The ritual use of flint

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From the Neolithic period onward, sometimes even up to the Iron Age, lithics are frequently found in funerary context. Evidence of ritual use of flint is known from Neolithic settlements, enclosures, ritual houses and graves. Several traditions of treatment and handling of flint such as ritual destruction, burning or scratching the surface of the artefacts were recognized.

In this paper, special emphasis is placed on possible role and meaning of lithics in TRB burial ceremonies. Artefact analyses were divided in two major parts. First, the technology of production and the possible traces of use found on flakes, blades and tools were discussed. The second part consisted of statistical analysis of lithic artefact type variation and their possible relation to other grave goods. The results were then compared to the ones obtained from material from TRB settlements. This leads to the general discussion about the interpretation of role and meaning of flint in the burial context. By using such combination of methods, it is possible to discuss different reasons for placement of lithics in the burial context. Various artefacts could be interpreted either as a part of the grave goods set (accessories for further life in afterworld), the belongings of the deceased (which could signify his status or occupation during life) or traces of ritual knapping or other activities during the burial ceremony.

The biography of megalithic art at Millin Bay, Northern Ireland

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The megalithic monuments of Western Europe are famous for their engraved and painted decoration which adorn the outsides of their chambers, passages and sometimes their external features. While most of that art was primarily created to be seen within the fixed setting of the monuments, excavations and studies in Iberia, France and Ireland have shown that a surprising percentage of this art was hidden in inaccessible parts of the architecture, or was erased from the walls, and that many decorated stones were broken and re-used as the structural components of new monuments. This raises at least two important questions: what was the earliest history of the decorated stones before they were placed inside the monuments? And, what was the role, if any, of such ‘un-displayed’ art in their final monumental contexts?
An interesting case study is the Neolithic site of Millin Bay in Northern Ireland, dated c. 3600-3300 BC. The site was excavated in the early 1980s, revealing an unusual long oblique structure containing 16 burials and 64 stones with decoration associated with the Irish megalithic art tradition, which regularly features abstract carved motifs (concentric circles, spirals, meandering lines, etc.). Several of these stones display evidence of intentional breakage, as well as several episodes of art-making leading superimposition, suggesting that the decorated stones had a complex biography before subsequent use in the buried architecture of the tomb. What happened to these stones before they were eventually deposited underground and used as structural components in the monument?

This paper will present the results of new recording and analysis of the decorated stones from Millin Bay. Using photographic techniques and 3D structure-from-motion photogrammetry, we examine technical signatures in the making of the art as well as overlapping art indicating sequences of art production, together with evidence of intentional breakage and other alterations of the stones. This examination allows us to infer the multiple stages and ‘chains of practices’ involved in the production, use and reuse of the Millin Bay stones as ritual artefacts.

Here we approach megalithic art not as a spatially and temporarily fixed assemblage of structural stones but as a series of individual artefacts that were moved, transformed, decorated, reworked, sometimes broken, and eventually brought together and reused as structural elements to create the architectural setting of the monument.

This paper will consider Millin Bay in its broader context, with reference to wider evidence of reworked and displaced megalithic art in Ireland and Europe, and will discuss the reuse of megalithic art as representing a specialised form of prehistoric monumental construction and a specific type of funerary ritual.

**TH1-26 Abstract 08**

**Useful, beautiful or ritual?**

**The life biography of grave goods from prehistoric burial sites**

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Neolithic communities used to send their members, on their last road, accompanied by various things, from pottery and animal bones to personal adornments, and other objects such as flint blades, axes, clay figurines, etc. The grave is supposed to be the final resting place for the human individual, but also the end-place of the objects accompanying the deceased. The analysis of grave goods usually focuses on typologies, quantities, whether they are gendered grave goods or not, and how they help create the identity of the deceased. More rarely, they focus on whether they were especially created for the particular event of somebody’s burial or they had been previously used. The work done on the Neolithic and Copper Age funerary contexts from Romania and Poland shows that, in spite of the traditional belief that, in fact, they had a life of their own before that. The longest chain of events in an object’s life identified so far belongs to the adornments made of Spondylus shell that underwent long-distance trade, manufacture, short-distance trade, wear, repair or transformation (or both), wear, and deposition. Another object with a medium life biography is the stone axe/adze/chisel, which could include medium-distance trade, manufacture, use, repair, use and final deposition. On the other hand, there certainly seem to be objects with a very short biography, namely those fabricated especially for the event of the burial. One example of this type seems to be illustrated by clay vessels or figurines that are poorly manufactured, indicating that their use might have been deemed from the start to be very short-termed. The presentation will review the data, with particular examples, mostly from the Lower Danube area but not exclusively, across a span of time covering the Neolithic and the Copper Age periods. I will also try to discuss the possible underlying reasons behind particular choices made by the prehistoric communities regarding the grave goods deposited together with the deceased.

**TH1-26 Abstract 09**

**Function and meaning of stones**

**from the grave of the Globular Amfora Culture in Wilczycе (Poland)**

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Stones were used by prehistoric societies in everyday activities, such as preparing of food, production of other tools made of stones, flints, bones or manufacturing of paints. They also served as a weapon, symbol of prestige and were an important material for dwellings, graves and other constructions of ritual meaning.

During the neolithic Globular Amphora Culture in Poland, the role of stone as a building material for grave construction was significant. In this time numerous objects covered with the stone were with stone floors, as well as with a grave goods are known. The Wilczycе site is located in southern part of Poland, in the Sandomierz Upland. The site is well known from earlier palaeoecological researches (Olszewski & Markowski 2002), but it concerns also traces of neolithic occupation, connected with Globular Amphora Culture and Corded Ware Culture. There were few graves of this culture, where especially one is unique. It contained three human skulls probably originally situated on the stone orland soil platform on the perimeter of grave pit. In the vicinity there were also...
other fragments of stones, probably primary being the part of these platforms or some kind of coffers (?) and grave goods in form of tools, as well as animal bones and pottery. In the upper layer there was the skeleton of aurochs. Some of the stones have traces of primary use as grinding, polishing or hammer stones, but there are stones without any traces of use.

This paper concerns on stone artefacts from the Globular Amphora Culture grave from Wilczyce and the possibilities of interpretation of their primary function as well as traces of its intentional ‘ritual use’ and/or ‘use in rituals’, on the base of the analysis of their spread in the grave, as well as macro- and microscopic features.

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The role of chipped stone artefacts in the Late Neolithic burial practice at Alsónyék (Hungary)
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The Late Neolithic Alsónyék-Bágázs site has enormous extension, which reflects in large amount of stone tools (nearly 8000 piece stone tools). This site’s chipped stone assemblage contains many long-distance import stone tools (e. g.: large-size volhynian flint blades which were removed by indirect percussion). The enormous extension of this site and structured construction of the settlement and a lot of burials; these factors which can reason the intensive intercultural connections of the Southeast-Transdanubian group of the Late Neolithic Lengyel culture. This hypothesis is not reflected from the settlement’s chipped stone tools, in contrast to the stone tools from burials. These shows the raw material manipulation’s role inside the site. Based on these, we find the everyday’s ingredient tools (e. g.: blade, end-scraper on blade and end-scraper on flake) form local and regional raw materials. The long-distance raw materials made import tools from burials mean the ritual sphere’s artefacts.

TH1-26 Abstract 11
Ornament biographies in amber and antler from the late Neolithic in north-western Norway
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In the coastal region of north-western Norway, pendants of amber constitute a characteristic element amongst the many objects deposited mainly in bogs in the late Neolithic (c. 2350-1700 BC). The pendants are of different shapes and sizes. Of particular interest are the crescent-shaped pendants that originally formed part of larger composite ornaments. These ornaments are also found in antler in the same area. This group of ornaments stand out from the other pendants of amber in terms of shape, but also by having been created and used as composite ornaments from the outset. Whether manufactured locally or imported as finished products, the amber itself had to be imported, suggesting these ornaments were highly valued items, used for expressing both social status and identity.

Belonging to a rich and varied group of depictions from the late Neolithic and early Bronze Age in Norway, the crescent-shaped ornaments have been interpreted as votive offerings. However, this hypothesis does not necessarily provide the best tool for understanding the ornaments and their deposition. In the present study of the ornaments in both amber and antler, a biographical approach is applied, focusing on the relations tied to the objects during their life-course. Against this backdrop, an alternative view of the ornaments, their role in society and the final deposition is presented.

TH1-26 Abstract 12
A biographical analysis of Mesolithic hoarding in South Scandinavia
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Hoarding has often been characterised as a ritualised post-Mesolithic phenomenon, but when similar Mesolithic deposits are identified they are often considered ‘unique events’ and as profane caches of raw material. These Mesolithic hoards, which are often carefully arranged or bundled, contain a wide range of objects, from blades, cores and debitage, to axes, beads and unusually large or unique objects. Preliminary results from this study indicate that some of the objects appear to have been produced immediately prior to deposition, whilst others appear to be well-used, and even burnt or broken. All too often hoards are just considered as an isolated event of deposition, instead of the final step in a chain of practices that led to the act of deposition of particular objects. Without understanding the pre-depositional life history of the objects in these deposits we severely limit our interpretation of the deposits themselves, the possible pre-depositional ritualised practices that culminated in these hoards and why specific objects were deposited in this manner.

This paper seeks to address the following questions:
Are there any large-scale patterns or are they all idiosyncratic and isolated events? Do these deposits represent profane caches, ritualised hoards, neither or a mix? What, if any, relationship is there between the pre-depositional life history of the objects and the mode of deposition?

By understanding the biography of these objects and practices we may further our understanding of both Mesolithic ritualised practices as well as the longue durée of hoarding practices in Southern Scandinavia.

TH1-26 Abstract 13
Ritual Objects as Offering at the Eneolithic Shrine
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At Eastern part of Macedonia, near Kocani few years ago the archaeologists discovered an Eneolithic shrine St. Atanas) which is nearby the Eneolithic site-village. Both are of the same period, 4th millennia B.C.

The shrine is positioned on a small hill and it communicates visually with the settlement. It was used by the inhabitants from this settlement and probably from another nearby. Throughout the excavations there where found various ceramic dishes, zoomorphic and anthropomorphic figurines, altars (sacrificial items), tools made of stones and bones, as well as many animal bones. Most of them were gifts probably donated by the inhabitants honouring their festivities and beliefs through various rituals.

Majority of the material was discovered in fragments, which leads to the conclusion that the items were being crushed in ritual ceremonies.

It is interesting that around these spaces, no remains of wattle-and-daub were found or traces of supporting poles from the buildings construction. The evidence that there aren’t any mud walls confirms that the site is a shrine, not a village.

TH1-26 Abstract 14
Amber Disc from Daktariškė 5 Neolithic Site: Archaeology, Use-Wear, Infrared and Raman Spectroscopy
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Traditions of amber collecting, production and distribution in the Eastern Baltic – at least in Lithuania, Latvia and territories later inhabited also by Baltic tribes – mainly, Prussians, reach back as far as the very beginnings of Early Neolithic and has an uninterrupted history of 6400 years.

The large Stone Age amber collection are known from Baltic Sea coast settlement complex’ in Šventoji and Curonian peninsula (Juodkrantė, Nida). From the area of big lakes, mainly Būriūnų Basin the largest collection of amber artefacts are collected in Daktariškė 5 Neolithic settlement located in the wetland area. The Daktariškė disc is 3,6 cm in diameter and has a lins-shape cross-section with a small hole in the centre; it has a fine polished surface and is made from good-quality yellowish amber. One side of artefact is divided in four unequal parts by a triple cross made of slight indentations. Along the edges one, two and four small triangles are formed in single and double broken lines of indentations. The other side of this disc is also ornamented: along its edges eight differently sized small triangles are formed by slight thin lines rather than indentations. This disc, due to the very good preservation to bear special coded information unlike any other artefact found in Lithuania or the rest Eastern Europe. It appears that the remains of dark resin can still be seen in the some of these indentations.

By this reason special traceological, infrared and Raman spectroscopy investigation werecarried on by the scientists of Vilnius Academy of Arts, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuanian National Museum and Center for Physical Sciences and Technology of State science institute.

Traceological analysis was conducted on amber disc from the Daktariškė 5 Neolithic site. During investigations, use-wear and manufacturing traces were detected on the artefact. Analysis showed that during production of the amber disc two different kind
Color Symbolism and its Reflection in Prehistory of Latvia

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Presentation Preference - Poster

There are many ways how to approach the study of history – archaeological evidences in excavation sites, dating methods, pollen analysis as well as stratigraphy of geological layers, DNA sequencing techniques for tracing migration routs, admixture analysis etc., to capture in a frame of reference physical evidences of early humans and their past. By studying physical evidence, we see close links to psychological, social and behavioral traits, as well as development of societies, evolutionary perspectives of human mind and material culture. harder to approach are the development of linguistic capacities, cultural activities as dance and religious beliefs – cosmology and symbolism, primarily color symbolism through prehistory. Stone Age cemetery Zvejnieki (8.-5. BCE) is closely associated with the usage of iron and processed minerals – like red ochre in burial grounds. As well as evidence for white circle structures, that point to ritualistic symbolism. Thus, the physical evidence here reflects on mental phenomena linked to early medievalistic and neolithic nomadic tribes.

The archaeological site Zvejnieki was excavated in 1960, and physical evidence of the colors that were used is no longer available. However, it is still possible to study indirectly the question about the mental and physical capacities involved, in order to recreate a span in time, where such activities as coloring a deceased family member was a valuable task to do.

In the study, the first questions to answer were weather there are naturally occurring ochre site in near proximity from burial grounds and in such case what are the material properties of ochre color and purity of the tone. Further research was directed to find out if modification of natural ochre could take place and what could be the range of colors possible to obtain from local materials. At the same time information about similar symbolic behavior in other archaeological sites were studied.

During the research the ochre source minerals were found near Stone Age cemetery Zvejnieki. The laboratory analysis for characterization of the material included granulometry evaluation, color spectrum, mineral treatment in various temperatures to alter the color and different natural binders were tested. In order to compare the color variation defined by impurities in the material, iron rich minerals were collected from different parts of Latvia.

It should be noted that considerable amount of ochre source material can be found in less than a 500 m distance near Zvejnieki archaeological site, but the colors are yellowish or brown (gohrite). Thus, the material was not directly suitable for the purpose of red burial. However, the experiments conducted confirm that it was relatively easy to alter color, if necessary, by treating material in temperature not exceeding heat of ordinary campfire to gain a consistent red color (hematite).

The origin of the brown yellow spot on the surface of the artifact was analyzed using both FTIR and micro Raman spectroscopy. The presence of coniferous resin and wax was identified.

This investigation has proved FTIR and micro FT-Raman spectroscopy could be particularly suitable technique for non-damaging analysis of such significant archaeological objects.

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THI-27 Abstract 01

The Personal Value of Correspondence: Letters as Material Culture in Late Antiquity

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The period of Late Antiquity (approximately fourth to seventh centuries AD) has left us with a huge number of documentary texts, handwritten on papyrus or ostraca, and preserved by the arid conditions of Egypt and the Near East. These documents provide a rare glimpse into late antique society, and as such modern scholarship has tended to focus on the textual contents and its value as evidence of everyday life. Consequently, documentary texts are usually considered as utilitarian and ephemeral objects, whose primary function was to communicate information, after which they were likely discarded.

However, these rare survivals in the archaeological record suggest that informal texts were extensively used and thus had a significant presence within the material culture of Late Antiquity. Therefore it is important to consider these texts as complete objects and possessions that, like other artefacts, had biographies that created meaning and subsequent value. In this paper, texts – specifically private letters written between individuals - are considered in terms of their materiality and reframed as personal artefacts with the potential for significant value beyond utility.

By focusing upon private letters, it is clear that such texts can be deeply valued personal objects. Not only do letters physically trace connections between disparate individuals, but their lifespans also have the potential to extend significantly beyond the anticipated movement from writer to recipient. As such, they can function in ways that are separate from the communication of information. Furthermore, this paper reconsiders letters specifically as material gifts and, through reference to the theories of Mauss, Bell, Rieber-Halton and Oakeshott, explores how their essentially handmade nature affected the creation of personal meaning and sentimental value.

The approaches taken to private letters in this paper allow these documents to be viewed once again as whole objects, reuniting texts with material form to provide a more rounded view of such sources. It allows focus to shift from elite and prestigious possessions that usually are at the centre of discussions of value within scholarship on this period. By assessing and evaluating the ways in which we can look at documentary texts, we can better understand the different and often simultaneously held values present within individual objects, both from Late Antiquity and into the medieval period.
TH1-27 Abstract 02
Are Merovingian brooches inalienable personal possessions?

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There is a long tradition among Central European archaeologists dealing with the Early Medieval period to see especially Merovingian bow brooches as inalienable personal possessions of the women buried with them. Although critique on this concept increased over the last decades and alternative models for interpretation have been put forward – like brooches being symbols of an age-related role – so far no empirical study on that question has been conducted.

The intention of my research was to investigate if we can tell from the brooches themselves whether they were inalienable personal possessions of the deceased or not. Can the theory that brooches were received at a certain age, worn, and were worn after death, prove in this case that we can draw a correlation between the age at death of a woman and the degree of wear detectable on the brooches in her grave. By developing a scheme for rating the degree of wear I've been able to analyse a large group of Merovingian brooches of several cemeteries in southern Germany in regards to their possible correlation to the age of the bearers and the distribution patterns within the age-groups. In addition to this I designed theoretical models on how brooches could have made their way into the graves. These models were then compared with the results of my empirical investigation on wear marks and the age of the bearers. Only models consistent with the empirical data were considered plausible and were examined in more detail.

The results indicate that Merovingian brooches were neither inalienable personal possessions, as traditional research saw them, nor symbols of an age-related role as some scholars suggested as an alternative explanation. My conclusions rather suggest that they were personal possessions which the women privileging to wear them were able to replace if they wanted, in compliance with certain rules.

TH1-27 Abstract 03
Jewels between genders: the shifting values of bodily adornment in England AD 350-700

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Skilfully crafted dress accessories such as brooches and buckles were highly valued between the fourth and seventh centuries AD in Europe, and it is this value that to some extent explains frequent occurrences in graves. While their value has traditionally been considered in terms of ‘wealth’, this term has proven to carry with it connotations that are incongruous when applied to human and object life courses.

The empirical data available - which has been compared with the results of my empirical investigation on wear marks and the age of the bearers. Only models consistent with the empirical data were considered plausible and were examined in more detail. The results indicate that Merovingian brooches were neither inalienable personal possessions, as traditional research saw them, nor symbols of an age-related role as some scholars suggested as an alternative explanation. My conclusions rather suggest that they were personal possessions which the women privileging to wear them were able to replace if they wanted, in compliance with certain rules.

TH1-27 Abstract 04
How much is that necklace in the coffin? Grave wealth and grave robbery in early medieval Europe

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Grave robbery – a practice of reopening recent burials and taking objects from them – was widespread across early medieval Europe, peaking in the seventh century. Afflicted graves have been recorded in hundreds of cemeteries from eastern Austria to southern Germany. Their disorder and depletion contrast markedly with the carefully laid out and often lavishly furnished burial displays of the period. Many explanations have been put forward for the reopening practice, but common interpretations are that high-value artefacts or high-value reusable materials were being recovered from graves. This paper looks in detail at how objects in particular were taken from graves, using results from recent research (reopenedgraves.eu), it shows that only a limited range of artefact types were taken, but that the selection was not based on raw materials or use value.

Many apparently highly valuable objects were deliberately left behind. What lies behind the selection? It will be suggested that the fate trajectories which could end in graves differed significantly between artefact types, especially in the degree and nature of objects’ connectedness with their owners, leading to different capacities for separation from the bodies with which they were eventually buried. An argument will therefore be made for low fungibility between many fifth- to seventh-century grave-good types: different forms of possession did not necessarily bear equivalent or interchangeable forms of value. Considerable fungibility needs adding to our understanding of artefact worth in this period – in particular its emergence from interactions of human and object life courses.

TH1-27 Abstract 05
‘Cheap’ bone things, games and travel – on the value of gaming-pieces in an early medieval grave

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Presentation Preference - Oral

A grave from Merovingian times, recently found by chance in Leipheim (southern Germany), revealed some small finds that give us a glimpse on the possible dichotomy between the material value of a thing and the ‘real’ value perceived by onlookers at that time. It is a single grave of a man dating roughly to the late 6th or early 7th centuries AD. Buried with weapons, a silver buckle, a glass beaker, a bridle and most prominently a horse, the man’s grave furnishings range well above average for that time and region; yet, the only outstanding finds are fourteen gaming-pieces and a die. Accessories for board games are extremely rare in the - otherwise often so richly furnished - graves of the 6th and 7th centuries in continental Europe. Also, the gaming-pieces in Leipheim belong to a type not known in southern Germany so far, with the closest parallels found in the exceptionally richly furnished burial mound in Taplow, Buckinghamshire, England. While the graves furnishings in Leipheim are poor in comparison to Taplow, they still allude to the same lifestyle - which is, in short and clichéd: horse-riding warriors drinking and playing board games (or maybe rather: high-ranking men entertaining guests with drinks and games). Both the context gaming pieces are usually found in, i.e. very richly furnished graves of men, and their general rarity seem to indicate board games were restricted to a rather exclusive echelon of society. At the same time, their material value can be estimated as quite low, as both the raw materials and the skills to produce gaming-pieces – even the nicely turned Leipheim and Taplow ones - were easily available. Thus, gaming-pieces highlight how value might often be not so much in the things themselves but rather in how and by whom they were used. They raise questions of where, how and from whom both the gaming accessories and, more importantly, familiarity with the concept of board games were acquired, and also whether their rarity in graves mirrors their restricted use in the living society, or only representational needs that only were relevant for some funerals. The presentation aims to explore these and also some more thoughts on where the idea of board games might have come from, and why gaming-pieces were so rarely put into graves.

TH1-27 Abstract 06
“Amulets” in anglo-Saxon graves

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Anglo-Saxon women’s graves of 5th-7th century sometimes include items which have been described and discussed as “amulets”, by Audrey Meaney (1981) and others. These are not functional dress fasteners or ornaments, although they may include broken brooches, belt fittings or horse harnesses. They are also fragments of glass, pieces of Roman glassware such as crystal, chalk or animal teeth. Some elements of necklaces such as pierced Roman or Iron Age coins can also be seen in this context. Bags containing one or more of these items have been shown by Felder (2014) to be associated with gyrdle-hangers, and interpreted as indications of the special status of the women who wore them: not straightforwardly social or wealth status, but relating to the role these women played possibly in connection with birth and death. This paper will look at some of these items to
see how their significance and use changes over time in different contexts, for example from a functional glass vessel to a worn broken fragment carefully kept and deposited in a grave. Questions to be asked include: what kind of “value” did these things have for the woman who were buried with them? Is the name “amulet” appropriate? Do these objects provide a link between pre-Christian and Christian burial practice in Anglo-Saxon England?


Meaney, A. 1981 Anglo-Saxon amulets and curing stones British Archaeological Reports 98

Archaeologists are increasingly focused on understanding the implications of social learning on the development of material culture. Such studies look to establish the roles of social learning, individual choice, and information transmission within cultural contexts. This study examines the contents of Blackfoot ceremonial bundles to investigate whether heritable continuity is evident in their assembly, allowing for inferences regarding social learning, cultural transmission, and transmission biases among proto-Blackfoot bundle-holders. Among the contrast-end Blackfoot, flexible concepts of the value of different material objects enable individual bundle-holders to respond creatively when presented with historical, environmental, and social contingencies, and this fluidity is mirrored in ceremonial bundle materials. This study seeks to illuminate the relationships between bundle contents and their distribution in various bundle types as indicators of socially-prescribed and maintained traditions. As such, we hypothesise that rules prescribing a communal value to specific bundle contents were more or less flexible depending on the level of social significance attributed to the ceremonies connected to each bundle under the assumption that the greater the overall social significance of a bundle’s associated ceremonial practice, the more constrained bundle-holders were in the development or maintenance of particular contents. In contrast, bundle-holders in possession of bundles associated more closely with personal practice were able to embellish the contents of those bundles under less-prescribed social constraints.

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**TH1-27 Abstract 07**

**Value-added gold: The physical, social, and cultural re-purposing of Scandinavian bracteates**

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Gold held high status during the Migration Period of the fifth and sixth centuries in northern Europe, as we learn from contemporary and later written sources such as Beowulf. Among the elite articles of personal adornment during this period were the widely distributed Scandinavian-type bracteates, which are one-sided, stamped objects that were provided with suspension loops and worn as pendants. These bracteates may have been markers of prestige to indicate gender, marital status, age, and lineage. The biography of bracteates can be traced from the mining of gold as a raw material, to Late Roman coins and medallions given as military rewards, and then to northern goldsmiths’ workshops where the coinage was melted down and made into bracteates. Thus the gold was transformed from material with economic value in one form (coins) into value in another form as personal ornaments that were distributed by gift exchange and worn by women. The significance and worth of these possessions continued to change as they were 1) given to others (perhaps bequeathed to descendants), 2) purposefully deposited into the ground in burials or hoards (curated and taken out of circulation), 3) melted down and re-purposed into other jewelry (permanently taken out of circulation), or 4) lost - perhaps to be rediscovered later. Subsequently, gold bracteates have been discovered by archaeologists, hoarders, metal-detectors, farmers, and hikers, and their value is still recognized as we see documented in sales catalogues and in the records of the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

**Keywords:** archaeology, gold, bracteates, migration period, Scandinavia

**TH1-27 Abstract 08**

**The things with value. An ontological investigation**

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While ideas about the various and unstable meanings of value and possession as well as their situatedness have gained considerable interest within archaeology, the ontological statuses of these notions remain largely unexplored. This is problematic, for the reason that it leaves us in the dark about what we are actually talking about and, even more important, it keeps presumptions and beliefs about the nature of the world equivocal. Inspired by Deleuze, Guattari, and DeLanda, but also by Lucas, Fowler and Normark, I propose to investigate ‘value’ and ‘possession’ not as references to other abstractions, but as concepts and as such that are active parts of the archaeological record. Being entities themselves, they are connected to and interact with other entities within and outside the archaeological record (e.g. books, brochures, archaeologists, ideas, animals, pots, voices). Challenging the idea of the preeminence of human intention, I argue, that it is these relations and interactions that continuously define and redefine ‘value’ and ‘possession’.

Consequently, objects are no passive receivers or holders of worth either, nor are they indifferently imbued with ideas of value or meaning, but are (re)defined by the interactions they establish with other entities that may or may not include notions of value or possession.

**Keywords:** value, materiality, concept formation, archaeology

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**TH1-27 Abstract 09**

**Unraveling Value: Cultural Transmission Value-based Constraints among Blackfoot Ceremonial Bundles**

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In my paper I will present theories and estimations of value of the Greek vases for all the stages of consumption, straight from the kiln up to the present day, where they rest in museums exhibitions. Give details on how these theories were created, as they often reflect different worldviews and are stretched over four centuries, as well as explain how they reflect on the studies of Ancient Greek culture. The fluctuating value of the vase not only obscures proper understanding and placing of object within Greek culture, but it also changes the grounds for interpreting the iconographical message conveyed in the pot. Greek painted pottery consists of enormous cluster of scenes, ranging in hundreds of thousands which are used for studies of the ancient society. The value of the item is often pivotal as it represents the social class for which these objects were made and by which they were consumed and it allows to connect certain ideology with particular set of scenes.

**Keywords:** Ancient Greece, Greek painted pottery

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**TH1-27 Abstract 10**

**My worthless precious. Troubles with fluctuating value of Ancient Greek vases**

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Estimating value of the artifact could prove to be a difficult endeavor even if items come from societies with abundance of coinage systems like ancient Greece. This is true specially for manufactured goods, and specially for Greek painted pottery. The peculiar combination of different stages of consumption of the object, added trade value, and the low cost of raw materials, all this factors are adding up to constantly confuse scholarly debate which now runs for over thirty years. Depending on their calculation researchers estimate value of a standard piece of Greek painted ware from being almost completely worthless until transformed into a prestigious item and luxurious commodity, to present views of just two extreme ends of the discourse. Furthermore, given the fact that Greek vases could be found all over Mediterranean their value would change accordingly. Indeed, their trade value is also being assessed with conclusions varying from one which see vases as being shipped and transported as ship’s ballast, a package for other goods, to the one which make pottery production a serious competitor to Greek trade.

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**TH1-27 Abstract 11**

**Materializing worth and value in archaeological beads**

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Despite moves in recent decades for archaeology to look beyond “form” and “function” for more esoteric meaning in material culture, there are categories of artefacts that are still under-studied and under-theorised in this way, such as beads. Understanding the socio-cultural-economic significance of beads is obscured by their general classification, through typological assessments, as “ornamentation”. This implies outward-looking, visually driven social practice with decorative purpose, limiting interpretation of value and worth to societies and individuals. Beads, like any aspect of material culture, do not passively impart their meaning, yet through recognizing only the visual impact of these items in archaeological interpretation, this is what we seemingly expect.

Given the potential for beads to have circulated through society in various ways, as shown through ethnographic examples, it is important that we look beyond this for interpretation of value and worth.

In this paper we will address a number of examples from the Neolithic of Anatolia that indicate the drive behind manufacture and use of beads was often not based on aesthetic consideration. The artefacts highlighted are thought to have been relatively mundane objects, manufactured on readily available materials and were not particularly visually arresting, yet their value and
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TH1-27 Abstract 12
More luxury for common people than we thought before: Asian items in medieval and later Europe

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Keywords: different knowledge and social environments, globalisation and global interfacing, perception of Asia in medieval Europe

Presentation Preference - Oral

For a long time the historical and archaeological research accepted the conception that items from Asia which reached the medieval Europe were solely assigned to lordly circles. The reason for this assumption was the focus of outstanding and curious collector's items in the lordly treasuries and cabinets of wonder. However the archaeological research of the last decades in the whole of Europe added numerous of finds in different social environments. My contribution to the congress introduces these items and categories of objects inside their social contexts. With the increase of archaeological excavations the rate of finds continues to rise. That's why our conception from a perception of the eastern continent in the west changes.

Medieval users of suchlike items possessed a potential knowledge, in that case about a distant continent. Thereby it makes no difference if this knowledge was reality or wishful thinking. Often this knowledge concentrated in lordly circles. Nevertheless many of these objects connected with a daily nutrition. The property and frequently use of respective objects in the medieval and later civil society was able to break through the controlling of the knowledge.

Another question weighs the aspects of a globalisation. The existing contacts of the Trans-Eurasian exchanges until the discovery of the maritime route from Europe to India often were selective. Just a few of contacts stretched steadily over the time. Most of them were unilateral, rarely bilateral. One has to question how comprehensive been these contacts inside the Trans-Eurasian exchanges. Which regions had an amount? How tall was a mutual influencing? A higher measure of a mutual interfacing is certifiable. However the notion of a globalisation seems not quite appropriate for this period of history.

TH1-27 Abstract 13
Striking Objects: Comparing the metal used for Roman copper-alloy coinage and domestic artefacts

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Keywords: Chemical analysis, Roman Coins, Value

Presentation Preference - Oral

Roman coinage sits at the intersection of a remarkable number of research projects. The art history and iconography of the images stamped on the coins, and the detailed chronology they can create are both full-time specialties. Coins are used in detailed models of economy, trade, and exchange far beyond the geographical limits of the Empire. As a researcher who spends much of his time studying Bronze Age metallurgy, Roman coins are an astonishing opportunity for examining pellets of copper-alloy that are often stamped with a date, place, and value.

Due to the richness of the data immediately associated with the coins, it is sometimes hard to consider them within the broader context of Roman metal use. This paper highlights new approaches to synthesising and characterising the large corpus of chemical data taken from Roman coins over the last two thousand years. These approaches emphasise the flow of metal and ideas, and the negotiated creation of value and identity. The contemporary domestic metal assembly has been interpreted using the same methods, which reveals close links between the Imperial control of mints and the wider availability of metal. This work aims to contribute to the broader debate on the creation of economic and social value, as well as discuss the changing prevalence of recycling and debasement.

TH1-27 Abstract 14
Moulding meanings. Late Bronze Age valuables through the organisation of metalworking

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Metalwork from the Late Bronze Age of southern Scandinavia includes a wide range of high-quality prestige goods for personal display, ritual and gift giving. The production of these highly valued bronzes is generally understood as centred by community elites and assumed to have been carried out at exclusive workshop sites. The investment of socio-political and religious power into these prestige objects is thus typically portrayed as an outcome of ritualised and highly esoteric specialised crafting linked to ritual and exclusive settings in aristocratic milieu. This reflects a common notion where exclusive objects are assumed to gain their value in exclusive settings and through exclusive skills. However, tracing the production contexts of prestige goods in the archaeological record shows that the manufacturing of these valuables was staged in many different ways, none of which seem to reflect exclusive and exotic workshops sites. Looking closer at the organisation of production of valuable craft objects shows that crafting events were staged in many different arenas. In this paper I will discuss how the organisation of metalworking can illuminate the creation of power and value of prestigious possessions of Late Bronze Age Scandinavia beyond the assumption of exclusive workshops for exclusive values. I will discuss how (1) the context and staging of production, (2) the intended bearer of the object, and (3) the citation to other objects all worked as important ingredients in the act of producing powerful possessions.

TH1-27 Abstract 15
Fragility and Frivolity: the perceived value of 15th-century glass in the Eastern Adriatic

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Despite the fact that there was a broad selection of intrinsically valuable goods available to the wealthy during the Renaissance, a changing relationship with art in the household meant that objects of glass or ceramic were increasingly prized for their high level of craftsmanship, and were sought alongside gold or silver. For Venetian glass in particular, the skill of the city’s glassmakers and the purity of the raw materials they used meant that the value of the glassware they produced was much higher than the comparatively inexpensive cost of silica and soda ash with which the glass was manufactured. At the same time, however, the lower monetary cost of glassware meant that members of lower social circles might also afford to purchase these objects.

Unlike more durable forms of material culture circulating at the time, part of the allure of glass was its fragility and ephemeral nature. Unlike this, the objects we have in evidence today are often so carefully preserved that their history is clear, and it is possible to trace their breakdown through time.

For a long time the historical and archaeological research accepted the conception that items from Asia which reached the medieval Europe were solely assigned to lordly circles. The reason for this assumption was the focus of outstanding and curious collector's items in the lordly treasuries and cabinets of wonder. However the archaeological research of the last decades in the whole of Europe added numerous of finds in different social environments. My contribution to the congress introduces these items and categories of objects inside their social contexts. With the increase of archaeological excavations the rate of finds continues to rise. That's why our conception from a perception of the eastern continent in the west changes.

Medieval users of suchlike items possessed a potential knowledge, in that case about a distant continent. Thereby it makes no difference if this knowledge was reality or wishful thinking. Often this knowledge concentrated in lordly circles. Nevertheless many of these objects connected with a daily nutrition. The property and frequently use of respective objects in the medieval and later civil society was able to break through the controlling of the knowledge.

Another question weighs the aspects of a globalisation. The existing contacts of the Trans-Eurasian exchanges until the discovery of the maritime route from Europe to India often were selective. Just a few of contacts stretched steadily over the time. Most of them were unilateral, rarely bilateral. One has to question how comprehensive been these contacts inside the Trans-Eurasian exchanges. Which regions had an amount? How tall was a mutual influencing? A higher measure of a mutual interfacing is certifiable. However the notion of a globalisation seems not quite appropriate for this period of history.

TH1-27 Abstract 16
More than a pleasing form of real estate: what is a valuable textile and how do we identify it?

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Keywords: Artefact, Textile, Value

Presentation Preference - Oral

Until recently textiles in archaeology were studied predominantly in terms of the technology of production and the social identity of clothing. Lately scholars have recognised the expense of textiles in terms of labour and resources, which addresses the question of value largely through an economic perspective. We may ask more broadly, why were textiles valued, what for, by whom, and were some textiles valued more highly than others? This raises deeper theoretical concerns in understanding textiles as a specific form of valued material culture. Such theoretical concerns need to be addressed in archaeological methodologies of artefact analysis. In this paper I suggest that there are five principle ways archaeologists can recognise the value of textile through the material record: through materials with affordances, in terms of expense and exclusivity, as artefact biographies, as items with conspicuous, sensory appeal and in terms of fungibility. By addressing value, rather than wealth or prestige, we open up questions as to how textiles were valued across social matrices, according to changing ambitions during the life course and through the biography of the textile. Textile value will be explored through archaeological evidence in Mediterranean Europe from 1000-500 BC.
THI-27 Abstract 17
A stitch in time: Use and reuse of funerary textiles in pre-Modern northern Finland
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Keywords: secondary use, textiles, value
Presentation Preference: Oral
Between the 13th and 19th centuries in northern Finland a number of individuals were buried beneath church floors. As a result of the unique micromosaic beneath these church floors, many of these burials have naturally mummified. This paper addresses the few gaps in the knowledge about the deceased at the churches of Haukipudas and Hakisto as well as the cemetery at Oulu Cathedral. The unique preservation context offers the opportunity to explore less durable items including clothing, textiles, and other decorative elements. This includes specially constructed “false” robes, socks, gloves, caps. Children’s and some women’s burials also include specially-crafted flower wreathes and crowns.
This paper examines the lifecycles of these textiles, including their material and cultural value, use, reuse, interment and eventual excavation. This sample includes materials crafted from silk, wool, and bast fibers. While some items indicate local craftsmanship, others are obvious imports to the region. Additionally, some pieces suggest professional craft specialization through the presence of luxurious lace and gold thread decorations. Each of these aspects of construction, material use and craft specialization impact the items’ cultural and material values. The items included within these burials are further classified into two categories: (1) items intentionally crafted for inclusion in the burial, often recycled from larger textiles; and (2) items worn and used by the individual during their lifetime before interment with the deceased. This paper explores not only the initial value of textiles, but also ways that their use and re-use alters their cultural significance and value within society.

THI-27 Abstract 18
Valuable pots made with cheap clay. A biographical approach of the pottery from Sultana-Malu Rosu
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Keywords: biography, biographical, pottery
Presentation Preference: Oral
The Eneolithic site of Sultana-Malu Rosu (Romania) is well known in the overall framework of the Gumelnia-Kodjadermen-Karanovo VI cultural complex (ca. 4500-3800 BC) due to the large amount of good quality pottery, among which some of the vessels are unique in terms of shape and decoration. These characteristics are the ones that assign value and special meaning for vessels according to both old and new interpretations. However, most of the pottery from this site is represented by common vessels and other thousands of shards. Also, the site formation has its own identity with the final contexts of the pottery varying for vessels according to both old and new interpretations. However, most of the pottery from this site is represented by common vessels and other thousands of shards.
When it comes to understanding the reasons that justify this process of transvaluation of the ceramic record, we will explore the potential of the communicative value of pottery in its social context of use as a key explanatory factor. For this purpose, we will evaluate the role of pottery in the non-verbal processes of communication and its suitability in the social construct strategies of inequality. Lastly, we will evaluate up to what point the diachronic process that is produced between the capacity of social action of pottery and the adaptability of the regional production system to the new pottery types enables us to explain the nature of the medieval ceramic register in the Basque Country.

THI-27 Abstract 19
The transvaluation of pottery manufactures in the Basque Country along the Middle Ages
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The patterns of domestic pottery consumption progressively changed over the Middle Ages in the Basque Country. Although some productions present since the 7th Century remained until the 15th Century, the ceramic record was completely transformed both quantitatively and qualitatively up to the point that the in the ceramic record of the 13th to 15th Centuries they have barely any points in common. One of the implications of this process is the change of value of the productions prevailing in the light of the influx of new products, generating a progressive latent transvaluation in the ceramic record. Thus, the new also constantly determined the value of the old.
With this paper, we wish to characterise the transformation of the ceramic record between the 7th and 15th Centuries, understood as a response to a material order established. Among the factors that generated the disequilibrium of this order and its reconfiguration, we will analyse the importance of the distribution networks as agents of change in demand, as more and more directed at new ceramic products with greater sensorial capacity. The introduction of glazed, painted pottery to the tables of the aristocracy set a new sensory aesthetic that ended up transforming the local productive horizon. An interpretative model would emerge from these considerations that explain the progressive changes to the Basque ceramic record over the Middle Ages as a chained process. First new products were imported that changed consumption patterns and then technological innovation processes were initiated that resulted in their taking root on a regional scale.
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THI-27 Abstract 20
Interpreting Clay Objects in Neolithic West Asia: Reconsidering “tokens” as early accounting tools
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Keywords: Neolithic, Token/object, West Asia
Presentation Preference: Oral
The Neolithic period in West Asia (c. 10,500-6,000 cal. BC) saw the appearance of the world’s first permanent, farming villages. With this came significant changes in social structure, subsistence activities and artistic expression as villagers experimented with, and adapted to this new way of life. An enigmatic feature of Neolithic settlements is the appearance of small, geometric-shaped clay objects, or “tokens” as they are more commonly known. Clay objects occur in various shapes including spheres, discs and cones, measuring c.1.50-3.50cm. Initially appearing at a small number of sites in Anatolia, Upper Mesopotamia, the Zagros and the Levant from the start of the Neolithic period, by the Late Neolithic, clay objects are evident across the region, often found in hundreds when present at a site. Until recently, clay objects have been overlooked upon excavation, frequently ignored, or dismissed as children’s toys, naturally occurring lumps of clay or mere doodles. More recently Schmandt-Besserat (1992, 1996) has interpreted clay objects as mnemonic “tokens”, the precursors of cuneiform writing yet their cultural appearance and lack of a certain, easily assignable function has contributed to the continued neglect of this artefact type within Neolithic archaeology.
This paper stems from recently completed PhD research. An investigation of the nature, role and function of geometric clay objects within Neolithic West Asia, it demonstrates the difficulty in identifying, categorising and interpreting artefacts in pre-literate societies. Evidence comes from morphometric typological analysis, relational database investigation, and chain of operations of manufacture study, comprising almost 3,000 objects from 79 sites. Analysis suggests that in contradiction to the predominant interpretation of these objects as symbolic accounting “tokens”, part of a formal, enduring, region-wide system (Bosanquet-Besserat 1992, 1996), clay objects were multi-functional tools, fulfilling a variety of uses within and across Neolithic settlements. The lack of clay object assemblage homogeneity within and across sites where they occur, along with the lack of a certain, singular and consistent function for these artefacts within the wide context of Neolithic West Asia, adds to the difficulty of artefact categorisation. Functional uncertainty leads to problems differentiating clay objects from other small artefacts made from clay, yet of a more certain categorisation (schematic figurines and talismans for example). Perceived value of archaeological finds is inextricably tied to their function, yet when a function, and even the classification of an artefact type is debated, our interpretation of an objects’ value within a past community is easily lost. Their large numbers when present, simple shape, crude appearance and depositional patterning proves “tokens” were quickly and easily made, and disposed of as readily. Yet, Neolithic clay objects were valued, multi-functional artefacts. Even within a single site, comparable objects likely performed multiple roles (e.g. counting tools, information storage mechanisms, gaming pieces, apotropaic devices). As tools, clay objects operated with fluidity of function, with imbued value and meaning; a quality which was appreciated and valued.
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TH1-27 Abstract 21
Fluid Fungibles: The Politics of Value in Archaeology of the Early Medieval Volga Trade
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Keywords: Middle Ages, Trade, Value in Archaeology
Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper will address diverse “regimes of value” which were brought together by the booming medieval trade along the Volga River during the 9th-10th centuries CE. The paper will focus on how value was attributed to different goods and objects in various cultural contexts, and how fungibility of goods was fluid among different trading communities. The latter included the nomads of the Khazar Empire, the Viking Rus, and a variety of local sedentary communities, who lived along the Volga River. While we possess some textual narratives about the Volga trade, its participants, their rituals, goods, and fungibilities, archaeology speaks louder than words in terms of the meaning of value in this trade. By looking primarily at the archaeological context of medieval burial practices, it is possible to see how new meanings (objects and goods) were put to old ends in the process of social exchange. Namely, how items such as coins, belt sets, and beads, were circulated among the specific communities, and then taken out of circulation in the process of ritual (burial) action—and in some instances, extracted again. The aim is to show how the politics of value developed during this period of trade and affected the participating communities. The problems connected with archaeological interpretation of these processes will also be addressed.

TH1-27 Abstract 22
Beads, Bells & Baubles: The indigenous Caribbean (re)valuation of Spanish trade goods (c. 1492-1550)
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Keywords: Caribbean, early colonial encounters, value systems
Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper juxtaposes archaeological and ethnohistorical sources to explore the early colonial indigenous Caribbean use and valuation of European introduced goods acquired through systems of barter and gift giving. Historical accounts written by European chroniclers describe the indigenous eagerness to obtain novel Spanish goods as well as the pace with which such articles were absorbed into indigenous networks. The cross-cultural exchange of exotic objects effectuated the convergence, transformation, and recreation of indigenous and European material culture repertoires and value systems. In contrast to the historical accounts, which have always been an invaluable resource for studying the material dynamics of this encounter, archaeological evidence of the abovementioned processes has often been understudied. In this paper, I will discuss early European-introduced materials which have been archaeologically recovered from indigenous contexts in the Greater Antilles, in particular on the island of Hispaniola. With archaeological data it can be revealed how objects of exotic origin were integrated into existing material culture practices, providing clues about their past use and value. Aiming to advance our understanding of the materiality of things in this encounter, I demonstrate how the Amerindian recontextualization and reinterpretation of European trade goods drastically changed the way such objects were valued, and continued to do so once adopted by indigenous communities.

TH1-28 RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC
Saturday, 3 September 2016, 14:00-18:30
Faculty of Philology, Room 114

TH1-28 Abstract 01
The bishop’s grave in St. Alban Church in Odense, Denmark
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Keywords: 11th century bishop, Odense, Old bishop - new church
Presentation Preference - Oral

When King Canute was killed in 1086 in the church of St. Albans’s in Odense it ‘... was at that time the bishop’s church...’ (“... tunc temporis sedes erat episcopalis...”). This reference by an unknown author in a commemorative text of King Canute the Holy indicates that St. Albans’s church functioned as a bishop’s cathedral until 1095, when the king’s body and St. Albans’s relics were transferred 75 metres to the newly built St Canute’s church. In the fall of 2015 Odense City Museums excavated a hitherto unknown bishop’s grave in St Albans’s, supporting the designation of St. Albans’s as a cathedral in 11th century. The period of the foundation of the Danish Church, and a number of questions emerge when analyzing the bishop as well as the grave and its context. The paper will primarily address two questions: What are the origins of the bishop in the grave and with which archbishopric and/or kingdom is he most likely associated? In the beginning of the 11th century, the Danish Church had close relations to Canterbury and thus to the Anglo-Saxon Church. In the middle of the 11th century, ties were close to the German Church, and Danish bishops were appointed by the archchdiocese of Hamburg-Bremen. Attempts to answer these questions are based on traditional archaeological methods as well as DNA and strontium analyses. Additionally an attempt will be made to explain why the bishop was not moved into the new cathedral together with St Albans’s relics and Canute the Holy in 1095, or in connection with, for example, Canute’s canonization and translation only five years later in the year 1100.

TH1-28 Abstract 02
An abundance of chapels: the pre-parochial religious landscape of the Isle of Man
Author: Johnson, Andrew, Manx National Heritage, Douglas, Isle of Man (Presenting author)
Keywords: early chapels, Isle of Man
Presentation Preference - Oral
The Isle of Man is a small island of just 580 square kilometres, yet it boasts the remains of about 200 medieval chapels (in Manx Gaelic, ‘twelvys’). In the 1930s Carl Marstrander, the leading Celtic scholar of his day, visited the island to study its many Celtic cultural and linguistic facets. Marstrander was intrigued by the widespread distribution of early medieval burial grounds and chapels, which predate the establishment of a parish system on the island during the 12th century. He proposed and published a highly-influential thesis that the distribution of these chapels was associated with a pre-existing land division system which functioned throughout the island. Several theories have since been advanced which have suggested alternative explanations for the distribution of these chapels, and have been based, for instance, on concepts of peripheral or central location. It is worth taking stock of these, and of Marstrander’s work, in the light of recent discoveries and new dating evidence for some chapel sites, all of which were known at the time of earlier surveys.

Together, the development of GIS and the resulting ability to investigate and characterise historic landscapes, offer an entirely new opportunity to study the location and distribution of these chapels, particularly in relation to routes through the landscape. As a result, it is becoming possible to propose some new ideas about their location and about the nature of the medieval religious landscape of the Isle of Man.

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TH1-28 Abstract 03

A landscape of belief: Orkney’s medieval churches

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Keywords: church, landscape, Orkney

Presentation Preference – Oral

Over two hundred churches were founded in Orkney in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. This paper will explore the various functions of these churches by considering them in their landscape contexts as a means of overcoming the lack of contemporary written sources relating to them. The churches can be grouped according to three different landscape settings: proprietary churches located in close proximity to central places within settlement units (townships); isolated churches located some distance from known settlements; and churches located remotely and separated from settlement too but not isolated. In addition to identifying different types of churches, some sense of chronology and religious development within the Orkney Earldom will be presented, mapping the transition from the forced conversion of the islands by Olaf Tryggvesson in 995 to the creation of an urban diocesan centre, part of the newly created archdiocese of Nidaros, in 1152/3.

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TH1-28 Abstract 04

Chapels, Church sites and Settlement in Medieval Faroe Islands

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Keywords: chapels, church sites, settlement

Presentation Preference - Oral

In the Faroes a group of sites has, because of their characteristics and associated place names, been interpreted as medieval chapels - maybe even remains representing the early Christianisation process. But because of the lack of church archaeological investigations our knowledge of the Faroese Medieval church is quite limited. The paper will discuss the characterisation of the archaeological material at hand based on an ongoing project involving surveys and investigations of possible church ruins. In an attempt to understand these relics - their relation and function within the Medieval church in the Faroes - they will be placed in a settlement-historical as well as in a North Atlantic context.

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TH1-28 Abstract 05

Novel topographical surveys and analysis of ecclesiastical sites in the Faroe Islands

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Keywords: early churches, ecclesiastical landscape, North Atlantic

Presentation Preference - Oral

In the Faroe Islands there are ecclesiastical sites that by tradition or place name are associated with barnahól (Faroese for chapel). The lack of historical and archaeological data has made questions regarding the date and function of these sites difficult to answer. Nevertheless they have been used e.g. in explaining when and by whom the Christianisation was introduced. Only one of the sites has partly been excavated in the 1960s, and only two other sites had been archaeologically surveyed before 2013. To get a better understanding of the variety of ecclesiastical sites the Faroese National Museum started a surveying project in 2013. The aim is to create a platform for future archaeological work and to create a basis of comparable archaeological data to use locally and across the North Atlantic region.

The methods used in the project are a combination of topographical surveying, georadar survey and archaeological test excavations. The topographic mapping is made by a combination of Structure from Motion (SFM). The collected data are analysed, visualised and compared in an ArcGIS environment. This paper will present the preliminary results of the project.

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TH1-28 Abstract 06

The geography of a cemetery – the early Christian cemeteries of Skagafjörður, North Iceland

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Keywords: burial customs, cemeteries, churches

Presentation Preference - Oral

In the last decade early Christian churches and cemeteries in the region of Skagafjörður, North Iceland, have been the object of extensive archaeological research. A thorough regional survey has suggested the possibility of at least 120 farms with early churches/cemeteries. Of those, 15 have been further examined and four have been extensively excavated. The research indicates that these cemeteries come into being around the date of the official conversion to Christianity in AD999/1000 and that their majority was discontinued just before or after AD1104. A small number ultimately evolved into parish or communal cemeteries and in some instances churches retained their function and boundary walls were rebuilt after the cemeteries were no longer being used for burial. In their outward appearance these cemeteries seem to have been remarkably similar in size and form suggesting that from the outset, they were being managed and structured according to a particular set of laws or customs. Burial customs that have been considered an 11th-12th century development, for instance sex segregation, also seem to have been in place right from the beginning of the 11th century. These cemeteries are adding a new dimension to our understanding of the early ecclesiastical landscape in Iceland and how and when important changes may have occurred. In this paper I will explore the differences and similarities that can be found in the layout and organisation of these cemeteries and how they compare with contemporary funerary data from outside Iceland.

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TH1-28 Abstract 07

Hofstaðir in Mývatnsvellir. An early Icelandic religious landscape

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Keywords: church, Iceland, religion

Presentation Preference - Oral

In 2015 the excavation of the early Christian church and cemetery at Hofstaðir in Mývatnsvellir, northern Iceland, was completed. The site which dates from the mid 10th to the early 12th century was typical for the early Christian cemeteries of the period in Iceland, several phases of a central church surrounded by typically Christian graves, inhumations oriented west-east, all without gravegoods. What is noteworthy however is that only 100m away from the church and cemetery are the remains of a substantial Viking age feasting hall (excavated between 1995-2002). The hall, which has clear pagan symbols, not in the least that its exterior was decorated with at least 23 cattle skulls, was in use for a relatively short period, constructed in the late 10th century, and abandoned by the mid 11th century.

The Christian church and the pagan feasting hall at Hofstaðir were therefore contemporary for a while. This brings a new perspective to the discussion of early religion in Iceland, where much of the focus has been on attempting to identify a conversion process thorough the archaeology, in particular burial archaeology. The story suggested by Hofstaðir is quite different, where there seems to be a period of coexistence of these contrasting religions.

In this presentation the results of the two excavations at Hofstaðir will be discussed, and placed within the context of the archaeology of early religion in Iceland in particular, and the North Atlantic in general.
TH1-29 Abstract 01

Rocking the Cradle of Scotland

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Keywords: 3D animation, Excavation, Museum
Presentation Preference: Oral

The Cradle of Scotland was a museum exhibition generated by the 10-year long research project into the archaeology in the heart of Scotland, the Strathtay Environs & Royal Forteviot project (http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/archaeology-search/projects/stratif/). Although opened at the 2015 EAA Annual meeting in Glasgow, it was oriented to a popular audience which could not be expected to be familiar with technical archaeological evidence. The project was a multi period study including landscape survey and numerous excavation and has generated data spanning 5000 years. In order to engage with a range of audiences and communicate different kinds of information we drew upon techniques including the reproduction of artefacts, the recreation of a Bronze Age burial, scale drawings of sculpture reproduced life size, 3D digital animations of sculpture scars and detailed paintings illustrating key moments in narratives of different sites. The exhibition provided a great stimulus for interpreting the site and allowed us to work with a range of and interpretative artists, from traditional archaeological illustrators to re-enactors and digital designers. This paper provides the first public opportunity to reflect on questions about authenticity, accuracy and accessibility raised by these efforts following their exposure to audiences. This paper also constitutes a step in critical process leading to the final academic publication of the results of the study.

TH1-28 Abstract 09

"Small churches" in Norse Greenland – what became of them?

Author: Dr. Arneborg, Jetske, Danish National Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark (Presenting author)
Keywords: Churches and church-farms, Norse Greenland, reconorganisation of ecclesiastical landscape
Presentation Preference: Oral

Greenland was settled in the later part of the 10th century when Christianity had been introduced in northern Europe. Christianity was a part of the settlers’ kit, and churches and churchyards were built on the farms from the very beginning of settlement. The churches were built close to the farmhouses, and they were characterised by their "secular" architecture, small size, and a surrounding circular, or sub-circular, enclosure. During the 13th century the early churchyards were taken out of use, as were apparently the church buildings, and a number of farms lost their status as church farms. In the same period new and larger churches were built either on earlier church farms or on newly established ones, now adapting "traditional" church building architecture known in Scandinavia. Based on archaeological excavations of “small churches” 2001 – 2010 I will explore the changes in Norse Greenlandic church building in the context of ecclesiastical and community organisation.

TH1-28 Abstract 10

A World apart? Burial rites in a Scottish Carmelite Friary

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Keywords: Carmelites, leather shoes, wooden staff
Presentation Preference: Poster

Ongoing excavations of the site of the medieval Carmelites Friary of Tulliburn in Perth, Scotland in advance of its redevelopment have located at least 300 human burials in the friary church. The earliest group of these burials are consistently buried with wooden ‘staffs’ which are apparently not functional objects but symbolic and two of the other burials were found to be wearing leather footwear. This paper will consider the meaning and significance of these and other unusual burial rites from the site in comparison with other similar examples from England and Scandinavia.

TH1-28 Abstract 08

Communities of death in medieval Iceland

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Keywords: church, Iceland, Medieval
Presentation Preference: Oral

In Iceland, the introduction of Christianity around 1000 AD was associated with fundamental changes in burial customs. In pre-Christian times each farm had had its own cemetery but under the new custom only about a half of the farms had churches with cemeteries. Farms without a church and cemetery are as a rule those of lower status and their occupants presumably buried their dead either in their neighbours’ cemeteries or (if different) in the cemetery of their patron or landowner. Already within the first century of Christian practice the small farm-based churches began to lose their number and the 12th and 13th centuries are characterized by their continued decline and by increasing centralisation of functions in churches which would eventually become parish centres. The paper will explore how this development, from private to communal cemeteries, reflects fundamental changes in community organisation and social structure.

TH1-29 Abstract 08

Visualizing the Past. Exploring Meaningful Approaches in Interpreting the Archaeological Record through illustrations and reconstructions

Saturday, 3 September 2016, 09:00-13:00
Faculty of History, Room 332

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Presentation Preference: Regular session

The initial results of the ICOMOS Survey on Professional Attitudes towards Physical and Virtual Reconstructions of Monuments and Sites, facilitated by the ICOMOS ISC on Interpretation and Presentation (ICIP), were presented at the 2014 ICOMOS General Assembly in Florence. From the results it became clear that the majority of respondents believed that physical reconstructions at archaeological sites were becoming more common (71%) but that the principles of the Venice Charter on this subject were increasingly disregarded (68%). Respondents also highlighted the interpretive and educational functions of physical reconstructions in addition to the goal of increasing tourism. They further noted that digital reconstructions were becoming more common and widely accessible online, in museums, for research, and at heritage sites.

This session proposes to discuss the issue of illustration, visualization, and physical and digital reconstruction of archaeological heritage. Some of the questions that we wish to address are:

• What is the significance and value of physical and reconstructions of archaeological heritage?
• How do we define interpretation in this situation?
• How does visualization impact interpretation?
• What are the ethics of archaeological reconstruction?
• Are there generally accepted guidelines and a common visual vocabulary that are shared by archaeologists around the world?
• What are the techniques and applications that inform and guide archaeological reconstruction?
• What are effective ways of presenting reconstructions?
• How does the public perceive reconstructions? What does and does not work?

To assist with the discussion on the evolving roles of reconstructions, we would like to hear from archaeologists, heritage interpreters, conservators, illustrators, artists, and others involved with the creation and presentation of archaeological reconstructions. Through this session and the presentations we would like to identify best practices and compile a set of guidelines that would assist archaeologists in visually representing the past in effective and meaningful ways.

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TH1-29 Abstract 09

"Small churches" in Norse Greenland – what became of them?

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Greenland was settled in the later part of the 10th century when Christianity had been introduced in northern Europe. Christianity was a part of the settlers’ kit, and churches and churchyards were built on the farms from the very beginning of settlement. The churches were built close to the farmhouses, and they were characterised by their “secular” architecture, small size, and a surrounding circular, or sub-circular, enclosure. During the 13th century the early churchyards were taken out of use, as were apparently the church buildings, and a number of farms lost their status as church farms. In the same period new and larger churches were built either on earlier church farms or on newly established ones, now adapting “traditional” church building architecture known in Scandinavia. Based on archaeological excavations of “small churches” 2001 – 2010 I will explore the changes in Norse Greenlandic church building in the context of ecclesiastical and community organisation.

TH1-28 Abstract 08

Communities of death in medieval Iceland

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TH1-29 Abstract 02
Reconstructing the Past
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Keywords: Archaeological reconstructions, Museological theory, Open air museum
Presentation Preference - Oral

One way in which archaeology can reach back and experience some parts of ancient life is through attempts to reproduce former conditions and circumstances. By using reconstructions, visitors of archaeological open-air museum can experience what the meaning and importance of these objects was for their original creators and owners. Spread throughout Europe, there are about 300 archaeological open-air museums that have these kind of reconstructions forming their main collection. This research will look at what archaeological reconstructions are: what the definition of an archaeological open-air museum is and how the reconstruction process of an archaeological reconstruction works theoretically from a museological perspective. The research will give an insight into the different types of archaeological reconstructions. This can occur both in physical form and in intangible form. Each different form has its own character and method for transferring the knowledge of the past to the public. Every form has its own function or significance, and some forms are more complete than others. Often these reconstructions are necessary to make the information of the original such as drawings and plans are understandable for visitors. This is due to the visitors often not being able to interpret the information themselves. The presentation in form of reconstruction can, moreover, convey a sense of realism, since not only sight but also other senses are triggered during a visit to a reconstruction.

An archaeological open-air museum is a permanent non-profit institution. This is characterized by outdoor true to scale architectural reconstructions and representations of how people lived and acted in the past. It holds collections of intangible heritage resources and provides an interpretation of how people lived and acted in the past. This is accomplished according to sound scientific methods for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment of its visitors. Visitors of the archaeological open-air museum get, because of that a specific view on the past, a very specific story told about the daily life of everyday people.

In this research creates a basic foundation for developing a new museological theory of archaeological reconstructions. The ultimate goal of this new theory is to improve the quality of the presentations of reconstructions in archaeological open-air museums, by creating a link between general museological theory and archaeological open-air museums.

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TH1-29 Abstract 03
Turves and trusses: reconstructing an early medieval building tradition in the northern Netherlands
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Keywords: Methodology, Netherlands, Reconstructions
Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeological reconstructions of excavated buildings are becoming a common feature in many countries throughout Europe and beyond. The value of such structures for communicating ideas about past life or even a more sustainable modern lifestyle is borne out by the fact that many have been built in open air museums or open (freely accessible) landscape settings. In professional archaeo- logical reports too, reconstructions or reconstruction drawings to be precise, help to convey the archaeological message to a larger audience. What practices seem so natural to be adhered to in practice. Perhaps museums prioritise differently than academic building researches? Perhaps academic researchers lack sufficient knowledge and experience regarding ancient building techniques? And from this: should we not distinguish more clearly between different kinds of reconstructions, each aimed at different kinds of publics? These are and may remain rhetorical questions; the concern of this paper is with demonstrating that ‘playing by the rules’ will indeed increase our understanding of past architecture.

Recent settlement research in the northern Netherlands has given a central role to a structural approach in studying previously excavated house-plans. The primary aim of the project was to establish how the region’s early medieval turf-walled buildings were constructed and how their architectural development can inform us about greater societal changes. However, generally accepted ideas on the limitations of turf construction and quality requirements for structural timbers were at first found not to tally with the details of the often well-preserved turf house fragments. A more systematic approach of the data was deemed necessary for outlining and explaining the typology, use, technique, design and context of these buildings.

It will be demonstrated that early medieval turf and timber buildings in the north of the Netherlands were both of a fundamentally different design than previous, less encompassing investigations have suggested. A new series of reconstruction models was established on the basis of in-depth preparatory research, different assumptions (e.g. on stability requirements), new ethnographic analogies, reasonable chronological depth and a greater geographical range. The result is that for an ‘average’ early medieval farm building is now characterised, in short, by fully stable arch-shaped trusses rather than the well-known but instable (non-braced) rectangular trusses. In the treeless salt-marsh area along the coast, thick clay turf walls served as load-bearing elements, whereas common belief would generally not allow for such a structurally demanding use of turf blocks. It is hoped that this case study will help raise awareness of the possibility that our views on past architecture may be subject to radical new interpretations, which is something to bear in mind for future visualisations and reconstructions, regardless of their purpose being educational, generally informative or academic.

TH1-29 Abstract 04
Using Archaeological Reconstructions for Outreach and Community Engagement
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Keywords: Archaeological Reconstructions, Community Engagement, Outreach
Presentation Preference - Oral

It has become increasingly more common, when presenting the results of archaeological projects, to include some form of digital or physical reconstruction of the artifacts and features uncovered at the sites. These reconstructions range from three-dimensional replicas of objects and buildings to virtual museums and exhibits. In this presentation, using information drawn from site preservation projects supported by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Guatemala, Jordan, Turkey, and the USA, the author will present six examples of how reconstructions, both digital and physical are being used to present archaeological information both to a local and global audience. The paper will also discuss how the projects are using archaeological reconstructions to inform and educate local communities about the significance of the sites and to engage them in the preservation and protection of the sites.

TH1-29 Abstract 05
The Reconstruction of three Roman Houses at the Archaeological Park at Xanten (Germany)
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Keywords: Experimental Archaeology, Presentation, Reconstruction
Presentation Preference - Oral

In Roman times the Colonia Ulpia Traiana (CUT) located in the lower Rhine area of Germany was second only to the provincial capital Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium (Cologne) in Germania inferior. In the late 1960s the extent of the Roman city was known and large areas of the Roman city were used by agricultural means. However, some parts of the archaeological site were scheduled to become an industrial estate. To prevent further destruction the Archaeological Park at Xanten (APX) was founded in 1973 at the site of the Roman Colonia Ulpia Traiana and its surrounds. The object of the Roman Colonia Ulpia Traiana to protect and to present the remains of this major Roman city.

The APX employed physical reconstructions as one of several methods to explain the importance of the site and the Roman past to a wider audience. From 2007 to 2014 three Roman houses were reconstructed in the eastern quarter of the Colonia at the original site of the excavations. Strong emphasis was put on a careful protection of the historic remains with elaborate foundation methods. The reconstructions were executed in rammed earth technology and timber framing particulate walls reflecting the building methods of Roman times in the lower Rhine area. The roof was covered with replicated tiles produced in a wood-fired kiln. Many materials and building techniques from Roman times were studied and re-invented for its practical use. The aim of the reconstruction work was to get as close as possible to the Roman original building methods in order to understand the ancient construction processes and the time and knowledge necessary to execute the work.

The scholarly results of the building process will be published while the physical reconstructions will serve the visitors to learn more about the Roman past, the ancient building technologies and modern conservation methods and will serve the scholars to learn more about the long-term performance of the building materials and construction techniques from the Roman period.
TH1-29 Abstract 06
The "Arty" Way - Dutch Approach to the Presentation of Archaeological Heritage

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Keywords: Interpretation, reconstruction, visualization

Presentation Preference - Oral

Aim of the paper is to present a new approach in the Netherlands and discuss its pros and cons with the international community in order to contribute to the ICOMOS Debate on Permissibility and Standards for Reconstructions of Monuments and Sites and to answer some questions asked in the session proposal.

Early 2013 an online survey was presented by the ICOMOS ISC (ICP) to gather information within the ICOMOS community to start a debate on permissibility and standards for reconstructions of monuments and sites. This debate was called upon during the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly in Paris noting the increasing disregard of existing theoretical principles for the justification of an intervention, and a move towards significant commercialization of reconstruction activities.

To contribute to the debate, I will present the Dutch approach on the subject of reconstruction with a specific focus on the archaeological heritage.

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In 1999 a National policy document examining the relationship between cultural history and spatial planning, was presented. Under the influence of this policy, progress was made to present the archaeological heritage in the public. Due to the lack of visible substance a more artistic approach developed - with (landscape) architects, designers and planners in the lead - that can be described as the "arty" way of reconstructing/ presenting the archaeological heritage on site. In the context of this paper I will elaborate some examples of third dimensional outdoor presentations in combination with in situ conservation of archaeological remains, such as House Moeenenburg in Tillsburg.

These examples show an inspired design that makes the archaeological heritage both physically and mentally livable and adds to the identity, social significance and contemporary use of the place.

Two important lessons learned for success:

- There has to be a multi-disciplinary and participatory approach during the whole process in which heritage experts play a significant role, and Dilemmas - such as What past to present? Where to put the emphasis, in the preservation of archaeological values or in the development of a place? Whose interest is being done right and to what extent? How much authenticity may be lost?- have to be discussed at the beginning of a project.

TH1-29 Abstract 07
Illustrating 8,000 years of environmental change and human impact in the Areuse River Delta

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Keywords: environmental change, human impact, reconstruction drawings

Presentation Preference - Oral

The delta of the Areuse River lies between the foot of the Jura Mountains and the north-western shore of Lake Neuchâtel in Switzerland. Archaeological investigations were carried out there between 1995 and 1998 prior to the construction of the A5 motorway. Before this, knowledge about human history and palaeohydrology in the delta was very limited. After preliminary archaeological investigations and a working group that will improve, and develop the well-known archaeological site "Castrum Tunsbergs", this debate was called upon during the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly in Paris noting the increasing disregard of existing theoretical principles for the justification of an intervention, and a move towards significant commercialization of reconstruction activities.

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TH1-29 Abstract 08
Virtual communication at the great medieval Castrum Tunsbergs

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Keywords: Digital communication, Interpretation, Reconstruction

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In the year 79 violent tremors pointed to something big about to happen near his house on the Gulf of Naples, Pliny the Younger nevertheless continued reading his book - and in the heat of the day, dozed off. It is a rather mundane reminder of our view of history finds direction by what we think important, yet that even past lives were lived by individual - and to past people, very present - concerns.

Most of the smaller human experiences of the past seems lost to us, yet other sensations are thought tied to places, and are recreated in landscapes and architecture. Indeed, a building may successfully copy plenty of details of this past design. Yet an enthrilled visitor could have only ever had one perspective: a building's interior scale determined by its walls, the appreciation of its exterior too often by the weather (and one person never under the spell of both at the same time). A text Roman visiting his local bathhouse at the end of the day would need to know where to store his clothes, hope to find a seat in the crowded steam room, and be able to find a sponge - and not at all ponder the mechanics of the floors and drains as a present-day archaeologist might do.

Phenomenology, or sensory interpretation, was suggested over twenty years ago by professor Christopher Tilley as a useful technique in helping understand ancient sites. Though understandably considered subjective, the same is now well understood to be undermining its very opposite: reconstructions made to the dictate of data. To bring the two opposites together - whether in full-scale architectural visualisations, as reconstruction art in the media, or in future multidimensional developments - the central issue is to ask a plain question: "what did one need to know?"

There are instances where the answer has altered the interpretation of the archaeology - bringing back the focus to what might have been truly occupied the mind of a person in the past, or merely pointing out the best place he might have had that sponge. The discrepancies between visualisations, with on one side multi-period sites being 'read like a plan' and reconstructed accordingly, and opposite the 'one moment at a time' view visual artists may help re-experience, were discussed in a series of English Heritage-funded workshops and conferences at the University of Southampton. This paper expands on statements and case studies made by the author there and in follow-up meetings.
TH1-29 Abstract 10
As Planned, as Built, as Found: Reconciling Written and Field Records at Ksar es-Seghir (Morocco)

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Keywords: Islamic, Portuguese, Morocco, Ksar es-Seghir, methodology, reverse mapping, GIS, validation of data

Presentation Preference - Oral

The present study reflects the results of a multi-level forensic analysis of architectural written records, archaeological field data (pre-2000 and post-2000), and competing interpretative models (pre-digital and digital) relating to the colonial urban outpost of Ksar es-Seghir (Morocco). The primary written record baseline was extracted from a fresh critical paleographic reading (edition forthcoming) of the protocol of survey recorded in 1514 CE by a Crown-appointed team of Portuguese architects, administrative agents, and military engineers (Arquivo Nacional da Torre do Tombo (Lisbon), Nazario Antigo 769). This baseline material was then set in the context of all other relevant written records, structural proposals, funding appropriations, Crown instructions, and other documents (1458 - 1549) germane to spatial and structural modeling of the locality. For broader context, the results were correlated with an area-wide (Strait of Gibraltar) analysis of related sites (partly forthcoming as “Keys to the Strait: Fortifications in the Strait of Gibraltar from Abū Ya'qūb Yūsuf to Abū al-asan 'Alī”, in Stéphane Pradines, ed., Architecture militaire du littoral, de la conquête Arabe à l'Empire Ottoman (Cairo: IFAQ, 2016) and partly published as “Contours of Battle: Chronicles, GIS, and Topography – A Spatial Decoding of the Portuguese Siege of Tangier, September to October 1437”, Portuguese Studies Review 21 (2) (2013, rel. 2016): 1-135 (Portugal and its Empire, 1129-1800: A Volume of Papers in Honour of Francis Dutta.). The resulting dataset was correlated, iteratively, in detail, and from a variety of critical perspectives, with data generated by past archaeological projects (1970s and 1980s) that had commenced with the 1974 field season, as well as with data resulting from the post-2010 resumption of work at the site under the auspices of CHAM / Escola de Arquitectura da Universidade do Minho and of the Direction des Antiquités du Maroc (pre-2000 and post-2000), and competing interpretive models (pre-digital and digital) relating to the colonial urban outpost of Ksar es-Seghir (Morocco). In the final stage, the project then proceeded to engage critically with various interpretative traps, possible omissions, likely flaws, or failures of coherence detectable in existing models of the locality (Ksar es-Seghir) as products of the long-run inter-disciplinary research covering Ksar es-Seghir. The goal was to shed light on the variety of processes through which diachronically cumulative errors of interpretation or modeling traps may arise. The conference presentation seeks to highlight issues of methodology and procedure, particularly with regard to interpretation, reconstruction, and resulting overall visualization.

TH1-29 Abstract 11
Reconstructing the Form of Late Neolithic Rondels

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Presentation Preference - Poster

The poster will present features of a circular ground plan, so called rondels, the function of which is assumed to be socio-ritual that appears in the Central European area in the first half of 5th millennium BC. Nowadays, we can only record the substrate remains parts – i.e. one to four ditches, and one to three inner palisade trenches. Based on an intensive research that has been going on for almost 40 years, the ideas of the original form of rondels including wooden construction parts have changed in some aspects. Most common view is that a rondel is a solid palisade enclosure further enclosed by ditches. There are two, three or four entrances to the centre of the rondel. Some researchers believe that from the centre of the rondel it was possible to observe the movement of the Sun, the Moon etc. during special occasions (e.g. summer and winter solstice). However, is this prevailing opinion right? What would rondels with several ditches look like if there were parallel mounds or ramparts between them? Is there a possibility that there might have been buildings or other structures in the middle of the rondels? What would rondels look like if they had a roof above the central area? The poster will present some original alternatives of rondel virtual reconstructions based on archaeological excavations.

TH1-29 Abstract 12
From archaeology to the restoration: the reconstruction of tile stoves in the New Jerusalem

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Keywords: 17th century, New Jerusalem Monastery, the reconstruction of tile stoves

Presentation Preference - Poster

Workshops of the New Jerusalem Monastery are deservedly considered as one of the main sources of Russian production of the tile. During the excavations of recent years it was discovered a huge number (over 50,000) of previously unknown stove tiles. The tile workshops, kilns, stocks of finished products and remains of standing ovens were excavated. A lot of stowe tiles were found near the base of these ovens. Patriarch Nikon laid the foundations of a tile business in Russia. He invited artists from different regions and from other countries. Among ovens of the 17th century, we see the ovens, the roots of which can be found in Northern Europe, Italy, different regions of Balkans, in the Trinity-Sergius Lavra, Moscow. Later New Jerusalem craftsmen formed their own original style with special local appearance of tiles. At the beginning of the 18th century Peter I sent two Swedish prisoners for the organization of the tile production in the New Jerusalem. They, apparently, were the authors of tiles with symbolic scenes. Of particular interest is the oven, lined with tiles with heraldic church and state subject. All of the above have created unique conditions for the reconstruction of the tile decoration of the New Jerusalem ovens of 17th – the beginning of the 18th centuries. Archaeologists and restorers implemented 16 projects. All ovens were reconstructed on the historical foundations during the restoration of the monastery buildings. Reconstructed ovens allow to present real interiors of 17th – the beginning of the 18th centuries in detail.

TH1-29 Abstract 13
3D modeling, RTI: non invasive and non contact methods for documenting a stamped amphora from Padova

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Presentation Preference - Poster

This work aimed to develop a non-invasive and non-contact approach for studying a stamped Dressel 6B amphora from an urban excavation in Padova (Italy). We created a 3D model of the amphora using two methods of acquisition, laser scanning and photography, and processed with an opensource 3D modeling software (MeshLab) and an image-based 3D modeling software (Agisoft Photoscan). Then we focused on the stamp on the rim of the amphora, taking a number of vertical photos to be processed with the opensource software RTIBuilder. We got a PTM file viewed with the RTIViewer, which permits to observe the images using various rendering modes. The realistic and measured 3D model of the amphora let archaeologists to analyze diagnostic parts, i.e. handles, neck, rim, the position and dimension of the stamp, in typological and technological researches. Moreover, the RTI image permits us to get a clear image of the shape and the letters of the stamp, useful for who is carrying studies on stamps and amphora workshops, without handling the object.

Further applications for both 3D models of amphoras and RTI images of stamps might be the creation of open online databases of amphoras and stamps from the Mediterranean; measured and scaled reproductions of amphoras using 3D printers, to be used for archaeological research in museums or academic institutions.
**EVALUATING THE IMPORTANCE OF OSSEOUS TOOLS IN THE EARLY HOLOCENE: A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE**

**Friday, 2 September 2016, 09:00-13:00**

Faculty of History, Room 214h

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**Presentation Preference** - Oral

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**TH1-30 Abstract 02**

**Evolution in bone exploitation during the Late Mesolithic at Zamoście 2 (Russia)**

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**Presentation Preference** - Oral

In Central Russia, perhaps more than in other places in Europe, bone industries are one of the most important components of the last hunter and fisher communities. During the Late Mesolithic (7000-6000 B.C.), bone equipment holds an essential place in the everyday life of these societies (Lozovskaya & Lozovski, 2009). Past typological studies have long stressed the importance of such productions (Lozovskii, 1998, 1999; Xunnew, 2001). Nonetheless, a more technological approach has to be undertaken, and the characteristics of the technical traditions linked to the bone equipment have to be detailed. The material connected to the elk (Alces alces) debitage at Zamoście 2 offers the opportunity to do so (Lozovski et al., 2013; Lozovski et al., 2014). Throughout this period, communities mainly hunted elk (Chak, 2003, 2009). Their skeletons were then used to produce blanks. However, according to the way of life of these groups, they seem to gradually change their technical features by stopping to use breaking by direct percussion for the benefit of breaking by indirect percussion and grooving techniques. This aspect should suggest interesting technical evolutions between the first and the second half of the Late Mesolithic, via a more important management of the osseous production. By comparing this data to other categories of material, it is possible to observe some fascinating technological and economical shifts around 6500 cal. B.C which in turn illustrate some conceivable social evolutions at this time.

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**TH1-30 Abstract 03**

**Inserts from early Mesolithic bone projectile heads and daggers in Central Russia**

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**Keywords**: Use-wear, flint inserts, bone, projectile tips, dagger

**Presentation Preference** - Oral

Pre-boreal and early Boreal post bog sites in the Volga-Dnieper interfluve produced a number of slotted bone arrowheads, javelin heads and daggers. Some of them preserved flint inserts in situ as deposits fixed with glue. From typological point of view the majority of them are unretouched regular microliths. Some are trimmed with fine retouch along one lateral side. Scarce obliquely truncated microliths were used as barbs in arrowheads. Microscopic studies of these inserts preserved in slots of composite weapons showed distinct use-wear traces. Inserts of projectile heads expose more or less developed edge damage in the form of fine chipping supplemented by rounding and abrasion of the edge and scarce linear traces. Such use-wear resulted from hitting some soft medium dirty material (skin and flesh of hunted animals) and sliding along harder tissues and bones. Rounding, abrasion and single coarse seawar traces emerged either from occasional hitting the ground when an arrow missed the target, or from contacts with other arrows. Traces from hitting the ground and keeping in a quiver are also observed at points of slotted bone projectile tips. Inserts of daggers exhibit edge damage in the form of fine to crude and very crude chipping. Sometimes edge of an insert is completely crushed. Lightly developed “meat” polishing is observed at both dorsal and ventral faces in the shape of a narrow area running along the edge of the insert. Such use-wear indicates various butchering activities, first of all detachment of a body of large mammals. During this procedure huge efforts were applied to the butchering knife, and contacts with bones, sinew and cartilage were often. Linear traces are scarce. They are in the form of stripes of different polishing or shallow scratches which emerge at points of contacts with bones and hard tissues when chipping of inserts edges happened. Use-wear at the end of bone slotted daggers showed that they were used for both stabbing and cutting some soft medium dirty material and flesh of hunted animals at different angles. Observed use-wear suggests that composite daggers were used as modern hunter’s knives combining a stabbing weapon and a butchering tool. Distinct types of use-wear observed at inserts preserved in situ in bone projectile heads and daggers will help to identify such inserts in lithic inventories of Mesolithic sites.

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**TH1-30 Abstract 04**

**The biography of an Estonian Mesolithic slotted bone dagger**

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Slotted bone tools are a common feature of the Mesolithic in Northern Europe. However these objects, like many osseous tools, are almost exclusively found in wetlands and therefore often have little or no contextual information, which poses significant issues when attempting to study and understand these objects. Therefore too often they languish under researched in museum collections. In this paper we present the results of a multi-methodological analysis of the pre- and post-depositional life history of the Ubi dagger, an Early Mesolithic ornamented slotted bone dagger from southern Estonia. This dagger is unique in Europe as the only dagger with possible anthropomorphic figures. Before this analysis, very little was known about this dagger. It had been found during peat digging in the 1920’s with no associated Mesolithic finds and had only been typologically dated to the Mesolithic. By using a combination of different scientific methods the dagger went from an isolated, undated, and unique object to a tool with a complex life history extending more than 9000 years.
TH1-30 Abstract 05

Title: Interpreting the Archaeological Record at Hohen Viecheln, Germany

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Excavated in the 1950s, Hohen Viecheln 1, Lkr. Nordwestmecklenburg, is one of the most striking sites of the early Mesolithic in the North European Lowlands. The abundance of finds and good organic preservation characterizes the site, which is located north of Lake Schwiner in eastern Germany. Among German scholars, Hohen Viecheln is ranked alongside Bedburg-Könighoven, Friesack, Duvensee, Melleup, and Star Can, but internationally it usually is not accorded this significance. This relative obscurity seems even more surprising, given the abundance of finds made from different raw materials, but it is grounded in the site’s research history.

In this presentation we will present first results of an ongoing research project on Hohen Viecheln which aims at clarifying the prehistoric occupation and technological history of the Mesolithic. By this it will be possible to adequately position the site within the Mesolithic and add valuable chronological and technological information to the understanding on osseous tool development in the Early Holocene. The re-evaluation also allows the accurate dating of the numerous bone points, for which the site is known.

The modern re-evaluation also renders possible to solve problems on the stratigraphic sequence. Due to the fact that the site represents a former shore area of the modern Lake Schwiner its stratigraphic sequence with different layers of peat, sand and gyttja is typical for overgrown lakes. The direct dating of several artefacts therefore allows us to understand when different areas were sitting up.

TH1-30 Abstract 06

Title: Not that simple! A debate about the apparent decrease of bone tools in the Paris Basin Mesolithic

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Presentation Preference: Oral

In contrast to the Upper Palaeolithic period, it is widely admitted that bone industries have played a minor role in the economy of Mesolithic societies of Northern France. This fact is based on the scarcity of osseous tools and denticulate blade discovered in the sediments and the spectacular decrease of lithic burins and benders associated with the lithic industry. Nevertheless, for a long time, the archaeology of Mesolithic in Paris Basin has only excavated dry-land contexts where organic materials were not preserved. Since 30 years, rescue archaeology has allowed us to discover well-preserved sites in the valleys: evidence of bone industries are now increasingly numerous, even if the data still remain occasional. In addition, in the last few years, the development of use-wear analysis of lithic tools gives us new informations about the place occupied by osseous materials in the economy of Mesolithic groups. This communication will be the occasion to make an assessment about the available data from bone technology, archaeozoology and use-wear analysis. When all the approaches are brought together, the place occupied by bone tools seems to be a more complicated question than previously thought. Taphonomic issues, as well as mobility patterns of Mesolithic tribes, have to be considered in order not to under-estimate the role of antler, bone and teeth in the daily life of hunter-gatherer communities. Finally, we will compare the situation of Northwestern Europe with neighboring regions, in particular to the Maglemosian techno-complex, well known for its abundant bone industry.

TH1-30 Abstract 07

Title: The use of osseous raw material of Vlakno cave (Croatia)

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Vlakno cave is located on Dugi Otok (Long Island), situated in the northern Dalmatia. Systematic archaeological excavations revealed rich stratigraphic sequence from the Late Upper Palaeolithic to Mesolithic. Excavated deposits yielded tens of thousands of vertebrate remains, mostly skeleton remains of large mammals. Considering the amount of available osseous material it is natural to expect correspondingly high amount of tools made of bone, teeth and antler. Here we integrate results of archaeological analysis and the study of osseous tools. Raw material selection, technological and typological aspects were analysed. Availability of skeletal elements is compared with raw material choices. Recovered bone and antler tools show very little typological diversity between Epigravettian and Mesolithic layers. However there are some interesting small-scale temporal trends (e.g. retouchers and harpoons being almost exclusively present in older deposits). Authors debate this pattern in tool production as the reflection of environmental and subsequently subsistence changes corresponding to availability of targeted animal taxa.

TH1-30 Abstract 08

Title: Osseous tools in the Mesolithic and Neolithic in the Iron Gates

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Keywords: bone technology, Iron Gates region, osseous raw materials

Presentation Preference: Oral

Osseous artefacts were very important in everyday lives of prehistoric communities, especially before the invention of metalurgy. However, they were long neglected area of study, particularly in some regions of Europe. For the Early Holocene period, the region of the Iron Gates is particularly interesting, because the presence of both Mesolithic and Early Neolithic sites enables analyses of traditions and innovations in raw material selection, technological choices, etc. Related rich finds were published in more detail for the sites in Romania. This paper will focus on the Mesolithic and Neolithic sites from Serbia (Kula, Velenica, Kriппдйа, etc.). Technological and typological data will be discussed: raw material selection, manufacturing techniques, etc. Antlers were the dominant raw material in the Mesolithic period and their importance continues into the Neolithic. In contrast, bone tools were the dominant raw material in the Iron Gates during the Neolithic, even if not in most of the Starcevo sites bones prevailed. Typological repertoire included heavy duty and small craft tools, rarely other types of artefacts. Certain techno-types introduced in the Neolithic sites are of Near-Eastern origin, in particular spalata-spacers from cattle metapodia. Manufacture debris is not abundant and the question is whether this is related to taphonomy, excavation and recovery techniques, or specific activities carried out at some of the sites. Overall importance of analyses of the osseous industries and comparative approach of different technologies will be discussed.

TH1-30 Abstract 09

Title: Post-depositional alterations on the bone surfaces – experiments with different agents of abrasion

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Keywords: bone and antler, experimental archaeology, taphonomy

Presentation Preference: Poster

Taphonomic issues are one of the most important factors that must be concerned during study of every archaeological bone or osseous artefacts. Especially, if our analyses is subordinated to technological or use-wear traces. Identification of human or nonhuman modifications is often crucial. Weathering, trampling, tooth marks, root etching or sedimentary abrasion are just the examples of possible nonhuman destroying agents. The main goal of presented study was to understand and describe changes resulting from the different kinds of sedimentary abrasion (among others bioturbation and movement in an aqueous setting) on the bone surface. The experiments related to the study have been divided into two main parts. One was connected with modifications observed on raw bone surfaces. The second one, with degradations raised on processed bone surfaces (among others scraped, polished) and their possible influence on the morphology of observed traces.

TH1-30 Abstract 10

Title: A replication of Neolithic bone harpoon with engraved concentric circles from Sventoji, W Lithuania

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Keywords: bone working, experimental archaeology, Stone Age

Presentation Preference: Poster

This poster presents an experimental study which was designed to replicate the manufacture of a bone harpoon with a certain type of engravings using only the tools and materials available for the Subneolithic societies at the environmental setting of the eastern Baltic. The harpoon with a pattern of concentric circles engraved on it was found at the site Sventoji 6, which is a refuse-waste area in the bed of an ancient lagoon lake and is dated to the end of 4th millennium BC. While concentric circles were widely used in bone and antler tools and ornaments in different chronological and geographical contexts, there are no analogs for the find from Sventoji 6 from the same period even in the neighboring regions. The problem is that this type of engraving is mostly associated with metal tools, which could have appeared in the region only in the Bronze Age, after 2000 BC. The foreign origin of the harpoon with concentric circles is confirmed by another find from the same site – a worked piece of bone, on which the manufacturer tried to imitate the same decoration of concentric circles, but instead produced polygons with a dot in the center, which look nothing like the engravings on the harpoon. However, a clue for the engraving of concentric circles before the appearance of metals comes from a certain type of Northern European stone tools from North America, the single- and double-scribe compass-gravers. In my experiment I try to replicate the harpoon using similar stone tools and then compare it to the production of the same artefact using metal tools.
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TH1-31 Abstract 02
About two areas of adornments with champlevé enamels hoards

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Presentation Preference - Oral
Adornments with champlevé enamels of the East European style are dated to the end of the 2nd – 4th centuries. Its area covers all Eastern, part of Central, and Northern Europe. There are 2 areas of hoards with these adornments: Western (the Dnieper and Upper Oka river basins) and Eastern (the Upper Don area). In Western area 10 hoards are known (Michigorye, Moshchina, Borinca, Glazhevo, Bryansk Region, Shishino and others). In the Dnieper area and Baltic lands, the hoards are dated to the end of the 2nd – 3rd centuries, in the narrow – about the middle of 3rd century. In the Don area all copies of the type 1 come from the Baltic region, mainly from the Dniepr/Oka area. Western area hoards are complexes of female dress accessories sets and items of men culture of prestige. The Don hoards are complexes of handcraftsmen raw materials. The themes of the session include: different forms of interaction of “Barbarians” of the forest and the forest-steppe zones; communication between “Barbarians” and the late antique population; trade and cultural exchange; formation and advance of artisanal traditions; evolution of social structures.

TH1-31 Abstract 01
On the nature of Baltic impact in elaboration of eastern European enamel style in Dnepr region

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Lecture reviewed a problem of Baltic impact in formation of eastern European enamel style in Dnepr region. It can be considered by the analysis of stylistics and jewelry tradition. Multiple elements inspired by artifacts made in Roman provinces, Central European cultures and Baltic lands can be seen in morphology and decoration of ornaments from Central Dnepr: s.a. strong profiling, openwork ornamentation, filigree. A variety of artifacts: laminar neck-rings (headbands), bracelets, fibulae have been decorated by ornament, made by punches, stamps, chisels.

TH1-31 Abstract 03
“Diadems” from the East European world of enamelled ornaments

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Among artifacts, composing a jewellery assemblage from the so-called circle of East European (“barbarian”) enamelled ornaments there are items that are sometimes interpreted as neck-rings. In our opinion, shape, size and location in burials allow to consider these things as ornaments of the head, perhaps not headbands but “diadems” used in combination with high hairstyle or over a headdress. Today not less than 33 whole and fragmented exemplars are known. Excluding one find, they have no enamel inlays, but are decorated with embossed and engraved geometric patterns. According to peculiarities of shape and ornament the array of “diadems” was divided into three main and two additional types. Their mapping shows that the main types are local. All copies of the type 1 come from the Baltic region, mainly from the territory of modern Lithuania. Most of the type 2 finds are connected with Upper Oka and the Don region. The exceptions are a few items from the Upper Sula and the Lower Dnieper regions, which may mark the direction of cultural influences from the eastern part of the East European forest zone to southern forest-steppe and steppie territories. The majority of the type 3 ornaments are found in the Middle Dnieper region and on the Dnieper left bank. Perhaps, it was a centre of production, which may also been extended in the north, it may be indicated by specific finds in the upper reaches of Berezina and the middle reaches of Western Don. Recently artifacts from the circle of East European enamelled ornaments, including fragmented “diadem”, have also been found in the Upper Don region (items of the type 2) and in the middle of 3rd – 4th centuries. The exceptions are a few items from the Upper Sula and the Lower Dnieper regions, which may mark the direction of cultural influences from the eastern part of the East European forest zone to southern forest-steppe and steppie territories.
East European champlévè glass objects from the Bryansk hoard: ancient glass, chemical composition, manufacturing technique

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

A few stone constructions were investigated at the territory of Mangyshlak Peninsula (Republic of Kazakhstan) in 2014 – 2015. The space inside of stone fence contained the traces of varying ritual ceremonies: crushed cobbled floor, vessels, embedded into the earth, and calciferous altars. In addition, the one small pit contained the bridle kit, another one – the belt kit consisted of incrustate items, and the third – the remains of saddle (silver margins and details of garniture). All components of material complex correlate with items of 5 – 6 centuries, found at the territory from Danube to Southern Ural. At the same time, the planigraphy and character of construction indicate the Sarmatian range of sites. An article considers the findings in association with theory of “burial gifts” among the Huns, offered by I. Bona, P. Tomka and supported by A.V. Komer. We made the case, which evidenced the appearance of developed cults, associated with sacrificial gifts of prestige items in Caspian Sea region.

The formation of these rider rituals are in account with nomads, who came to the new territory together with Hun invasions of West and South.

**TH1-31 Abstract 08**

Controversial problems of studying early medieval hoards in the Middle Dnieper region

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**Keywords:** Hoards of metal ornaments, individual attire, interpretation of archaeological sources, Middle Dnieper region

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Hoards of metal ornaments for a long time have been considered the sole archaeological source of the third quarter of the 1st millennium AD in the Middle Dnieper. After the discovery of settlements and cemeteries study hoards become secondary. Objective circumstances of the past 20 years, namely:

- The lack of systematic scientific field research as the settlements and cemeteries 7-8 centuries AD on the territory of the Middle Dnieper region
- Uncontaminated spread of extortionate works with metal detectors led to the facts that:
  1. The perception of saturation monuments of this time non-ferrous metal was radically changed- the number of findings has increased many times.
  2. The context of the finds of metal items is inevitably lost, they are removed from the complexes and the cultural layer.
  3. The only complexes in which can be credited trace co-occurrence of artifacts are fixed treasures.
  4. The accuracy of the information about the origin of these findings is low, but in some cases verifiable. The accuracy of the information about their composition is low too, they can be falsified. The completeness could be different from disparate up to fully taken.

We have accounted for about 100 complexes treasures of various origins. The following conclusions can be drawn on the basis of their study:

- The amount non-ferrous metals, which were in use, are very large. However, gold is not represented at all, and silver is poor-quality. In the complexes deposited or an individual attire, male or female, or a number of them, belonging to a small group (maximum 5 -4 individuals). At the same time there are complexes with unpaired things and scrap. Deposition of these hoards was...
not “hiding treasures”. The “wealth” of these complexes is alleged. Unification of the composition of a set of ornaments reflects the overall homogeneity and “egalitarianism” of material culture in the third quarter of 1st Millennium in the region in question. On the basis of these materials, it is impossible to draw a conclusion neither an “elite” nor the “Potestarian structure”. The existence of such a usage (a cultural norm), as a mass deposition of the elements of ceremonial costume in hoards, is a sign of the cultural unity of the ancient community. This community cannot be correlated with “Arbats” described in written sources.

But the most important questions still remain unresolved: Were hoards complexes of prolonged accumulation?

How can be characterized the deposition of hoards (gradual, one-time, deliberate, etc.)?

What can be compiled to compose a set of the traditional ceremonials dress in a plurality of treasures?

What is the role of the “treasures of artisans”, containing serial things, jewelry, belt ends, buckles as well as specific votary forms?

apply to the investigation as well. Most of the discussed burial complexes were discovered during excavations performed in the historical East Prussian districts of Sambia and Natanja on the flat burial sites. Bor'shoy Itakovo (former Lautch), Schossinjevo-1 and Schossinjevo-2 and are published for the first time.

TH1-31 Abstract 11 Salt production in the Landscape of the Polish Lowlands in the Roman period

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The aim of our paper is to present the recent developments and achievements of our project about the study of ancient exploitation and production of salt in Poland, which implies both the study of salt production processes and its role in the organization and articulation of the territory during the Roman period. The geo-historical framework for this study is the north western part of Poland (Kuyavia and Great Poland), during the period of the Roman influences (II-III AD). The essential underlying idea of our investigations is the role of salt as a structuring territorial resource and its importance to understand the complexity of social transformations of indigenous communities in the period of the contacts with Rome. Thus, this study involves both the examination of the archaeological evidence for salt resources and its historical interpretation within a regional context and the global perspective of the contacts between the barbatum and Rome.

TH1-31 Abstract 12 Langobards necropolis on the Danube: material culture and social identity

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Presentation Preference - Oral

During their migration from Scandavia to Italy, the Lombards settled for about 40 years in Central Europe, in the Danube river area and Pannonia, between Vienna and Budapest, where a lot of burial areas have been found. Here, with Franks people at west, Gepids and Slavs at east, and a lot of autochthonous people of roman tradition, the Lombards feel threatened in their political and cultural independence. Their society was still heterogeneous and various and, to keep their social and political unit, they developed a stronger material culture, that is the expression of different social meanings. This development has a great reflection in the funerary practices. Here, will be analysed few Austrian and Hungarian cemeteries; the study and the analysis of burial customs and material culture of these sites are essential to understand how they developed their identity, through the diffusion of different customs and the integration of people of different origins. These sites, as well as illustrating the more important methodological problems of this type of approach, present the starting point and the further developments of Lombards’ culture, and allow to draw some important conclusions about the change of the society, and thus the construction of the ethnic identity of this people, that evolved in the middle of Europe during the migration age and that they took to Italy in 588.

TH1-31 Abstract 13 Was there a contact between Early Slavs and Lombards in the area of western Pannonian Plain?

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Further development of the existing line chronology of one of the most characteristic find categories – fibulae, remains an important task in the archaeological research of the Iron Age Sambian-Natanjanc culture (also known as the Dollkeim-Kovrovo culture) in the south-eastern part of the Baltic Sea basin. Actual investigation focuses primarily on the verification of the chronological frame of fibulae of Dollkeim/Kovrovo type. For this purpose presumable mutual occurrence of several fibulae types as well as other characteristic artefacts (i.e. chronological marker) in the burial complexes are discussed in detail in this paper.

The transition from the Late Roman period to the Early Migration period and the diachronic typological tendencies within the framework of the later period are demonstrated by means of the comparative analysis results of the so-called big crossbow fibulae, characteristic for the Late Roman period/very beginning of the Migration period, the so-called fibulae with the star-shaped foot, fibulae of type Schönwarling/Skowarcz and Dollkeim/Kovrovo, which are found in the cremation graves in the area of Sambian-Natanjanc Culture starting from the Early Migration period. Comparative analysis results of further chronological markers of the periods in question (knife-daggers, shoulder straps, jewelry, belt ends, buckles as well as specific votary forms) apply to the investigation as well. Most of the discussed burial complexes were discovered during excavations performed in the historical East Prussian districts of Sambia and Natanja on the flat burial sites. Bor'shoy Itakovo (former Lautch), Schossinjevo-1 and Schossinjevo-2 and are published for the first time.

TH1-31 Abstract 09 Sites of the late stage and the end of the Imenkovo culture in the Middle Volga region

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The issue of defining the time and circumstances when the one of the largest early medieval archaeological cultures of the Eastern Europe ceased to exist is the most debatable one for the archaeology of the Middle Volga region. For years of Imenkovo culture studies, several completely opposite hypotheses on this issue were developed. The majority of the hypotheses are of historiographical interest, but the issue still remains debatable. According to various researchers, the cessation of existence of Imenkovo culture is related either to the leaving of population from the region at the end of the 6th – the beginning of the 7th c. (Alexey Bogachev) or at the end of the 7th c. (Evgeny Kazakov) or to the slow dissolution in the culture in the early Volga Bulgarian culture in the 8th-9th centuries (Galina Matveeva, Yuri Semykin).

As a result of the recent research, it became possible to determine at least two stages of the Imenkovo culture: the early one in the 4th-5th c. and the late one dated 6-8th c. The chronological framework of the last stage was determined according to details of heraldic-style belt-sets, Sassanid coins, several furniture and costume details. The analysis of the collections allowed to determine the late Imenkovo materials from Komintern 2 burial ground and Maklasheevka archaeological complex in trans-Volga area. ‘Osh-Pando’ hillfort in the Middle Sura region. These sites are very similar in culture and dated 6th - the first half of the 7th c. The common feature of this group is the mix of classic Imenkovo cultural complex with ‘eastern’ artefacts.

The synchronous group of sites that is culturally distinct was researched in the Ulyanovsk region. Cremation burials of Komorovka burial ground contained relatively ‘rich’ materials of the 6th-the first half of the 7th c. The ceramics and artefacts found in the site have visible traces of the ‘southern-western’ direction of cultural ties.

The hillforts ‘Ashna-Panda’ and ‘Sholm’ in the Middle Sura region. These sites are very similar in culture and dated 6th - the first half of the 7th c. The common feature of this group is the mix of classic Imenkovo cultural complex with ‘eastern’ artefacts.

The materials of the late Imenkovo sites have a clear local specifics conditioned by different directions of cultural relations. It is possible to define stable local variations of culture only on the late stage of the Imenkovo culture. The specific regional types of furniture and costume details and differences in ceramic complex appeared in the 6-7th centuries bear an evidence of this. The cessation of existence of Imenkovo sites in the different regions was taken place in different periods, possibly, due to different reasons. In the majority of regions with Imenkovo culture remains, the upper boundary does not exceed the first half of the 7th century. However, sites in the eastern part of Imenkovo culture area remain later, probably even until the beginning of the 8th c.

TH1-31 Abstract 10 A new view on the chronology of fibulae of Dollkeim/Kovrovo type in the light of new research data

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Further development of the existing fine chronology of one of the most characteristic find categories – fibulae, remains an important task in the archaeological research of the Iron Age Sambian-Natanjanc culture (also known as the Dollkeim-Kovrovo culture) in...
The presentation is going to discuss results of our research, in which we explored the possibility that we can draw conclusions about the settlement of a certain cultural group indirectly from information about a certain settlement area, and also define possible dates of their settlement. It shall present a possible interpretation of events in the 6th century in the western Pannonia (i.e. north-eastern Slovenia) and propose a new hypothesis on dating the early Slavic settlement in the afore-mentioned region.

The general consensus among scholars is that the early Slavs did not settle in the area of the western Pannonian Plain prior to the departure of the Lombards into Italy, possibly after 586, but probably only around 580 or later. The historical interpretations in question were proposed mainly on the basis of written sources, since the material evidence for this area was absent. This situation with the lack of material evidence changed at the end of the 20th century, when extensive excavations on the route of the motorway network were undertaken in north-eastern Slovenia. A whole series of archaeological sites located south of Murak Šotola revealed the previously little-known early Slavic lowland settlements. Publishing the site Novo trilo in Murak Šotola and its archaeological material opened up new questions. A reconsideration was needed which was not least expected, in the absolute dating of these sites, which has allowed a new understanding of the time and pace of settlement of the Prague type culture in the western Pannonian Plain.

The conclusion that challenges the previously well-established expert opinion about the timing of the early settlement of Slavs in modern-day Slovenia. The presentation thus presents results that suggest that the first settlement of the early Slavs in the Pannonian Plain already occurred in the first half of the 6th century. These conclusions are based on three lines of evidence: (1) the study of the pottery; (2) dates obtained from the analysis of the radiocarbon isotopes of carbon $^{14}$C; and (3) comparison with the spread of the allegedly contemporaneous Lombard settlement north of the Danube and in the Pannonian Plain.

The main argument that supports the possibility of early Slavic settlement in the first half of the 6th century is the Lombard colonization of Pannonia and its archaeologically proven gradual pace to the line Somborština-Kaštela-Pišča and later colonization of central Slovenia. Unexpectedly, the area between Pannonian settlement and Central Slovenia, i.e. north-eastern Slovenia, was left unsettled by Lombards. Since the lowland settlement of indigenous Romanized inhabitants in the 6th century was still not discovered, it is strongly believed that Lombards encountered the early Slavic settlement west of the above-mentioned line. A further argument for the hypothesis is the archaeologically proven fact that both early Slavs and Lombards respected the borders between areas of their settlement north of the Danube, which is also supported by $^{14}$C dates.

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TH1-31 Abstract 14

**Cultural exchanges between Barbaricum and Roman Empire in Lower Danube Region**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

It is a long discussion about the influences between the Romans and barbarians, last one understand as the other. The Lower Danube area brings its contribution to this debate, even till now the main discussion was based only on the discoveries from Middle Danube, there being the center of power... and here, in today South and East Romania, being just a not so attractive periphery, a sclavon one.

Is this image true? Can be a periphery excluded from this kind of discussion? Are important cross-cultural exchanges only between centers of power? How can we track cultural interactions? What can be considered as an import? What are the ways that barbarians can communicate and work out a new model of mutual relations. This change resulted in taking over certain cultural behaviours and was reflected in the material culture. All that, at least in the Danube area took place in the shadow of newly-organized system of fortifications, which can be considered a characteristic feature of the late-antiquity warfare. The war itself, on the other hand, was the factor which bonded particular barbarian populations, which made them create permanent state organisms.

The paper includes deliberations concerning changes in perception of the Barbarians by the Romans in late antiquity and their mutual relations, exchange in cultural models and war as a factor shaping contemporary populations.

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TH1-31 Abstract 15

**Barbarian Coins, Elite Identities and the Birth of Europe**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

A commonalty of the cultures of "Barbarian" northern and Eastern Europe was the production of coins imitating the issues of the Roman Empire. Analysis of die-linked coins (i.e. struck from the same die and thus produced in the same workshop) has long demonstrated that there were wide-ranging exchange networks across much of the northern "Barbaricum" during the Roman and Migration periods. Furthermore, both official Roman coins and imitations, as well as their imitations, played an important role in the self-presentation of the barbarian elites.

However, the discovery of large quantities of new material, above all from the Ukraine, has radically changed and extended this picture: we now know that the phenomenon was much more widespread and intensive than had previously been appreciated, and that such networks in fact stretched from Moldova and the Ukraine to Scandinavia. The new material allows us to produce a narrative that can be closely linked with the rise of the Gothic Kingdom and its subsequent displacement in the face of the Hunnic invasion.

The numismatic material is the subject of a 3-year joint DFG/NCN Beethoven project "IMAGMA: images materialis" by the University of Warsaw and the Römisch-Germanische Kommission that aims to understand how these imitations of Roman coins were produced and used by the developing elites right across the northern and eastern "Barbaricum" to demonstrate their status. The picture that is emerging is one of disparate groupings linked together by common elements of material culture and of a wide-ranging exchange network, but above all of the crystallization of the Gothic power centre on the territory of the Chemnizhov/ Sîlțana delMures Culture.

The coins not only paint a diverse and deep-ranging picture of how such elites saw and expressed there identity, both with reference to Rome and to each other. They also provide new and revealing insights into the interaction and communication between the northern and eastern barbarians, in particular the Goths on the one hand, and the imperial administration and the population of the provinces of the Roman Empire in Late Antiquity on the other.

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TH1-31 Abstract 16

**A Barbarian, meaning who?**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

In late antiquity, due to a change in social relations inside the barbarian societies, perception of Barbarians themselves changed as well. As a result of the intensification of contacts which less and less frequently took a form of a one-sided diktat, the late-antique community was not only a group of barbarians appreciating the ethnic diversity of other populations, which led to reinvention of meaning and to working out a new model of mutual relations. This change resulted in taking over certain cultural behaviours and was reflected in the material culture. All that, at least in the Danube area took place in the shadow of newly-organized system of fortifications, which can be considered a characteristic feature of the late-antiquity warfare. The war itself, on the other hand, was the factor which bonded particular barbarian populations, which made them create permanent state organisms.

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TH1-31 Abstract 17

**Burials with weaponry of the upper Dnieper version of the Zarubintsy culture**

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One of the specifics of the upper Dnieper version of the Zarubintsy culture making it different from the Polesye and middle Dnieper versions is a custom of placing weaponry in a grave. On the burial ground Chaplin 14 spear and dart heads (5%) were found in 282 burials, on Yurkovichi in 1 out of 19 (5.3%). On the burial ground Goroshkov spearheads have been found in six investigated burials out of 32. All the heads are of iron, socketed, with a leaf-like feather, and bear traces of having been in fire. On the outside of the socket of one of the heads of the Goroshkov burial ground (burial No.9) there are prints of fabric preserved. In Goroshkov the heads lay in different parts of the burial pit parallel to it. In most cases, the burials with weapons, apart from modeled bowls, contained horseshoe-like iron fibulas of sydogama type and (or) iron knives with hunched blades. What is more, the knives always lay with the point directed to the side opposite to that of the spearhead.

A unique element for the funeral rites of the Zarubintsy culture is an iron spearhead stuck almost vertically into the bottom of the burial pit with the socket facing upward (burial No.10 of the Goroshkov burial ground). The custom of driving weapons or labor implements through the remains of the burial person placed in an urn or a pit is widely distributed territorially and chronologically. It is noted in the Przeworsk and Jastorf cultures of Poland and Germany where it sporadically occurs in the late La Tene and Roman times. Similar cases are known also in the late Celtic burials of the Danube zone. The vertical piercing (driving) of a spearhead into the heads lay in different parts of the burial pit parallel to it. In most cases, the burials with weapons, apart from modeled bowls, contained horseshoe-like iron fibulas of sydogama type and (or) iron knives with hunched blades. What is more, the knives always lay with the point directed to the side opposite to that of the spearhead.

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in order to bind the deceased to the ground and prevent him from leaving the grave. Finally, this custom is viewed upon as a reflection of phallic cult symbolizing the re-fertilization of Mother Earth. Also for the first time for the Zarubintsy culture an iron scabbard of a sica, a battle knife (burial No.28.) and the spiked head of a Scythian arrow (burial No.30) were found in Goroshkov.

On the basis of the finds of various versions of fibulae of the middle and late La Tène scheme, the burials with weaponry of the upper Dnieper version of the Zarubintsy culture are dated to the XIX-XXI centuries. The characteristic of such burials is an iron scabbard of a sica, a battle knife and a spiked head of a Scythian arrow. It seems to be possible that its history is part and parcel of the changes which occurred at the territory of the Barbaricum. The state of the research allows us to distinguish in this part of Barbaricum not only settlements connected with the Wielbark Culture, but also sites of other periods, such as the Przeworsk Culture and the Przybyszew Culture.

The disappearance of cultures stemming from the tradition of the Roman Period at the territory of Central and Eastern European Barbara emerge as a diverse process in time and space. For the most part of this territory, among others also for the territory of Poland, the existing literature records a “sudden and dramatic” fall in the number of sites associated with the cultures at the end of the 4th and at the beginning of the 5th centuries. Such view of the cultural and settlement evolution is presented in the last synthesis of the prehistory of the Polish territory, written some years ago, as well as in more recent fragmentary studies. The last 20 years of the 20th and the first decade of the 21st century brought a number of significant discoveries for the archaeology of the Roman Period in the Lublin region (east of Poland), which brought numerous new materials, sometimes leading to crucial redefinition of the established views. The state of the research allows us to distinguish in this part of Barbaricum not only settlements connected with the Wielbark Culture but also the final phase of the Przeworsk culture which transpires from recent excavation carried out at a settlement in Nieszawa Kolonia, site S, Otwoč Lubelska district.

This site is the largest archaeologically explored settlement of the Przeworsk Culture in the Lublin Region with relics of dwelling constructions. The dating of the majority of artefacts and features uncovered in Nieszawa Kolonia can be placed within the phases B2 and B2/C1-A/B of the Roman Period. One can however also mention a whole set of metal and ceramic artefacts pointing the functioning of this Vistula river bank settlement in the late Roman Period and early Migration Period. It is, at the time of phase C3 (or still the final stages of phase C2) and phase D1, which puts the problem of the decline of settlement of the Przeworsk Culture in the Lublin Region in a new light. It seems to be possible that its history is part and parcel of the changes which occurred at the territory of the Barbaricum and Roman provinces in connection with the Hun invasion in 375 AD. We witness then a return of some settlers of northern provenances to former settlements, that is a movement of groups of people through the Carpathian passes from the southern and south-eastern direction. The interdisciplinary studies carried out in Nieszawa Kolonia systematically fulfill the still up-to-date postulates of the internationalization of studies over settlements of the Przeworsk Culture.

TH1-31 Abstract 20
Cross-cultural interactions in the light of wheel-made pottery from the cemeteries in Ulów (Poland)

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In the vicinity of Ulów (Middle Rustucze, SE Poland) the complex of multicultural archaeological sites was found. Among them two bi-ritual cemeteries (site 3 and 7) originating from the late Roman Period and the early Migration Period were discovered. On the map of archaeological cultures, Ulów is located in the settlement zone F of the Wielbark Culture. Therefore, the features typical of this culture dominate over the cemeteries discovered in Ulów. However, no fewer is the number of features of funeral rite, location of the site, as well as grave goods possessing parallels in other cultural units from the European Barbaricum (e.g. Marłomczak Group, Chernyakov Culture). It is known that the Wielbark Culture has a small number of wheel-made pottery. Moreover, it has not yet been proved that the population of this culture produced such a ware (apart from one “episode” of Wielbark). According to many archaeologists, wheel-made potteries from the Wielbark Culture sites are in most cases imported from the Chernyakov or Sântana de Mureş Cultures. In the light of this fact, surprising is the extraordinary number of wheel-made pottery and its fragment discovered in Ulów. In site no. 7 they comprise more than a half of ceramic ware from the Roman and Migration Periods. In this case, it can not be ruled out local production of at least part of the wheel-made pottery beginning at the phase C2b-C2 and connecting the ornamentation of hand-made Wielbark Culture pottery with the technology and morphology of wheel-made pottery characteristic for the Chernyakov or Sântana de Mureş Cultures.

TH1-31 Abstract 21
The heyday and decline of settlement of the Przeworsk Culture in the Lublin Region, eastern Poland

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In the late Roman Period, the archaeological site of Nieszawa Kolonia is situated on the left bank of the Vistula river, in the Lublin region (east of Poland). The site became one of the major settlements in the Lublin region during the Migration and Early Medieval Periods. It is the most extensive and most intensively studied settlement of the Przeworsk Culture in the Lublin Region, eastern Poland.

The interdisciplinary studies carried out in Nieszawa Kolonia systematically fulfill the still up-to-date postulates of the internationalisation of studies over settlements of the Przeworsk Culture.
TH1-31 Abstract 22
The preparatory stage of pottery technology among the Russian forest-steppe cultures in IV-VII AD

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Presentation Preference - Poster

The time of the Migration period in the area the Eastern-Europe forest-steppe is associated with the spread the "cough-molded" flat-bottomed non-design ceramics. At this time in the pottery traditions abolished advanced technology associated with Scotch elements and imitations of Roman ceramics, as well as leaving the specifics of Iron Age sedentary cultures. The Migration period pottery is simpler and largely unified, despite the fact that the complexes of findings, social and economic characteristics of different cultural groups are different.

Consideration area includes series of archaeological cultures: Prague-Korchak, Penkovo, Chernyakhov (in part), later Kiev and Kholoch, Moisachino, culture of Volga Rings, Imenkov. The first indications of Eastern-Europe forest-steppe sedentary cultures ceramics as a single phenomenon has not been conducted, but there are some works in separately. The main part of the special researches about ceramics are works devoted to the vessels shapes typology, based on the method of ceramics processing, which had introduced into scientific circulation by IP Rusanova and VF Gening in 1973. These typologies had arisen from the mid-1980s and still are working. These include typology of AM Oblemsky, OS Rumyansteva, AM Vorontsov, VV Grishakov. Besides them there are typologies based on the features, defined as type-forming by the researchers themselves (for ex. the functional features of vessels, features of profiling and others) - typologies of BY Magomedov, O. Petruashkas GI Matveeva, GA Massalitina. Thus researchers attention focused primarily on the vessels shapes. At the same time, about the pottery technology facts is bit. The first step in this direction has been made by AA Bobrinsky. He studied in detail the pottery of the Chernyakhov culture, in particular the selecting and procuring the raw materials, blending the pottery pastes, features of build, the study of pottery circles, the organization of the pottery industry. In addition, technical-and-technological analysis conducted by NP Salagina of the Imenkov culture pottery covered all stages of pottery production and gave a full presentation about the traditions of this population. In recent years, some ceramic sets of Chernyakhov culture began to be exposed to petrographic and X-Ray studies. We believe the analysis of pottery technologies is the topical question of study of sedentary cultures of the Eastern-Europe forest-steppe, and this stage of our research work is devoted to the characteristics of the raw materials and pottery pastes. Our observations were made on fresh fracture sherds using stereoscopic microscope MS-1. Definition components of raw and paste composition was carried out by collation with a models collection, developed on the basis of Samara expedition to the experimental study of ancient pottery.

The research was identified the several traditions to varying degrees dominant in different territories. However, the general of most traditions are the selection skills potters of "low-fat" clays and adding a grogmade of splintered vessels in the composition. We suppose that the detected affinity of pottery traditions is reflecting the close connection within the studied population.

TH1-31 Abstract 23
Glass beads of Imenkov culture (on the materials from the Tetushskoe II settlement, Middle Volga)

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Presentation Preference - Poster

Tetushskoe II settlement is situated on the northeastern outskirts of the modern town of Tetush (Tetsush district, Republic of Tatarstan). Our investigations suggest that the glass beads which were found on the settlement are the imports from one region, the Middle East. The analogous to these beads within large geographical limits show their extremely long chronology. Nevertheless, we can say that on the sites of Upper Kama region, which is the closest territory to the Tetushskoe II settlement, such beads only appear from the 6th century A.D.

TH1-31 Abstract 24
'Burakovo horseman': burial, hoard or imaginary assemblage? (concerning the status of the complex)

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Every archaeological culture contains a site that becomes 'an archaeological talk of the town' in a positive or negative way. Komintern burial ground became such type of site for the Middle Volga region sites of the 1st millennium AD. The site was heavily damaged by abrasion and excavations (1984-2003) were irregular and limited. Reports on Komintern 2 excavations were partly published (Kazakov, 1998; 2005), the historiographical tradition, mainly controversial has managed to developed in such difficult circumstances. Situation becomes more complicated due to existence of another complex, 'Komintern hoard' (also known as 'Komintern burial mound').

The artefacts on the Tetushskoe II settlement (concerning the status of the complex)
IRON MAKING TECHNIQUES AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND EARLY MODERN EUROPE

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Wrought iron has been produced with different techniques. The techniques have in diverse ways been adaptations to local raw materials such as the ore and the woodlands for coal production. Various raw materials and furnaces required different social organizations. Collecting bog or lake one could easily be done within a family, while operating a mine was a much more complicated process, which required a larger group of laborers and several specialists. Especially while introducing new techniques skilled experts were needed.

Our aim is to analyze how sites of different technical processes reflect the working groups and their skills. The social complexities differ when running a small bloomery furnace, a high bloomery or a blast furnace. The last two techniques demanded highly skilled workers, a complicated social organization and larger funding in order to run the operations. This resulted in a division between those who operated the furnaces and those who owned the land and the industrial plants like notables or monasteries.

There is also the question of the distribution of the products. Small scale production for household use is easy to explain. However, it is hard to understand why large scale production without knowing the demands or purposes behind. Reasons like export oriented trade or military preparations might explain the expansion of a technical development of the production. Analyzing the life course and use of iron objects helps us to understand the production as well.

Several methods can be used for studying these issues, like excavations, landscape archaeology and experimental archaeology.

We invite papers focusing on social organization and local techniques primarily related to iron production, but contributions on copper or silver production are also welcome. The main focus of the session is the Middle Ages and the early modern era, but papers dealing with earlier periods are welcome too.

TH1-32 Abstract 01
Basque Iron metallurgy, habitat and social complexity during the Middle Ages (7th-14th A.D.)

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The historiography of the Basque Country has traditionally related the Early and High Medieval iron and steel production with the mining areas situated on the Cantabrian coast. That is, with ironworks located generally on the top or flanks of mountainous terrain, equipped with one or more slag-tapping furnaces. These are the so-called hiazolak, which in the Basque language are wind ironworks, as opposed to the zaharolak or hydraulic ironworks.

Just as we noted by recent discoveries, it seems more likely that this impression is just a result of the nature of archaeological investigation itself which, traditionally, had been prioritizing very precise projections and intervention in the mountainous zones of the Basque Country. Nothing, however, was known about the inland flatlands except, paradoxically, that there was a major metallurgical activity judging from textual information. The so-called “Reja de San Millán”, dated 1025 A.D., gives the list of almost 300 villages of Álava from which the monastery of San Millán de la Cogolla (La Rioja) demanded the payment of iron taxes, an obligation that was maintained one century later in the so-called “Falsos votos de San Millán”, but which did not extend to the rest of the Basque territories.

This apparent contradiction between archaeological sources and written text has been debated with the systematic application of new-open area excavation strategies with veritably surprising results. As opposed to the hackneyed historiographic view of basque medieval iron production located exclusively in mountainous terrains at a distant time, the metallic record shows us a more diversified reality with large metallic workshops located in the flat areas of Álava, at the very heart of early medieval villages. The latter is, no doubt, the principal novelty: the location of iron factories in country villages.

The development of this metallurgical activity can be divided into two extensive periods. The first, running between 600–950 A.D., is characterized by the existence of several settlements of a rural nature in which the same iron industry, initially capable of exploiting the entire operational chain, that is, from the reduction of the mineral up to the final forging of the ferrate (iron). The second period, which runs from 960 to 1400 A.D., presents considerable differences between the sites. Thus, while some basically maintain the pattern of spatial and production organisation of the first phases, others develop rapidly towards fully urban forms. These transformations would bring with them a significant change in the iron production strategy, leaving behind the traditional activities and only maintaining the forging activities.

Moreover, the archaeobotanical and metallographic studies undertaken have enabled archaeologists to identify the type of iron mineral used, the different modes of exploiting woodland, diverse technological changes in production (obtaining iron or steel according to needs) and other aspects relating to the operation of slag-tapping furnaces and forges.

TH1-32 Abstract 02
The Iron and the Smartphone: ‘expensive’ technologies at the verge of the millennium

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Presentation Preference - Oral

It is widely accepted that the fall of the Roman Empire had a negative impact on the iron industry across Europe affecting its production, distribution and consumption (e.g. Tylecote 1980). The metal production centers became closely linked to political, military or religious powers (Hinton 2005) mainly focused on providing to elites since ‘iron objects were expensive items’ (Jaritz 1995) not affordable for most of the pockets. Archaeological evidences contribute to this supposed scarcity of metals within the peasantry since agricultural implements of early medieval chronologies are infrequent: typically rather exiguous numbers of barely 1-2 items per site (e.g. Hameouch 2011).

In stark contrast with these arguments, recent archaeological excavations on rural settlements from Early to Late Medieval times (Quirón Castillo 2011) carried out on the Basque Country area (north of Spain) point out that even during the earlier period the inhabitants of the villages enjoyed relatively large amounts of iron implements –counts hundreds–, typically households or farming base tools. The metallographic analyses of thirteen iron implements reveals that these are very acceptable quality items made of low carbon steel by piling, employing occasionally sophisticated techniques such as heat treatment and even the complex pattern-welding technique as far only seen in the decoration of high status weaponry (Peirec 2002).

This paper aims to investigate the engineering parameters behind the iron production and manufacture of iron utensils during Early Middle Ages as well as the accessibility of those by the peasantry: the concept of ‘expensive’ applied to technology is reviewed to point that medieval iron might be high-priced but still an affordable commodity same as the electronic technology nowadays. The conclusion is that ‘expensive’ is a very relative term depending not only on production and consumption parameters but also that geographical location, role within the society or political context had a considerable influence to access the reviewed point to medieval iron objects, and offers a tentative reconstruction of interplay between iron models of production and peasant communities during EMA in the Basque Country area.

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TH1-32 Abstract 03
Iron and Society in the Baltic 900 - 1350 AD

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This paper is an attempt to describe the development in the Baltic during the period 900 to 1350 AD in a holistic perspective pointing out iron production as a force for changes in different societies around the sea. During the Viking Age the societies around the Baltic underwent a remarkable development within agriculture, several towns were founded along the shores and in the river valleys and there was a change from pagan religions to different versions of Christianity. Supposedly there was an increase in a large scale trade with intensified contacts between the Caliphate, Byzantium and the Carolingian empire, where the Baltic became a transit area. Iron might have been an important factor in the economy of the area, as the production increased significantly and was undertaken all around the Baltic. In the end of the period the island of Gotland became a center of smelting. Substantial iron production was initiated in the island of Saaremaa in Estonia and in the last part of the 12th century there was a development on the Swedish east coast in the county of Småland. Here there was what has to be described as a mining area of lake and bog ore with over 1000 known bloomery sites with a minimum of 144 000 tons of produced iron. A production on such a scale during a period of 200 to 300 years evidently had a great impact on the whole Scandinavian and Baltic society, despite the fact a new more efficient technique, the blast furnace, was to be developed in the mining area of Bergslagen further north in Sweden around AD 1000.

The bloomery processes of iron production survived the whole period and a regional specialization and social differentiation developed. As a result peasants on the plains founded their economy on grain production and peasants of the transitory regions between plain and woodland produced a surplus of animal products, while woodland peasants often sold handicraft articles, but iron opened up a new need for labor and produce, where the forests, lakes and bogs contributed with raw materials. Under these conditions iron production was introduced and raised within the peasant society linked to the emerging states, for example through towns like Kalmar, Gdansk, Kuressaare and other towns around the Baltic.

The role of the cities also grew in importance and urbanization became a vital part of these economic and social changes. Iron was traded from Kalmar during the 13th century under the name of Calmare iron. The iron production in Visby was recognized by the Pope in 1229 as a serious political problem. As the people of Gotland traded arms to the Baltic tribes thereby threatening the Christianization of the region. The letters from the Pope show that trade and production in the Baltic area were a European issue and a part of a European modernization.

Changes in consumption, production and economic thinking require innovative environments and networks. Which settings, systems and actors enable innovation that can change the conditions for a whole society? If we look at the development from the islands of Saaremaa or Gotland, we find that those areas were situated between different cultural areas, and that the production from these areas was initiated when the transitory region between the plains and the woodland were developed. As a result peasants on the plains founded their economy on grain production and peasants of the transitory regions between plain and woodland produced a surplus of animal products, while woodland peasants often sold handicraft articles, but iron opened up a new need for labor and produce, where the forests, lakes and bogs contributed with raw materials. Under these conditions iron production was introduced and raised within the peasant society linked to the emerging states, for example through towns like Kalmar, Gdansk, Kuressaare and other towns around the Baltic.

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THI-32 Abstract 04
Bergslagen - a medieval innovation Centre
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Changes in consumption, production and economic thinking require innovative environments and networks. Which settings, systems and actors enable innovation that can change the conditions for a whole society? In Sweden, the rapid emergence of Bergslagen was vital. The blast furnace was developed, perhaps as early as the 1000 AD, and around it extensive technical systems took shape, which then grew exponentially during the 11-1300’s. Metals were recovered from rock ore in a new way and on an unprecedented scale. In Bergslagen, Sweden’s economic base was built in a sparsely populated outland. This setting was characterized by diversity and flexibility which characterizes resilience. This paper will discuss Bergslagen as a system network focusing on innovation, expansion and resilience.

THI-32 Abstract 05
Iron in the everyday life in the medieval rural sites of Western Nyland (Fi. Uusimaa) in Finland
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During the last decade several medieval rural sites has been under a research in the Western Nyland and from these excavations quite nice amount of objects telling about making, repairing and consuming iron objects has appeared. In this paper the aim is consider the recent finds from a couple well researched villages as well as the castle of Raseborg, which was the administrative center of Western Nyland from the end of the 14th century to the middle of the 16th century. The question is, can the iron production, the trade of iron and making objects be reached by analyzing these objects? Also the life course and use of iron objects found from these sites are considered, as it can give us access to the production as well. The castle of Raseborg had of course a very special need for iron products. For example, the historical sources tell about making firearms and other weapons in the castle at least in the 16th century. Interesting question is, how the castle ensured the access to the raw material and how the production of iron objects was organized.

Was the organization of iron production and distribution somehow changed in the most critical moments during the history of the castle? The aim is also to consider, how the distribution of iron and objects in rural villages was related to the castle located in the same province. Were there perhaps some correlations between the organization of the iron production and distribution of the castle and villages? Just by researching archaeological finds these questions are hard to answer, but by combining the research of historical sources to the research of the material culture, the results might be fruitful.
THI-33 Abstract 01

The Avellino Event: investigating the migration resulting from the Bronze Age eruption of Vesuvius

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Around 1995 BC, during the Early Bronze Age, a giant eruption of Mount Vesuvius buried a flourishing landscape of villages and fields in the plains of Campania under more than a meter of ash. Inhabitants of sites such as Nola ('the Bronze Age Pompeii') could barely escape with their lives. Italian archaeological research since the 1980s has conclusively shown that the population of the Campanian plain did not fully recover for several centuries after this so-called ‘Avellino Event’. Oddly, no one has yet wondered what might have happened to the fleeing population of Campania. The authors present preliminary results of a new 5-year research program that pursues the hypothesis that they found refuge in the coastal wetlands of southern Lazio, the region immediately to the north of Campania. Long-standing Dutch geoarchaeological research in this region has already shown the presence of a continuous sedimentary record for the period of interest, and the team recently identified, besides the Avellino volcanic ash, a new ash layer that function as chronostratigraphic markers for any influx of an immigrant population. Using a combination of archaeological, archaeological and paleo-ecological approaches, the Groningen/Leiden team is using these indicators to document the significant demographic, environmental and cultural impacts that are likely to result from the presence of the postulated Early Bronze Age refugee population in South Lazio. Since 2016, the project will have ended its first year and will be able to report on the results of its extensive core drilling and laboranory analyses of environmental samples taken.

THI-33 Abstract 02

Phenomena of migration on Chalcidice

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The Chalcidice, a peninsula in Northern Greece, formed since early times a transit area and can be interpreted as the endpoint of migrations. While it was called by the Greeks of the south “The peninsula in Thrace”, the toponym “Chalcidice”, which is used from the 2nd century AD onwards for the whole peninsula, was related before only to the area of the settlement of the Chalcidians. The origin of the name is controversial from chalco (copper), from the city Chalkis on Euboea or from the Greek tribe which settled in the area during the migrations of the 2nd millennium (Hdt. 7:185). Beside the Chalcidians settled numerous populations on the mainland and the three prongs Pallene, Sithonia and Aite. The return of the heroes of the Trojan War which reflect the movement of tribes is displayed in the mythical founding of the Chalcidian cities Aineas by Aeneas and Solone by Proteus. The rich resources from the area (timber, fertile land, mineral deposits) are central factors for the intensive colonisation in 8th/7th century BC. Settlers from Euboea, Andros, Corinth founded various apoikiai on the Chalcidice which shaped the region during the 6th-5th century BC. Cultural changes are connected through the history of the Chalcidice with the annexation to the Macedonian kingdom (348/48 BC) and when the Chalcidice became part of the Roman province of Macedonia (168 BC).

Based on this ethno-ecological the social dynamics of the micocosm of the Chalditian peninsula should be investigated. The presentation provides on the basis of literary, epigraphical, numismatic and archaeological sources an overview of the methodological instruments which can be used to analyse the impact of new settlers on the local populations in this specific area. The aim is to analyse with a focus on the religious context the patterns of migration.

THI-33 Abstract 03

A Regional Assessment of Migration in Roman Britain: The Cultural Narratives of Decapitation Burials

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The Roman Iron Age in Britain (A.D. 43-410) is marked by progressive change in settlement and agricultural organization, population increase and diversity due to migration, evolution of social hierarchies and burial traditions, particularly in form of cemeteries throughout the country. Archaeological investigations of Romano-British burials have revealed differential burial treatments and attitudes toward the dead. Decapitation burials are the most common and diverse form of differential burial representation in this period. They can be interpreted from the perspective of the archaeology of difference. This paper will use a multi-scalar holistic approach combining mortuary, bioarchaeological, and biochemical (strontium, oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon) analyses to test the idea that decapitated individuals diped from the area of the same status in Rome. 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Since its original excavation in the 1940s and 50s, the Early Mesolithic site of Star Carr has dominated discussions of obsessive technologies within the British Mesolithic, and made an important contribution to wider debates over the significance of bone and antler materials within the economies of Early Holocene Europe. However, due to the resolution of on-site recording in the 1940s, and subsequent conservation and curation of the original finds, many questions concerning the precise character, context and duration of bone and antler working at the site have remained unanswered.

The recent, ERC-funded excavations at the site have yielded an extensive assemblage of bone and antler artefacts, the context of which has now been fully recorded and analysed for the first time. This paper will present the results of these new investigations at Star Carr, combining contextual and spatial data with traceological analysis and microwear studies to allow an unprecedented discussion of the ways in which antler barbed points, antler headdress, elk antler mattles, bone bodkins and auroch bone scraping tools were made, used and deposited at \( \approx 9000 \) cal. BC in North Eastern Britain.

TH1-33 Abstract 05
Bone functional adaptation in the femur: a quantitative analysis in historical populations
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Bone is responsive to mechanical stimulation. Working aspects and social conditions are able to bring out significant skeletal alterations, which can be revealed in postmortem. Quantitative evaluations of the markers of occupational stress (MOS), in particular in the lower limbs, have been provided through the analysis of the cross section geometry of the diaphysis.

Some historical populations of Friuli Venezia Giulia (North-Eastern Italy and Slovenia) have been studied with quantitative MOS methods. The activity patterns were already known for every group, especially about the loads to the lower limbs. Femoral cylindroids were obtained by Multidetector CT scan of midshaft femur. Average values of the cross section geometrical properties (areas and second moments of area) have been calculated to evaluate bone functional adaptation in each cylindroid. Furthermore, the analysis of moments of inertia for two cylindroids has been assessed. This latter method has no evidence in current literature and its utility is object of study by our group. The analysis of the outcomes has shown that this methodology is able to give a good discrimination of the samples in respect of the different levels of mechanical usage of the lower limbs. In particular, moments of inertia have been turned out highly sensitive. This working and cost-effective technique might represent a useful non-destructive and operator-independent method in bioarchaeology and could be useful to evaluate and compare the MOS of historical populations.

TH1-33 Abstract 06
The investigation of Early Slavic sites in North-Eastern Germany in the last 25 years. A review
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The development of Slavic archaeology in Germany is closely connected to political history. Thus, with the political turn in 1990 began a new period in the archaeological investigation of the Slavic past as well. The advancement of a new generation of researchers went hand in hand with re-evaluations of old paradigms and reorganisation of research. Dendrochronological data played a major role, especially in the discussions of two crucial issues: 1) the immigration of the Slavs between the rivers Elbe and Oder and 2) the dating and historical context of the numerous Slavic ringforts. Analyses of ceramics remained another important research topic. This period of intense investigations and acute debates came to a certain end at the turn of the millennium, when research priorities were changing again. This study presents the results of the last 25 years and discusses the current state of research. It provides an overview of the research programmes conducted in the geography of North-Eastern Germany, and highlights the major points of discussion and the debates that are still unresolved today.
How clustered were clustered settlements really? A case study on the Gátahöyük West Mound

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This paper will demonstrate how modern, small-scale approaches towards architecture analysis question traditional views on the inner workings of a clustered settlement. Using our recent excavations on the gatáhöyük West Mound as a case study, we will scrutinize whether a settlement that visually appears clustered to the archaeologists actually functioned like a house cluster in the past. After 6500 BC, the settlement of gatáhöyük experienced fundamental changes in its socio-economic makeup, which are expressed in alterations of the settlement layout and organization. In the uppermost building levels of the Neolithic East mound the transformation started from a tightly clustered and large agglomeration of houses into a series of independent, self-sufficient units within a village. At the same time, the tightly integrated social structure that characterized the site before 6500 BC loosened when households started to be economically more independent. During the following Early Chalcolithic period (ca. 6000-5500 BC), there seems to have been a return to dense clustering on the West Mound, suggesting another change in social structure. However, ongoing work on the formation processes of the built environment on the West mound questions whether the buildings were actually all in use at the same time, which provides a new perspective on the use, function and meaning of settlement space of Neolithic and Chalcolithic settlement mounds.

Spatial and social patterns in LBK Neolithic settlement

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This paper focuses on the results of a study aimed at examining the relationships between neighbouring LBK houses based on analysis of location of activity zones related to the houses. The social and spatial organisation of LBK settlements is still under discussion. Usually the houses are perceived as independent, self-sufficient units within a village. Based on the research on 59 longhouses recorded at two large, multi-phase LBK settlements in southern Poland we would like to present more complex image of the settlement organisation.

Considering chronological relations between the houses, we analysed the spatial and functional diversity of features located around the longhouses and artefacts found there. This analysis allowed us to identify (1) ‘dirty zones’ interpreted as possible places of household activities and intense deposition of waste, and (2) ‘kitchen zones’ interpreted as places associated with processing and/or storing of food. The ‘dirty zones’ are associated with accumulation of artefacts (pottery and flints) recorded usually in lateral pits and rubbish pits, and situated on one side of the house. The ‘kitchen zones’ are characterised by the presence of features associated with direct use of fire, sunken-floored huts and grain remains.

The location of the zones around particular houses was varied. However in most cases we recorded a connection between the location of the zones and a neighbouring house of the same or earlier phase. The spatial analysis indicates that the activity zones have been probably used by inhabitants of more than one longhouse. This shared space can be an indicator of close social relations (e.g. kinship) between them.
deceased were buried in the nearby cemeteries (most of them discovered by chance) or, in few cases, inside the settlement. This situation is a consequence of the actual state of research, with systematic excavations performed mostly on the mounds. Recently new post-disciplinary research made in Bulgaria (e.g. Podgoritsa) and Romania (e.g. Petrela, Sutana) led to discoveries that revealed archaeological structures outside the tells that attest intensive activities and habitation. This situation brings a whole new perspective on the relationship between the nucleated tell settlements and the various activity areas from their vicinity, including the functional ones. Such research will focus on analysing these variables in searching for rules and exceptions, with the help of GIS analysis techniques. The main advantage of GIS approach is the ability to model and visualize spatial trends that would be hardly noticed and time consuming if only traditional methods were used.

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TH1-34 Abstract 08
Experience, organisation and identity within the nucleated broch villages of Northern Scotland

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This paper will explore the Iron Age nucleated ‘broch-villages’ of northern Scotland and their significance within the wider settlement landscape. Brochs are a well-recognised drystone domestic structure in later prehistoric northern Scotland, with distributions extending across mainland Scotland and the Northern and Western Isles. Interestingly, the brochs of Orkney, Caithness and Shetland are often directly associated with nucleated ‘villages’ consisting of a number of smaller structures, within an encircling boundary. These structures took a variety of forms, in a radial or non-radial arrangement around the broch, with entrances often facing inwards. Archaeological evidence suggests that they were primarily domestic in nature, although some sites have revealed evidence for the housing of livestock, metalworking, and other craft activities. Most were equipped with standardised furnishings including hearths and stone-lined tanks.

The spatial organisation and purpose of these villages with the monumental broch as their focal point is investigated with reference to archaeological evidence and theoretical approaches, resulting in a deeper understanding of social action and organisation in this historic period. Beginning with a comparison of contemporary regional settlement types, prescribed movement around the nucleated settlements will then be explored (e.g. Foster 1998b), as well as social relations and interaction in these architecturally-crowded settlements. Through the consideration of a number of relevant case studies it is suggested that over time a social and spatial restriction, control, dependence and isolation may have developed. Additionally, it is possible to argue that such settlement dynamics represent later prehistoric regional power structures which we could develop into the historic period. A number of relevant case studies spanning northern and Atlantic Scotland will be discussed, namely from Caithness, Orkney and Shetland.

TH1-34 Abstract 09
Kernave Town in 13-14 Centuries: Social and Cultural Pattern of Community

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The Eastern Baltic region in a European context is distinguished by its peculiar historical development. For a long time, there was no state, no Christianity and no towns here. Small, isolated, poorly stratified agricultural communities lived here till the 13th century. German Knights founded the first medieval towns in the margins of this region in the 13th century. Meanwhile, the Lithuanian state emerged on the basis of the pagan tribes (Lithuania was christened only in 1387) and the first political organization in the territory began. The Kernave town, which is located on the right bank of the Neris River, near the present-day city of Vilnius, has been the capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania since the 13th century. The town was founded by the Duke Mindaugas in 1253, and it became the capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in 1323.

In the 13-14 centuries, Kernave was a large town with a population of several thousand people. The town was characterized by a complex social structure, with different groups of people living in the Kernave region. The town was divided into several districts, each with its own personality and function. The central part of the town was the residence of the grand duke of the 13th century, which is considered to be one of the most important economic and political centers. Therefore, in the context of European medieval history, Kernave is unique, because the town was shaped by the pagan community. Archaeological and interdisciplinary research allows the reconstruction of the socio-economic model of medieval Kernave. The most important archaeological objects of that period in Kernave are a defensive system of five hill-forts, the upper and lower towns, and inhumation and cremation burial sites. These structural parts of medieval Kernave are associated with the activity of different social groups. The central hill-fort was the residence of a duke. It was surrounded by three smaller hill-forts, which functioned as defensive fortresses. Two of them were meant purely for defense. The third hill-fort had dual function, because it was populated by urban artisans and merchants, but it also held a defensive function. The function of the hill-fort, which is situated furthest to the east, is not clear yet. The valley, which is situated between the hill-forts and the river, as well as the upper river terrace, was built up by the houses of craftsmen. The activity of certain social groups is clearly distinguished by the numerous artifacts and ecofacts. For example, the residence of a duke was identified by the abundance of especially luxurious imported goods. Meanwhile, the number of finds in defensive hill-forts is relatively small but they are distinguished by powerful fortifications. It should be noted that there were no artifacts connected with more intense agricultural activity found in any of the investigated locations, indicating the non-agrarian character of the community. Furthermore, these investigations illustrate how the process of social stratification and geographic of society - there are obvious cultural and confessional differences of Kernave residents in different towns. The artifacts discovered in the lower town are clearly of local Baltic origin, whereas the majority of artifacts discovered in the upper terraces are continuations of the Slavic jewelry traditions. It may be that two different Hanseatic loaves ritual sites (inhumation and cremation) could be related with the communities of different confessions. Therefore, the research shows that in Kernave there was a clearly socially stratified urban community, which is characterized by cultural and religious syncretism, unique material culture, and a combination of pagan and Christian worlds.

TH1-34 Abstract 10
Uncovering Medieval Urban Planning: the case of Oslo and Magnus Lagabøte

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Oslo is currently undergoing an urban transformation, with new city districts and transport infrastructure being constructed. One such project, the new Follo Line railway, has provided archaeologists at the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research the opportunity to excavate a large part of the medieval city. This paper will take inspiration from the current new wave of city planning to examine Norway's first planning law, Magnus Lagabøte bylaw, in the light of the ongoing archaeological excavations. Issued in 1276, Magnus Lagabøte bylaw regulated both the use of space and behavioural practices, aiming to exercise control over both cityscape and populace. Here, aim to investigate the extent to which the various articles in this piece of legislation can be identified in the archaeological record. Can 'good citizens' be recognised, or is there evidence for a gap between de jure and de facto practices? This paper will hence also critically examine the relationship between the written record and the archaeological record, as well as consider how top-down planning instructions are negotiated, amended and, perhaps, subverted locally.

TH1-34 Abstract 11
Emergent Complexity and Neolithic Settlement Nucleation on the Great Hungarian Plain

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The development of new social, economic, and political configurations frequently result in fundamental changes in settlement networks and settlement organization. In stark contrast to the previous period, the Late Neolithic archaeological record of the eastern Carpathian Basin indicates a settlement distribution of spatially discrete polities with multi-tiered settlement hierarchies surrounding therefore unprecedented, sizeable centers in the region. In this paper, we focus on tells and large Late Neolithic settlements on the Great Hungarian Plain and in the adjacent regions in order to demonstrate how the spatial analysis of built landscapes at various scales can aid our understanding of prehistoric socio-political organization.

The remarkable increase in social and economic complexity during the later Neolithic brought about novel social mechanisms and institutions to assure community integrity in these large demographic, economic, and political centers. We argue that considerable differences in their layout reflect a high degree of variability and resilience within similar egalitarian societies. The paper also addresses whether nucleation processes generated by exogenous causal agents resulted in a significant increase in social and economic complexity, or whether increasing social and economic complexity led to population nucleation.
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Nucleated settlements in the Eneolithic of south-eastern Poland? The broader review of the whole settlement network might shed light on the temporal and spatial changes of the main components in the background, and in some cases can give a valuable interpretation for the landscapes of complexity.

TH1-34 Abstract 14

Spatial patterns of Nuragic sanctuaries inside settlements and in the countryside of Sardinia - Oral

Sardinian Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Nuragic monuments are renowned as impressive examples of a community effort. Nevertheless, the motivations and social organisation of the communities behind the joint efforts in creating these enormous and sophisticated buildings are still debated and barely understood. The Nuragic civilisation developed in the Middle Bronze Age and Early Iron Age, from about 1900 – 730 BC (IBA to EIA). Nuragic settlements were spread over the entire island (more than 6000 are still visible in the landscape), and the Nuraghes can be subdivided into three categories: mini-tower or multi-tower. In later phases (Final Bronze Age, MBA) the use of Nuraghes declined, while complex villages arose – most times nucleated villages distributed around Nuraghes, but also in new places in the landscape.

The study researches the interaction of the sanctuaries with different natural and cultural aspects within a GIS. The reference to water, other resources and infrastructural aspects are investigated, as well as the clusters of sanctuaries they relate to, but also to other cultural patterns such as votive deposits (distributing local and imported materials). In this study case it also takes into account the patterns of sanctuaries located close to or within settlements, and the ways in which they were incorporated into new settlement foundations or added to existing settlements.

Attempts to interpret the Nuragic civilisation and their features are numerous and manifold. Scholars claim models from elite structures to egalitarian systems. The study finally discusses the results in regard to different theories currently debated.

TH1-34 Abstract 13

Organizational variability of Bronze Age nucleated settlements in Hungary: a long-term approach - Oral

Large, nucleated settlements – tells, hilltop sites, fortified settlements – are ubiquitous phenomena in the Bronze Age of Europe and specifically the Carpathian Basin. Recent research on microregional settlement patterns in Hungary has revealed a great variety of such settlements in varied regional contexts with apparently varied internal structures and connections to the wider social and natural environment. Building on an earlier paper where we reviewed the history of Early Bronze Age and Middle Bronze Age fortified settlements in Hungary, the aim of our presentation is to provide an analysis of the changes of such nucleated settlements through almost 2000 years of the Bronze Age (2600-2500 – 800-700 BC) and their internal structure. It also remains, and internal and microregional organization principles. Data on changes in settlement structure and changes in the locations of major centres and populated areas will provide a wealth of information on the socio-economic history of Bronze Age communities in Hungary.

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Keywords: Bronze Age, fortified settlements, Hungary

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TH1-34 Abstract 15

Chiefdoms' farmsteads from the Hallstatt period - architecture and structure

In recent years, in the area of Lower Silesia in Poland, several structures dated to the Hallstatt C period, called chiefman's farmsteads were found. They were settlements composed of several buildings arranged around an empty square enclosed by a palisade or a ditch. The number of discovered sites suggests that this was a commonly used form of rural space organization. The comparative analysis showed that these settlements were characterized by repeating structure and layout. A meta-analyses was also undertaken. It was found that a repeating length measurement unit, which was approximately 0.785 m, was applied for both the layout of individual buildings as well as for the arrangement of the whole farmstead area. It was also noted for the layout of the buildings single modules were used: a square with side of 4 x 4 units long and a rectangle with sides of 4 x 3 units long. Meanwhile, for determination of the farmstead size only square modules with side of 12 x 12 units were used. Similar rules of spatial organization have been also used in the construction of ornaments on pottery and objects of everyday use, the different being that a triangle was the dominant figure. In both cases modularity was the basic paradigm of the style. It is also possible to observe the same rules in other regions inhabited by people of the Hallstatt Culture. The genesis of this style is uniquely associated with the culture of antique Greece of the geometric period. The main question concerns the purpose of

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TH1-34 Abstract 16
Settlement mounds: A long-term analysis of the settlement organization in the Iron Age
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Keywords: Iron Age, settlement mounds, socio-economically organization
Presentation Preference: Oral

The settlement mounds in Denmark date to the Pre-Roman Iron Age and the Roman Period, and the excavation of these complex villages offer a detailed analysis of the long-term social organization of rural villages in South Scandinavia. The paper will present a case study from northern Jutland, Denmark to discuss how spatial divisions within nucleated settlement mounds could regulate the socio-economic patterns and dynamics of prehistoric villages. In particular, the paper focuses on the ways that the best “addresses” of the village could maintain their dominance for several centuries, and how architecture was used to express and manipulate identity within the village.

TH1-34 Abstract 17
Structured villages from the Early Roman Iron Age in central-southern Jutland, Denmark
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Keywords: Early Roman Iron Age, farmsteads, nucleated settlements
Presentation Preference: Oral

During the Danish Late Pre-Roman Iron Age in parts of western and southern Jutland there was a shift from a dispersed to a more nucleated settlement structure. This is best illustrated by a handful of villages that were enclosed by common fences. At the start of the Early Roman Iron Age there is a dramatic increase in the number of nucleated settlements, some of which seem to emerge rather suddenly, often where there has been little or no previous occupation. Rescue excavations have brought to light a number of structured villages from the beginning for the Roman Iron Age that were composed of several individual enclosed contemporaneous farmsteads laid out in a linear plan. The layout of individual farmsteads and the buildings within them were themselves architecturally uniform giving these villages, as a whole, a relative homogenous character. When comparing different villages to each other, there are variations in settlement and farmstead layout, but as a whole there are more similarities than there were differences. This may indicate that there were underlying social-cultural norms or rules in how these village communities should structure their settlements and farmsteads which were maintained by these communities over several generations. In this paper, I will present several Early Roman Iron Age settlements excavated by Sønderkov Museum in a limited geographical area of southern-central Jutland.

TH1-34 Abstract 18
What does settlement layout tell about the community?
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Keywords: ethnoarchaeology, interpretation, settlement
Presentation Preference: Oral

The layout of a settlement reflects long-term processes and mutual interactions that occur among many variables. Sometimes the factors that shape a settlement are the result of various deliberate decisions, but indirect effects also play a role in these processes. In modern archaeological sites, we usually excavate and observe only parts of settlements, and thus we find that many of the components are missing. Therefore, especially in prehistoric sites where there is no predictable site plan, it is difficult to interpret the community by studying the site. This paper will discuss the relationship between the structure of a community and the settlement layout and the factors that make a settlement nucleated, dispersed or agglomerated, with an ethnoarchaeological study in Central Anatolia.

TH1-34 Abstract 19
The creation of powerful places in Etruria
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Keywords: Etruria, Genealogy, Hierarchy
Presentation Preference: Oral

The paper will examine the processes underlying the construction of powerful places in Etruria. On the one hand, the landscape of much of Etruria was dominated by what have been defined as prime centres in studies of political geography. On the other hand, burial evidence indicates the retention of counterweighing political genealogies that apparently contrasted with the apparent centralisation of power in the large centres. The paper will examine the resolution of this tension by matching emerging evidence from the nucleation of settlement (layout and organisation) with evidence for succession amongst political elites and their individual participants (the sequence and content of graves). The variation of this pattern at an interregional level will be added to the complex, often hierarchical, pattern of Etruria.

TH1-34 Abstract 20
Communication network structure in Latium vetus and Etruria: Two faces of the same coin?
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Presentation Preference: Oral

Communication infrastructures are emerging complex structure: they are not completely random, neither are they entirely planned according to a predefined project especially when there is no unified political framework. Transportation networks can be regarded as an epiphenomenon of social interactions and interactions between societies and environments. At the same time, they influence the development of past societies (they enhance trade dynamics affecting the prosperity of a civilization) and their complexification (e.g. emergence of urbanism). There is a feedback loop. By analyzing and comparing fluvial and terrestrial communication networks in Etruria and Latium vetus between the Final Bronze Age and the Archaic Era with a newly developed Network approach this paper shows the similarities and differences between the two regions and contributes to explain why in the post-Rome and Latium vetus prevailed over the rival. Moreover, this analysis suggests a relationship between the hierarchal dynamics of city-states organization (and its corresponding influence on infrastructural decision-making) and the structure of terrestrial routes networks.

TH1-34 Abstract 21
The Analysis of Changes in Post-Chalcolithic Settlement at Çatalhöyük
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Keywords: Çatalhöyük, Hellenistic, settlement
Presentation Preference: Oral

Çatalhöyük is one of the most well-known archaeological sites. This fame is largely the result of Neolithic strata excavated there. However, this place was occupied in other periods as well. Evidence for this are registered both as on-site finds and, more importantly, remains of buildings from post-Chalcolithic periods. Because of its particular position, both at the regional scale of the Konya Plain and within Anatolia, Çatalhöyük played a specific role. Excavations at the site revealed strata and remains of settlement from Bronze Age, Phrygian, Hellenistic and Muslim Periods. Evidence for the first and the last periods were relatively scarce. However, finds and strata from the Phrygian and Hellenistic Periods indicate uninterrupted settlement from the 5th to 2nd century. Because of this, Çatalhöyük is a very good example of settlement characterized by diachronically visible social and economic complexity and cultural heterogeneity. The theme of my paper is to present the results of an analysis of late archaeological strata registered in the TP Area. Phases of settlement presented in the first part will become a base for further interpretations. From this,
it will be possible to show organizational variability of space, which will be a starting point for interpretations focused on changes in perception of this place. In the result in my paper, I will indicate the most important economic and social changes that took place in Câşlhîylîyk. That will be the answer not only for the question about the role of changes on site or in the region but also at the wider scale of Anatolia.

TH1-34 Abstract 22
Comparative Study of Settlement Systems in the Bronze Age and the Medieval Age

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Comparative studies on built environments between prehistoric and historic times at different geographical scales have yielded important results in various parts of the world. In particular, analyses of complementary datasets contributed to a better knowledge of similarities and differences in socio-economic developments at the local scale. However, less effort has been devoted to the matter concerning how abundant historic datasets can facilitate in understanding prehistoric settlement dynamics.

The aim of our paper is to examine settlement nucleation processes at the regional scale during two periods in northeast Hungary. Two geographically distinctive, neighbouring regions, the Borosod Plain and the foothills of the Bükk mountains, will be included in this study, with particular focus given to the settlement patterns for the specific periods of the Bronze Age (between 2200 and 1600 BC) and the Middle Ages (14-15th centuries AD). We will explore the topography, settlement networks, space and land use, as well as house construction methods in a comparative regional and temporal framework. The economy of these two periods is based on agriculture and the exploitation of the immediate environment. The historical and cartographical sources, landmark inspections, and the well-known road-networks make possible to determine central sites contra villages in the 14-15th century AD in the micro-region. Based on the analysis of building methods, communal spaces, spatial organisation of the homes and the villages, and economic activities in these two periods, we propose a model that will determine critical factors about the Bronze Age settlement pattern (roads, central places, distribute places and activities between settlement).

TH1-34 Abstract 23
An exemplification of the socio-political make-up of the Late Bronze Age polities from Hungary

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Keywords: Bronze Age Hungary, Fortified settlement, Landscape, hierarchy
Presentation Preference - Poster

In the area of the Békés-Csanád loess table and the Banát, SE Hungary and W Romania, a series of large fortifications enclosed by ramparts and ditches emerged in the period of 1300–1100 BC (Rei. BrD–HaA1). These huge structures, often hundreds of hectares large, got into the focus of Hungarian and Romanian research only in the past decade (have got into the focus of Hungarian and Romanian research only from the past decade). The fortifications are surrounded by a series of smaller rural settlements, forming a three-tiered settlement hierarchy, indicating a fairly complex society. The function of these settlements is debated to some degree, as they have not yet yielded substantial domestic remains, and their interpretation as refugia or ritual centres is also possible. This new type of settlement indicates significant although, up till now hardly known social and economic transformations in the last centuries of the 2nd millennium BC, in the Late Bronze Age. In my poster I will summarise the results of the research focusing on one of these fortifications, Makó-Rakó-Csapóvár and its hinterland. This small, 42 hectare large fortified site is investigated within the framework of a wider, microregional settlement study and will be interpreted in terms of the socio-political make-up of the Late Bronze Age polities.

TH1-34 Abstract 24
More than meets the eye: burial monuments and “landscapes of power” in late Iron Age Britain

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Keywords: GIS, Iron Age, Landscape Archaeology
Presentation Preference - Poster

As human beings, the desire and necessity to “change” landscape has been with us from the beginning of our existence. From the basic acts such as hunting or setting a campfire, to a more complex ones like constructing a transcontinental canal, our actions have been constantly changing the landscapes we inhabit. In prehistoric Europe these changes usually were an unintentional by-product of other activities. However, it is becoming increasingly evident that this was not always the case. Landscapes play an active part in societies, rather than being a passive reflection of (some of) their actions. They influence and are influenced by social interaction and social structure. Throughout the history numerous societies have used this phenomenon to their advantage. Here it is being suggested that such landscape control strategies can also be observed in the later Iron Age in eastern Britain. During this period the re-emerging cremation burial monuments of social elites were used in the creation of “Landscapes of Power”. Some of them were used to visually dominate the social and political landscapes of the late Iron Age oppida. This hypothesis has been explored using GIS-based visibility analysis. By presenting case studies of Folly Lane, Lexden and Stanway it is argued that the role these burials monuments was not only to pay tribute to the deceased, but also to assist in establishing, developing and maintaining social and political power at the oppida.
BUILD WITH MUD IN THE NEOLITHIC: TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS AND CULTURAL CHOICES

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Presentation Preference - Regular session

At the beginning of the Neolithic in the Middle East, the hand modeled mud was a structural material involved in the houses building. In various parts of Europe this material is gradually used, in the Balkans but also in the Neolithic of the Western Europe, in Italy, France or Spain for example. Earthen materials are used for multiple functions: as cob or mudbrick to realize upstanding load bearing masonry, as daub to cover wooden walls, as plaster for walls or constructed floors and/or shape containers, furniture or grain silos as well. This session aims to present the developments of the archaeological research on this subject, focusing on rural settlements and villages, in particular during the Neolithic. Contributions about Neolithic/Neolithic transition and Bronze age are welcomed as well. We propose to raise the question of the function of these various earthen constructions and to raise the question of determinism governing its use in competition or in complementarity with stone and wood, through models involving technical constraints and cultural choices. Papers can be also focused on the relationship between raw materials (selection and exploitation), technical choices and dwelling function. Spatial analysis, ethnoarchaeological, theoretical and experimental studies are encouraged.

Some remarks about the role of environment and society in building technology

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Keywords: Building technology, Earthen construction, Ethnoarchaeology

Presentation Preference - Oral

Most often, the archaeologist underline the role played by environmental constraints in the elaboration of architectural models, in particular for the employed raw materials. This paper wants to explore the complex relationship between environment, cultural choices, building traditions, socio-economic context and technical constraints, presenting ethnoarchaeological and archaeological examples of earthen constructions in different European contexts. First of all, the observation of modern wattle and daub in northern France allows some remarks about the relation between employed raw materials and techniques. The results of the Neolithic wattle and daub analysis from different sites in Piemonte (Northwest of Italy) stress the role played by tradition in building practices. Some case-studies from the Italian Bronze Age, focused on earthen walls and floors building techniques, could be useful to understand some cultural choices, guided especially by socioeconomic needs.

In prehistoric contexts, as in vernacular architecture, the employed building materials are often local and show a good adaptation to the ecological environment. That’s a sort of constant, but the identification of raw materials is just a first analytical level for the archaeologist. We need to make an effort and explore in depth the relationship between raw materials, technical choices and social context. In fact, each peculiar technical solution is often a solution among various other possibilities. The aim is to turn the archaeological reasoning and stress the technical variability in our approaches, to show the limits of the environmental determinism in the history of the role played by cultural choices in the Neolithic and Bronze Age.

Build with earthen materials. The eneolithic site of “Ca’ Nova di Minerbio” (Bologna - Italy)

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The eneolithic settlement identified at “Ca’ Nova di Minerbio” (B20), whose excavation has not yet finished, can be dated back to the end of the 3rd millennium BC. The most surprising result concerned the very large quantities of firewood needed to burn the house completely. Coupled with experimental work carried out in the United Kingdom using the same materials, this experiment has presented evidence which challenges existing theories of house construction. By adapting test methods to the strength of concrete, masonry, and rammed earth construction materials, the effect of heating on the material strength of daub construction material was investigated in a series of compression and shear tests. The results challenge the theory that controlled burning of wattle and daub structures was used deliberately as a construction technique in Triépilo-Cucuteni houses.

During the summer of 2014, two 2/3rd-sized timber-framed wattle-and-daub houses similar to those constructed on Cucuteni-Tripolje settlements, including the Tripolje mega-sites, were built in Nebevlivka, Kirovograd Oblast, Ukraine by a joint British and Ukrainian team of archaeologists and craftspeople. One of the houses was deliberately destroyed by fire in May 2015 to study the process of its collapse and the potential formation of the ceramic-like burnt daub remains so often found during archaeological excavation of Cucuteni-Tripolje sites from the Balkan Chalcolithic period.

Observations of the collapse of the two-stone houses have given new insights into the processes forming the archaeological record and cast doubt on accepted theories of the formation of daub structures which are as large as 320 ha. The most surprising result concerned the very large quantities of firewood needed to burn the house completely. Coupled with experimental work carried out in the United Kingdom using the same materials, this experiment has presented evidence which challenges existing theories of house construction. By adapting test methods to the strength of concrete, masonry, and rammed earth construction materials, the effect of heating on the material strength of daub construction material was investigated in a series of compression and shear tests. The results challenge the theory that controlled burning of wattle and daub structures was used deliberately as a construction technique in Triépilo-Cucuteni houses.

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The Aftermath of Mud Houses: Degradation and archaeological site formation

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Keywords: archaeological site formation, ethnoarchaeology, mud structures degradation

Presentation Preference - Oral

A major interest in archaeological research of recent decades has been the investigation of the relationship between human activity and the preservation of archaeological features. This research has included the study of the natural processes that can lead to the preservation or destruction of archaeological sites, as well as the actions that can be taken to preserve archaeological sites from further degradation. The study of the Aftermath of Mud Houses: Degradation and Archaeological Site Formation aims to explore the relationship between the use of mud as a building material and the subsequent degradation of archaeological sites formed from these materials. By examining the processes that lead to the degradation of mud structures, this research seeks to improve our understanding of the preservation of archaeological features and to inform strategies for their conservation.
archaeological features and layers relating to deterioration processes of built features. Burned daub fragments were entirely collected during the excavation as well. These materials are first analyzed from a macroscopic point of view. Technological analysis can be linked to the functional aspect of each structure and activity areas, to highlight both technical choices and socio-economic behaviors.

TH1-35 Abstract 05

Hearth structures and plasters from the Bronze Age settlement of Oratino: the dark side of the mud

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The Bronze Age site of Oratino – La Rocca is located on a small terrace beside the southern slope of a rocky hill that dominates the eastern side of the high Bilerno river valley, along an important route that penetrates the inland region of central-southern Italy from the Adriatic coast. The research conducted so far on the site allows us to recognize different moments of occupation mainly from 15th and 12th century B.C. During the final phase of occupation a series of six layers, characterized by the presence of hearths and cooking structures is attested. They can be related, mostly, to food preparation/treatment and consumption activities, repeated in a short lapse of time. Moreover, these activities were performed in an open area and are not linked to specific domestic structures, but probably in a collective sphere, by a restricted number of people.

Several plaster fragments, related both to the cooking platforms and with other accessory structures, were found in these layers of occupation. A broad use of mud for coatings or covers of huts and an exploitation of raw materials macroscopically different for the manufacture of small structures, as cooking platforms, is observable from the macroscopic analysis of morphometrical and technological features of archaeological materials. The application of compositional analyses, as pathogenic analyses on thin sections will allowed to characterize composition and firing temperatures allowed to identify potential sourcing areas of clays that have been compared with archaeological material composition to establish the provenance of raw materials.

TH1-35 Abstract 06

Technical evolution of adobe building materials and work specialisation at Ra’s al-Hadd HD-6 (Oman)

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Keywords: Adobe composition, Grain size distribution, Work specialisation, Early Bronze Age, Oman

Presentation Preference - Oral

Earthen materials are introduced in Oman at the end of the 4th millennium BCE, when a series of technological evolutions mark the transition to the Early Bronze Age. The very beginning of such transformation, however, remains scarcely understood from the point of view of settlement life and activities, as the Hafit period is mostly represented by thousands of graves, while very few settlements are known throughout the area. The site of HD-6 has been the object of a detailed large-scale excavation, showing both the emergence of solid architecture and a diachronic evolution in adobe building materials.

Aiming at a better understanding of such evolution, chemical-mineralogical and granulometric analyses of earthen building materials relative to the different occupations of HD-6 have been performed on a series of samples. The results suggest that the differences in mud-brick fabrics were a result of mixing and tempering and are not indicative of different raw material sources. Together with the technical characteristics of buildings, such differences show the evolution of architectural and organizational processes and methods of construction used on site, hinting at increasing specialisation of work and of the workforce.

TH1-35 Abstract 07

Clay, wood and stone - Neolithic architectures on the channel sea shore, at Lillemer

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Presentation Preference - Poster

For the most part of the researchers the house is the main important social, ideological and economic entity of the society in Copper Age in S-E Europe. The materials used to built, the form, the inner space structuring, were seen like being representative...
for different archaeological cultures. The moment of building, the utilization and the abandonment are the most important markers of the final chapters of a building life time.

The excavations from Hîrova and Borduani, both tells in S-E Romania, provided important information concerning the Copper Age lifestyle, more precisely the history of the Gumelnita housing.

The most frequent construction technique though consists of a trench in the bottom of which are driven a number of wooden stakes, fairly close together, supporting a lattice of branches to receive the clay. The walls and the floors are plastered with layers of different clay preparation. Usually having two rooms, each has its own rectangular oven. During their lifetime the houses have often been repaired and sometimes, modified. Disposed in rows, the buildings are separated by passageways.

Generally, the final period of their evolution started with the moment when the dwelling ceased to be used by its inhabitants on that purpose. The archaeological information demonstrates that the end of their evolution is not the same for all dwellings. Some of them were abandoned and decayed in time, others were intentionally destroyed and others were intentionally fired. The diversity of all these situations can be interpreted like the result of different causes, and suggest a more complex spiritual life of the communities of the Gumelnita culture in Vth mil. BC.

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The uses of architectural mud in karstic area at Neolithic: environments techniques and cultures

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In the Languedoc region, we distinguish two main landscape settings: plain zones and karstic environments (called Garrigue). Plains are composed of lagoon areas, layers of gravel, alluvial aquifers. Karst wetlands presents typical cavital shapes, such as sinkholes or avens. The soil there is stony and composed of numerous limestone outcrops, while the sedimentation is low (Guthier, 1975). Both plains and karst wetlands were inhabited territories ever since the Neolithic era. However, the raw material resources that are directly available do modify the builders’ choices and highly affect the housing types. In the Garrigues areas, one can find a large number of houses that have walls made of dry stones. Conversely, on the coastal plain, unbaked clay architecture was proven on several sites, such as La Capoulière (Mauguio, Hérault) or Mitra (Garons, Gard). Though, this kind of geographical determinism ought to be further qualified. Indeed, cases were seen where environment constraints have certainly been overcome by technical and cultural traditions and had a direct impact on the builders’ choices. In the Rhône plain, several dry stone houses were found. Yet these structures are established on soft substratum (Jallot, 2011). Likewise, in karst areas, the discoveries of the use of a combination of stone and mud are numerous. It is true that until recently, and particularly in karst environments, the excavation of settlements was essentially based on the recognition of remains from long-lasting materials – which often precluded mud remains. But new problematics are emerging thanks to the improvement and the adjustment of excavation methods specifically relevant for the study of mud construction materials. Boussargues (Argelliers, Hérault), located in the core of Hérault’s garrigues, contained wattle and daub vestiges directly associated to dry stone wall remains. They actually are roof elements (Chazeselles, 2008). Fortbousisse (Villevelle, Gard department) is characterized by its dry stone constructions; although, the excavations revealed the presence of cob elements in the settlement, interpreted at that time as wall elements, with its wattle inserted in the stone walls used as foundation (Louis et al., 1947). Mud is also certified and used as a coating on dry stone walls at Jas Del Blau (Millau, Aveyron), and earth pads were identified on the spot (Jallot, 2000). On the La Vayrâçre site (La Bastide-Pradine, Aveyron), unbaked clay may have been used as a binding agent between the rubble stones. And the walls have seemingly been raised with mud on the foundations (Foulére, Convertini, 2000).

Thus, the use of mud associated with stone constructions in karst environments can be seen in roofs, coatings, as binding agent, on foundation or in various layouts. The currently available data is not numerous enough to establish significant recurrences, yet new prospects are emerging. Does the use of mud in construction satisfy technical and/or cultural needs? What is the real impact of environmental constraints on the communities’ choices in the Neolithic era? These questions highlight too little explored problematics, particularly regarding the complexity of building systems and to the involvement of the societies in its making.
Archaeological practice reveals a remarkable diversity of approaches to the management of archaeological heritage. Starting with increasingly complex methods of field research and survey, management approaches use laboratory-based analytical approaches and integrate interpretative models. These define the nature of archaeological sites, the natural decay and human processes that influence their survival, the evidence used for reconstruction and for methods of interpretation and display. From single case studies to more general, developed concepts of heritage management, an increasing spectrum of meanings and values engage and inform academic, managerial and social concerns. Financial restrictions and archaeological project limitations create new challenges for all, sometimes frustrating the development of archaeological heritage management practice. Archaeological agency is now faced with old and new constraints together with requirements and pressure to ‘perform’. This suggests an increasing and important role for the profession in cultural heritage management.

The theme invites discussion on issues regarding heritage management: defining cultural value, conservation methods, rationale for restoration, risk management, illicit trade, preventive and rescue archaeology, museum presentation and virtual museums. There is room for discussion on issues related to cultural-heritage regulation, management approaches, legislative and institutional aspects, interpretation, presentation and tourism development, etc.
Managing rural landscapes in southern England - two case studies

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Keywords: Management, Partnership, Rural

Presentation Preference - Oral

The successful management of rural landscapes depends on good partnership working. This contribution to the Round Table will discuss two case studies from Southern England both of which contain some highly significant archaeological remains - the Salisbury Plain Military Training Area, and the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site, both of which have many and varied stakeholders and needs.

TH2-01 Abstract 02

Best-practice models for intensively used agricultural landscapes

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In order to protect the rural archaeological heritage in Germany various strategies have been developed since 2010. The paper presents best-practice models of managing monuments in intensively used agricultural landscapes. Especially the conversion of ploughed sites into grassland as well as the application of precision farming systems are different approaches to a better conservation of archaeological remains at risk.

TH2-01 Abstract 03

Integrated Cultural Landscape Planning at Ancient Corinth, Greece

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An integrated collaborative master plan has been developed between 2014 and 2016 to protect, preserve and present the 6 square kilometre area that encompasses all the natural and cultural components of the landscape of Ancient Corinth, Greece. It comprises the ancient harbor at Lachainon, the ancient city, and the acropolis of Acrocorinth. These include mixed nature and heritage zones including the (a) wetlands and ancient harbor facilities of Lachainon and the mixed industrial and agricultural region of the plain, (b) the village of Ancient Corinth and its agricultural outskirts in which are situated the remains of the ancient city, and (c) the agricultural and uncultivated nature zone of the slopes of the great fortified citadel of Acrocorinth. These remains contain over 8,000 years of human occupation with some 270 monuments from the 6th c. BCE through the 19th c. CE still viable for visitors. The planning group is an official committee of the Ministry of Culture, Hellenic Republic, consisting of staff from the Inspectorate of Antiquities of Corinth, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and the Ministry of Culture. Essential partners of the team are the consulting firm of TPA and Med-INA (the Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos). The goal of the integrated plan is to provide a sustainable infrastructure and administrative organization for improving visitor appreciation of the various elements of the designated nature and heritage park by improving access to it and within it for a variety of uses including such things as bird watching, wild and cultivated plant appreciation, and guided paths through the historic monuments and the museum that display the multi-layered History of the famous city of Ancient Corinth. An essential part of the master planning process has been involvement of members of the local population represented by all sectors (citizens, civic groups, civic officials, regional officials). Planning has been aimed at producing proposals for major funding to improve infrastructure and rationalize access, add proper signage and displays, and to consolidate and conserve standing remains. The proposals are oriented to a long-term strategic plan that will seek public (Greek and EU government) and private (foundation and individual) funding. As a part of this endeavor the committee intends to submit proposals for Ancient Corinth to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

TH2-01 Abstract 04

Who commits ‘heritage crimes’?

Archaeology, the law, and civil rights in Austria

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeologists frequently accuse others (that is, non-professionals) of committing ‘heritage crimes’. But is it a ‘heritage crime’ if no law is broken? Is it not a ‘heritage crime’ if a heritage law is broken by professional archaeologists? And would it be a ‘heritage crime’ if, say, a heritage agency were to excessively apply a heritage legislation to prevent entirely legal activities, and thus unconstitutional restrict fundamental civil liberties? This paper examines who actually commits ‘heritage crimes’ in Austria; and whether it is truly those who archaeologists normally suspect, or whether the worst serial offenders are to be found much closer to home.

TH2-02 Abstract 02

Who commits ‘heritage crimes’?

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The term ‘heritage crime’ is a term used in the anglo-saxon world to define a wide range of criminal activities, from vandalism to illegal export of cultural objects, so strictly related with the cultural heritage issue. For his great effect, this topical subject has begun to appear often on newspapers and is attracting always more frequently academic (in particular criminological and archiological) attention. As has already stated elsewhere, the range and frequency of crimes can vary ‘dramatically across countries,
Good Intentions and Bad Practice; conflicting values in heritage protection

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Presentation Preference: Oral

The concept of heritage crime is often summed up by the image of the experienced and professional looter, motivated by financial gain and with some level of technical knowledge. While this model may apply to high profile cases of looting this paper will concentrate on less obvious sources of harm to the historic environment, in particular that grey area where bad practice or carelessness on the part of an individual can cross the line into criminal behaviour. This paper will focus on cultural attitudes, or different cultural perceptions of harm and importance which can lead to damage being downplayed or not seen as serious on the part of the perpetrator. This paper draws on experience of working directly with members of the public who find objects, not least metal detector users, and will draw on experiences which are often not discussed or considered at policy level. Given the assumed role of the market in driving looting, arguing instead that such behaviour is driven by ‘single actors’, the finder or looter also being a collector, and the desire being to keep rather than to sell an object. Individual motivations include a complex mix of culture and preconceptions which might mean a site is damaged or an object not reported, often by individuals who act with good intentions. The cultural considerations which make an individual consider the law of little importance (while not considering themselves a criminal) will also be discussed. Running through all these issues are divergent and competing perspectives of why the past is important, and how legislation that seeks to protect the past may be perceived by third parties in a wholly different light.

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Different methods are being used in order to prevent and combat illegal obtainment and trade of archaeological artifacts – from explaining the significance of cultural heritage until improvement of legislative acts and introducing more severe punishment for correspondent offences. Proper implementation of any method could lead to positive results, however it is usually hard to find relatively efficient and at the same time speedy solution.

One of practical solutions of the problem has to do with enhancing awareness regarding protected archaeological artifacts and related issues because it would not be correct to assume that legislative acts already contain all the information needed for different audiences (e.g. byers and traders of artifacts, persons who are interested in history, law enforcement officers etc.). Thus in December 2015 several cultural, law enforcement institutions and other institutions controlling turnover of cultural objects, under the guidance of Latvian Academy of Culture, started the development of “Digital catalog of Latvian archaeological artifacts at risk”.

The “Digital catalog of Latvian archaeological artifacts at risk” contains graphic and textual information regarding the most endangered national archaeological artifacts, as well as other information deemed to be useful for different audiences which could come into contact with archaeological artifacts.

The presentation will give insight into aspects of illegal obtainment of Latvian archaeological artifacts, characterize the “Digital catalog of Latvian archaeological artifacts at risk” and opportunities of its usage.

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TH2-03
TELLING STORIES: ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUMS, HERITAGE AND RESEARCH CENTRES: ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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Presentation Preference - Regular session

Recent years have seen a swarm of new museums and heritage centres opening and exploring aspects of Europe’s past through a rich diversity of both sites and finds. These include, most recently, the Moesgaard Museum, Aarhus, Denmark and before that, for example, the LWL Museum for Archaeology, Mese, Germany; ARCHÉA, Archéologie en Pays de France, nr. Paris; Lódöse Museum, Sweden (now 50 years old); South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, Bolzano, Italy; the Museum of Innocence, Istanbul, Turkey; Creswell Crags Museum & Visitor Centre, Nottinghamshire, UK and the Shetland Museum, Lerwick, UK. For this session we want to encourage a Europe-wide response that will bring together a cross-section of these projects, both opened and closed and those still at the planning stage, to facilitate a sharing of success and failures. We also want to consider how the future might look for this critical practice that creates a space where science, curation and citizen engagement interact. We want to explore scale, diversity, purpose, financing, community engagement, local vs. tourism and archaeological value through a combination of papers, some of them case studies and some of them thematic.

TH2-03 Abstract 01
ICOMOS’ Charter on Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Sites: The Global Strategic Approach

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Presentation Preference - Oral

ICOMOS’ Scientific Committee on Interpretation and Presentation of Cultural Heritage Sites (ICIP) is responsible for the review and promotion of the ICOMOS charter of the same name, adopted by the General Assembly of ICOMOS in 2008. Interpretation is defined as all activities intended to heighten public awareness and enhance understanding of cultural heritage sites, including publications, online content, and on-site installations such as panels and immersive multi-media experiences. As such, interpretation plays a key role in facilitating people’s engagement with heritage and telling diverse heritage stories in an attractive, informative manner. However, public and private decision-makers around the globe have varying degrees of awareness of interpretation as professional heritage practice, and there are varying professional standards in different countries too. The aim of ICIP is therefore to define and promote the basic objectives and principles of interpretation and to be a global advocate for professional interpretation of cultural heritage sites.

At the end of 2015, having appointed a new board of officers, ICIP began a strategic review of the Charter and the committee’s main activities. This session will discuss the charter in the context of this review and wider developments within the fields of interpretation and heritage more broadly. In particular, the session will contextualise the principles and objectives of the charter for interpretation, and consider recent challenges to what has been described as a Western approach to heritage management and their implications for the Charter and the discipline of interpretation.

The session will outline the strategic priorities established by ICIP for the next three years on the basis of the review, and introduce participants to the activities that have been planned in response. A specific consideration of the session will be the global application of interpretive principles to meet local requirements. The purpose of the session is to familiarise participants with the ICOMOS Charter for the Interpretation and Presentation of Cultural Heritage Sites and the discourse of interpretation, and to highlight where ICIP’s work may link in with participants’ own professional practice and organisations.
TH2-03 Abstract 02
Moesgaard Museum - considerations on an upcoming exhibition

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Moesgaard Museum is the among the largest and is certainly the newest archaeological and ethnographical museum in Denmark. Our new exhibition hall, that opened in 2014, is the frame of permanent exhibitions of primarily Danish archaeology, while temporary special exhibitions highlights international research, lately in an exhibition featuring China’s first emperor Qin Shih Huang and his terracotta army.

Currently the permanent exhibitions center on the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Viking Age is open, while the permanent exhibitions of the Stone Age and the Middle Age is under preparation. The aim of this paper is to present a curators view on how we plan our upcoming addition to the permanent exhibition, this time centered around the medieval period. The paper will focus on the interaction between hall and display, including reflections on scale and purpose, process and selection of topic and modes of display as a way of engaging both the community and our international visitors.

TH2-03 Abstract 03
Object-based (Distance) Learning: Local and Global Educational Enrichment from Corinth Excavations

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Keywords: community engagement, museum, outreach
Presentation Preference: Oral

Over the last 120 years, research at Corinth Excavations in Ancient Corinth, Greece, conducted by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA), has produced a wealth of academic publications. Part of the mission of the ASCSA, however, in addition to producing research, is to disseminate the results to wider audiences. Just nine years ago, Corinth Excavations began facilitating occasional educational programs in the museum and on the site of Ancient Corinth for Greek schoolchildren and teachers on a variety of subjects. For example, a program held at the Asklepieion included a dramatic interpretation of Epidavran healing inscriptions.

Corinth Excavations now has a dedicated staff member for educational outreach thanks to the generous support of the Steinmetz Family Foundation Fellowship; the Museum Fellow is creating enriching lesson plans for Greek and American curricula. In this way, Corinth Excavations can reach learners locally and globally to tell stories about the past. The lesson plans are designed to fit American learning standards for the sixth grade, when students spend one year learning about the entire Eastern Hemisphere; however, suggestions for educators are provided in the lessons for adaptations for younger or older learners.

The lesson plans are based on objects from Corinth Excavations representing periods from antiquity to the present. Themes include water management, healing practices, mysterious rituals, analyzing evidence from the Classical period, cultural achievements of the Roman Empire, pottery designs and styles of the Byzantine Empire, the development of Christianity, interpreting Frankish skeletal material, and taking a digital field trip.

The purpose of the outreach effort is twofold: to create communication between archaeologists and historians who produce new and exciting results with the general public; and to inspire outside audiences to continue to learn about the legacy of Ancient Greek, Roman and Medieval culture. There have been successes and failures in the process of creating educational outreach as it is something new, innovative, and unparalleled for an excavation in Greece. But the successes have shown the power of objects; they tell stories, they inspire curiosity, and they extend learning beyond the classroom and into museum and archaeological site.

Corinth Excavations is offering educators something they literally cannot get anywhere else: access to hundreds of thousands of images, videos, notebooks, drawings, plans, maps, artifacts, publications – that tell the story of our collective past.

In order to highlight over a century of research, the uniting message of our educational enrichment efforts is that Corinth was and continues to be a crossroads of cultural, religious, and economic activities for thousands of years. Outreach in Ancient Corinth aims to communicate these interactions among peoples through time and share the legacy of Ancient Greek, Roman and Medieval culture with future generations. In the mean time, it is a project that is changing the role of archaeological excavations and museums.
The Archaeological Museum of the 19th century, as well as their European counterparts are related to the development of the national states, constituting one of the key institutions as places where the nation could “weave” its history and cultivate the archetypical national identity. Furthermore, the archaeological museum in the last decades of the 18th and early 19th century becomes public, by giving the possibility of access to others than the managers and collectors. Thus, the current museum concept is defined as a creation of modernism as this was shaped during the Renaissance and survives until, approximately, the mid-20th century. On the other hand, along with trying to establish through collections and exhibitions an empirically documented truth, the museum seeks to elevate the past to an introduction of the present and the future. This intention is catalyzed by a holistic approach that will not examine the archaeological museum individually as a tool of the upper class, or an educational mechanism, a storage of precious artifacts, a space of national pride and individually, a field of developing a specific professional and scientific activity, exhibiting technique or local development lever. Instead, it will endeavor to highlight the field where the above engage and collaborate through reciprocal support or even conflict. The future museum will be an integral part of a uniform process that starts by identifying an archaeological trail and ends in the exhibit cabinet or in storage. In this context, archaeologists should meet with a number of other specialists-all in distinctive roles-in order to promote the composite knowledge of the past. This process should be guided by professional ethics and respect. Our proposal concerns the application of such a project in one of the most important museums in the world, the Museum of Olympia, as a vehicle of sophisticated museological practices that will contribute to the creation of the future museum.

Caring for the Vilnius Museum of Antiquities

In this presentation, I seek to historicize the curating of the Vilnius Museum of Antiquities (today’s National Museum of Lithuania) in order to highlight the role museums played in the challenge between nationalism and imperialism in the nineteenth-century Russian empire. Debates about display and curation were central to the rise of archaeology in that epoch, and in Russia, they were also closely associated with the fifteen archaeological congresses, meeting every three years from 1869, were the singular academic and/or professional conferences held in Tsarist Russia, the 9th was held in Vilnius in 1893.

In the 1840s, when archaeology was first beginning to blossom, beginning as more of a vocation than a science, Count Eustachy Tyszkewicz and his brother Konstantin moved from simply collecting Italian art to excavating approximately 200 barrows around their native Logoyeck, in present-day Belorussia. The Russian word for what we call “amateurs” translates literally as “lovers,” and this better captures the sense of this first generation of essentially noblemen who combined a passion for archaeology with similar fascination with ethnography and history. In 1842 the Tyszkewych brothers opened three rooms in one of their palazzos into the first local Museum of Antiquities, more than a curiosity shop. It was visited by locals and tourists, as a bookshop in its first year. In 1856, in concert with the anticipated liberalizing policies of new Tsar Alexander II, the collection was transferred to more space in the Library of the former University, which had been closed in 1832 following the Polish rebellion. Unfortunately for them, the second Polish rebellion of 1863 prompted the closing of this Commission, thereafter designated as only intended to be “temporary” and the redistribution of much of the museum to others, primarily Moscovia’s Rumantsve Museum, a critical repository of historical artifacts.

One of the first orders of business following the rebellion was to re-curate the museum. Count M. N. Muraew, who would receive an honorary “Vilnenski” added to his surname in recognition of the favor with which he instigated the de-Polonization of the Northwestern Region (Lithuania and Belarus) organized a commission for the inspection of the objects on display in the Museum of Antiquities. The clash between Tyszkewych and the Commission, and the subsequent congress, illustrate the use of archaeological artifacts to dispute an identity during the Age of Empire.

The Euphronios Krater: from the illegal Art Market to the Rebirth of a Museum

A forty years long journey allowed the return to the place of origin of an admirable work, which has reinvigorated the fortunes of a museum and of a local community. The Euphronios Sarpedon krater is a red-figure calyx krater dated back to the VI BC, which was illegally excavated in the 1970s in the area of Cerveteri (Italy). The latter was one of the city-states in the Etruscan League, where in the VI-III BC the population was around 35,000 people. The city is pretty well known thanks to the number of Etruscan necropoli deployed along its boundaries. Nowadays the most famous tourist attraction in the area is the Banditaccia necropolis, declared UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004.

In the past centuries, many works were dug out from the necropoli and then quite easily sold on the international art market: what was casually happened to the Euphronios krater, purchased by the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the substantial price of one million dollars in 1971 after adventurous vicissitudes that led the artwork from Cerveteri to Zurich and then to New York. A legal controversy invested the MET and more recently it restored the ownership of the krater to Italy in 2006, together with twenty other objects that returned back to their original sites. Among the Etruscan and Roman Museum of Cerveteri on which it is another Made by the same terracotta painter that demonstrates the way he was used to work and the different taste and technique in a period of twenty-thirty years. In 2008 the Euphronios works were displayed in the temporary exhibition Hosto! Recovered Masterpieces at the National Museum of Villa Giulia in Rome and they were supposed to enter the permanent collection.

The location of the kylix and the krater in Cerveteri is the result of collaboration between the City of Cerveteri, the Southern Lazio and Etruria Archaeology Superintendence and the Lazio Region. On the tenth anniversary of the UNESCO recognition of the Etruscan necropoli of Banditaccia (2014), the krater have been transferred for a month at the Cerite National Museum, and thanks to a significant increase in visitors, the exhibition has been extended until December of that year. On December 18th 2014, to close the decade of celebrations, the Superintendent accepted the request of the City of exposing the kylix also close to the krater. In the following months, the arrival of the krater in Cerveteri the museum has welcomed more than 10,000 visitors (more than it does in a year) and, thanks to the intervention of Dario Franceschini, Minister of Cultural Heritage, who identified the “Cerveteri case” as a good practice in his idea of dispersed museum at the centre of cultural heritage reform, it was decided to permanently transfer the two masterpieces in the collections.

This paper aims to underline how the cooperation between local and national institutions may represent a policy to pursue in the perspective of a local community cultural identity and rebirth.
TH2-03 Abstract 11
Community archaeology as empowerment for a struggling society

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In 2013 “Dagen samhälle”, a magazine for decision makers in the public sector wrote: “The trend is hopeless. 19 Swedish municipalities have shrunk every year for two decades. Twelve of them may have died out before the turn of the century. In 2070, Ljusnarsberg and Strömstad will be the first in line for the precipice, if the population continues to decline at the same rate as now.” Imagine being a citizen in Kopparberg, the small town in the municipality of Ljusnarsberg, and waking up to that announcement? Well, you probably weren’t surprised, but still. My municipality has a sentence, a death sentence and a given date when it’s all good by, time to pack the things and leave.

Several of the inhabitants in Kopparberg wasn’t asked at all when national media called out the message. And the inhabitants in the other small municipalities in the former so proud mining district of Sweden is not asked for any opinion either. Meanwhile, a group of eleven artists that bought an old mine in the area thought: “Hey, what about the locals, asylum seekers, art, music, heritage and the future of this place?” And suddenly, one year afterwards I was standing on an ice cold day with a director, journalist, artist, biker, a 23 year old dentist from Syria, an old man from Iraq, the local drunk, councillor and a bunch others, making an archaeological excavation of a public pinboard, with the overall theme: excavating the future of Kopparberg...

In this presentation I will give two examples of empowering the local community using heritage. The first example above is in great contrast to the other, where local school children excavates an old cottage where the ferryman once lived. But both are examples of how heritage and archaeology can be used to revive history and let the locals be proud of their cultural heritage, weather or not they have lived there for generations or came there last week.

TH2-03 Abstract 12
JASA – the road from ‘irrelevant luxury’ to ‘archaeological jewel’

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Archaeological research often includes the influx of experts into a new community where research is conducted, inevitably leading to new relations. In 2014 and 2015, a similar situation occurred in Croatian Baranja, where archaeologists worked on the future A5 motorway, discovering new and reviving old data on the region’s cultural heritage.

The region under study has been under tremendous amounts of financial, political and social stress, especially in the last 20-30 years due to its position next to two Croatian borders and its role in the Croatian War on Independence. Depuration of all possible sorts can, to this day, be noted in the area where jobs are sparse, where most entrepreneurs get swallowed up by larger companies and where culture is seen as an irrelevant luxury, no longer enjoyed even by the wealthiest.

From an archaeological point of view, Baranja is an extremely rich and valuable region. However, as with all other aspects of society, certain well-known and systematically excavated sites always cast a shadow on the smaller ones which rarely get a chance to be properly excavated and/or presented to the public.

The aim of this contribution is to show how all of this can be changed by applying the ‘where there’s a will, there’s a way’ approach in a situation where the local community never saw culture as something important and potentially lucrative, both financially and socially.

The archaeological site of St. Jacob (JASA) is an example of how archaeologists employed by the Archaeological museum in Zagreb helped reanimate culture-related activities in the community which, just like the team of experts, realized that this site is a jewel in the region, and that their region is an archaeological jewel in the entire country. We will focus on the many months of work conducted by about locals and about 20 archaeologists, and the impact the latter made by raising awareness on the area’s rich cultural heritage, along with financial benefits experienced by everyone included in this complex process. We will show how the archaeologists blended into the local community by supporting the local art and music scene, and by participating in public events such as beer canning contests.

Finally, we will highlight the fact that, if experts take time to raise awareness about cultural heritage in the local community and support the existing tourist offer, cultural tourism can be reanimated, or even created, to the mutual benefit of experts in the field and local stakeholders, thereby creating conditions for promoting and presenting research to the public, as well as for presenting the local heritage to archaeologists, ultimately leading to more research and prosperity on a plethora of levels. In the case of JASA, the ongoing communication resulted in a project conducted by both archaeologists and local stakeholders - the first archaeological exhibition ever held in Beli Manastir, a concise cross-section of the knowledge procured in the excavations, and a milestone from which we can move forward into future collaboration.

TH2-04 Abstract 01
Promoting and valuing community archaeology research in England

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Presentation Preference - Oral

England has a long tradition of non-professional archaeological investigation, in particular through membership of local or county archaeological societies. The earliest county societies were founded in the mid-19th century and many still are actively investigating and researching their local archaeology. This research is often driven by local and personal interests, with the results disseminated within the group and through their own publications. This is a very different picture to the professional sector, which is guided by academic interests and the requirements of the planning system – to evaluate the potential of archaeological resources and to mitigate against their loss. Professional research is coordinated and managed through different research resources, including Historic Environment Records and Research Frameworks, which provide the evidence base and research focus within which investigations can be framed. These have been developed collaboratively by partnerships of commercial, local authority and academic archaeologists, with one main group of researchers, the community and volunteer groups missing. It could be said therefore that in England we accept, support and even promote archaeological investigation by the voluntary sector, but place less value on the outcomes and results of their work – i.e. not enough to include their work in our heritage management systems or invite them to be actively involved in the development of our research frameworks.

My contribution to the round table discussion will be to look into and discuss the issues in more detail with particular reference to a recent project, funded by Historic England (the UK government’s adviser on heritage in England) which aims to address this issue by examining and evaluating the value or potential research value of volunteer investigations for enhancing Historic Environment Records and Research Frameworks. The project included a national survey of heritage voluntary organisations and examined examples of community group research outputs. It has provided us with a clear indication of the
Managing the archaeological heritage

The impact of local archaeology societies in England

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Non-professional archaeology was an integral component in the development of the archaeological profession in England. As the profession developed it distanced itself from the amateur sector and, on occasion, the relationship became fractious. However, now both sides have matured and harmony is reigning more widely, although the relationship is still complex. Local archaeology societies played, and still play, a key role in the historic mediation process, bringing these two parties back together, but what are local archaeology societies, what do they do and why do they do it? They are rarely discussed or credited in archaeological literature but in order to bring total harmony it will be crucial to understand them and the impact that they have. Local archaeology societies in England range from county societies, who produce journals and manage museums to small ‘hobby’ groups with a primary interest in excavation and from metal detector clubs to groups that focus purely on archival research. Often they use elements of professional practice but sometimes components are missing. This can have a crucial effect on their impact. Using case studies gathered from the perspective of both amateurs and professionals in the south of England, this presentation will discuss archaeological discoveries made by and the research processes used by local archaeology societies. It will also consider the impact of their communication within the profession as well as the wider public.

This will demonstrate that not only do local archaeology societies have significant impact on archaeological understanding and on the archaeological profession but that they have even greater potential. By bringing clarity of understanding about local societies, this presentation will also demonstrate that the distinction between amateur and professional archaeologists is a little blurred in ways that professional archaeologists might not expect.

Issues of metal detecting in Finland

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Presentation Preference: Oral

In Finland, the use of a metal detector is usually allowed without a separate permit, even though it is regulated by such laws as the Antiquities Act (1963). The Antiquities Act protects ancient monuments, including a protected area around monuments of 2 meters. According to this same Act, finds over 100 years must be delivered immediately to the National Board of Antiquities (NBA) or a Provincial Museum. The finder must also provide information regarding the location of the find. The NBA can then decide if they want to redeem the find to their collections or not. Even though there have been reports in the media of “nighthawking” in Finland I argue that most hobbyists want to detect responsibly. However, it’s clear that the legislation is out of date. The law and regulations are also difficult to interpret, creating frustration on both sides.

At the Espoo City Museum the growing interest in archaeology and metal detecting was understood in the beginning of 2012 when a series of projects were launched in order to engage the public in learning more about cultural heritage. During 2012-2015 amount of research being undertaken by the voluntary sector, an assessment of its research potential and benefit for inclusion into our research resources and a direction for promoting the active participation and involvement of community groups in the development of professional research resources.

Aspects of metal detecting in Finland

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Metal detecting has become a popular hobby in Finland. No permission is needed to use a detector, and there is a lot of material easily available on the Web that can lead to new archaeological findings. The amount of archaeological artefacts and sites found every year by detectorists is significant, and now also foreign “treasure hunters” have shown interest in detecting in Finland. The presentation deals with metal detecting against the Finnish legal background, the questions of heritage management and depositing stray finds in archaeological collections as well as the challenges in communication between the authorities and detectorists.

Stone shaft-hole axes: between professional and non-professional archeology

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Keywords: archaeological collections, museum, stone shaft-hole axes

Presentation Preference: Oral

The role of non-professional involvement in the development of archeology and the importance of public participation in the creation of the data base for archaeological researches will be considered by the example of such category of archaeological finds as a stone shaft-hole axes. The study is based on the history of creation collections and researching of stone shaft-hole axes at the territory of Belarus.

The first collections of the stone drilled artifacts in Belarus dates back to the middle of the XVI century. But they had a little connection with scientific approach and they explain the influence of the ideas of the Renaissance era to the magicoe publicatian. The main way of replenishment of these collections was redecoration or confiscation. Another relationships with stone shaft-hole axes formed in the rural environment. Peasants have seen their pragmatic and magic sense in this category of artifacts. Since the XVII-XXI centuries ethnographers noted the existence of different popular legends about the origin of the stone axes, described their used by peasants.

There was a surge of interest in archaeological finds in the 19th century and as a result an increase of a private archaeological collections in Belarus. It should be noted that the archaelogical studies were rare and sporadic. But the number of stone shaft-hole axes in private collections was more than 2 thousand.

After the fall of the Russian Empire and the creation of the USSR the system of museums was founded. The main function of them was accumulation of all sorts of antiquities. The private collections became the basis of the museum collections of stone axes was. The additional source of replenishment of museum collections was the work of professional archaeologists. Simultaneous the private collections continue to exist.

The WK2 the additional source of accumulation of archaeological artifacts became school museums. Today, the school museum sometimes has better collection of stone axes then the state than the public museums.

Blunt instruments or intelligent solutions?

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Compared to the UK the heritage laws in Germany and Austria are much more restrictive when it comes to metal detecting. But are these stricter laws really an effective deterrent? If so, the number of metal detectorists should be higher in the UK than it is in Austria and Germany. However, due to the stricter laws, the actual number of metal detectorists in the latter two countries is unknown.

To compare numbers of metal detectorists in the countries mentioned above, this case study looks at metal detecting online fora, especially their membership numbers. These indicate that there are more metal detectorists in Germany than there are in the UK. This suggests that laws alone do not prevent people from looking for archaeological material. Laws do, however, influence other patterns of behaviour, particularly the reporting of finds to the authorities by their finders. Stricter laws do not seem to deter metal detecting, they deter finds reporting.
Managing the archaeological heritage

Sight from the East Europe

The purpose of this paper is to introduce archaeologists to the social network tvk.com, which is widely spread in Eastern Europe. There are a lot of communities and events, which present their information and material in the Internet. Thanks to them non-archaeologists, users, could learn a lot about archaeology. In the UK there are many communities and pages, where professional archaeologists introduce new information and last discoveries and try to do this using 'nonprofessional language'. These information could help to understand better archaeological work to the non-professionalists and to involve more people in science. In my poster I want to present some examples of these communities.

Social Network tvk.com and Archaeology: Sight from the East Europe

The road to a working party is paved with good intentions

The EIA Directive and Archaeology: the example of England

The Environmental Impact Directive is the only piece of EU legislation which is directly and substantially concerned with the archaeological heritage. It has wide implications for the practice of archaeology in Europe, and is thus of particular importance to the EAA. Much development-led archaeology in Europe takes place on projects which are subject to EIA. The Directive is therefore responsible for the discovery and investigation of large amounts of new archaeological sites and material. The Directive is an important EU-wide legal instrument that prompts comparison of approaches in methods and practice. The manner of its implementation in the different EU Member States reflects a key issue for the EAA: how to achieve the common societal goal of archaeological heritage protection and management against a background of widely varying local situations, approaches and pressures. The Directive therefore has potential implications for the archaeological profession that extend beyond the body of individual development projects that require EIA. The Round Table will aim to establish the future scope and work programme to examine specific EIA issues, with a view to setting up an EAA Working Party (see TEA 46). At this stage, the following activities are proposed: To review the Directive in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage, and to make recommendations on how the Directive itself, its implementation, or both could be improved; to identify whether the Directive would benefit from future amendment to reflect the provisions of the Faro Convention; to see how far EIA regulations can be used to improve the integration of the needs of spatial planning and heritage research; to contact other heritage organisations and projects to discuss possible collaboration on this issue; to establish a network of EAA members to report on the application of EIA to spatial planning and heritage protection in their countries.

The paper will also consider whether there is scope for future improvements of the Directive itself, or of the ways in which it is implemented. How it is implemented in practice in England, and how this has affected the professional practice of archaeology there.

The EIA Directive and Archaeology: the example of England

The EU Directive on ‘Environmental Impact Assessment’ is a Europe-wide instrument, but it is given effect through the legal systems of individual Member States. Implementation ‘on the ground’ is therefore affected by the organisational arrangements and professional approaches in each country. This paper will examine how the EIA Directive has been ‘transformed’ into English law, how it is implemented in practice in England, and how this has affected the professional practice of archaeology there.

The paper will also consider whether there is scope for future improvements of the Directive itself, or of the ways in which it is implemented.

It is hoped that this paper, focusing on one country, will stimulate discussion of how the Directive is being implemented across Europe, and of what improvements might be sought in the future.
In values-based approaches to heritage management, some form of assessment of significance of the heritage asset, and of the impact on that significance of any proposals for development or change is essential. If it is not understood why something is important, it is not possible to judge what will harm it or enhance it, and to take appropriate decisions to protect heritage or mitigate damage. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is one methodology for doing this and one that is mandatory for some types of development within the EU. Its scope includes heritage alongside other environmental aspects and many other things. The extent to which this works for heritage in various parts of Europe is sometimes debated and there are concerns that inclusion of heritage within a wider assessment system does not do it any favours. It has been argued that, in the EIA system, the overall heritage significance of a place is disaggregated, for example into archaeology, protected buildings and landscape, and that impact on it is not assessed holistically. EIA is also applied very selectively and many smaller development proposals will not require formal evaluation. Consequently, EIA, therefore, the practice of Heritage Impact Assessment has developed with its own published guidance. It is now recommended for all developments affecting World Heritage properties and HIPs are frequently requested by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. At the other end of the scale, national systems (for example in the English National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)) often now ask for assessments of impact on heritage for many cases which will never require EIA. They can recommend use of existing HA guidelines or request simpler heritage statements.

The de facto existence of two parallel systems which can apply to the same site can be counterproductive to good decision-taking as well as wasteful of resources. There is currently considerable research interest in Europe on the use and effectiveness of HIA. One clear avenue for research is the interaction between HIA and EIA and how lessons from HIA might improve the effectiveness of EIA in assessing and giving due weight to impacts on the heritage. Any proposal to improve treatment of archaeology in EIA needs also to look more widely at developing a more holistic approach to heritage as a whole. Working with existing initiatives on HIA could be a fruitful way to proceed.
25 YEARS LATER: CHANGES AND CONJUNCTURES IN PREVENTIVE (DEVELOPMENT LED) ARCHAEOLOGY IN FORMER ‘EASTERN’ EUROPE

TH2-07 Abstract 01

Introduction. From rescue to preventive archaeology: 25 years of difficult journeys

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Until 1990s and the abolishment of socialist/communist regimes in ‘eastern’ European countries, archaeological service (institutions and practice) in protection of cultural heritage was fully in the hands of state bodies which had to plan funds in their state budgets for performing their duties. These funds were normally coming from taxes, and then redistributed. The principle polluter-payer and practice (in field of research licences). Slovak Republic, which has 2 important advisory bodies: Archaeological Council (where all sectors from Slovak archaeology are represented) and Licence Commission (preparing opinia for the Ministry in the field of research licences).

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The situation in the Czech Republic is characterized by the beginning of the economic crisis in year 2008 boom in the number of second stage authorization with the CAS. One of the reasons for the fall in number of projects was not only in ideological terms but in terms of pronounced atomism as well, while the latter saw culture and heritage as special value of state (and public) which could not be let autonomous in its development.

The political and economic changes after 1989 had very different consequences in different countries in the field of preventive archaeology, and even the countries which shared similar or even equal systems of organization and practice of heritage protection (e.g. in former Yugoslavia or in the USSR) soon developed quite different systems which ranged from very liberal to very strict in different countries. In this respect it is interesting to note that liberal systems of heritage protection which adopted more concepts of preventive archaeology and coupled them with the emergence of private market of archaeological services, while countries with ‘conservative’ systems openly (or in disguised form) expressed opposition to preventive strategies. The two conjunctures – liberal and preventive attitude associated with heritage and development of private market of heritage services – are not necessarily directly correlated (e.g. case of preventive archaeology in France), but this correlation seems higher in the case of former ‘eastern’ countries. However, looking at different experiences in the last two decades, another set of questions should be posed here – who, in what status, and to which degree, participates in the market of preventive archaeology as private entrepreneur. Do we speak of real entrepreneurs or ‘disguised’ public institutions? Is ‘open’ participation of public actors (e.g. model of NRAP in France) securing better control? And, what are, in the end of the day, the benefits for heritage, and benefits for actors, and public?

25 years of Preventive archaeology in the Czech Republic

TH2-07 Abstract 03

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The situation in the Czech Republic is characterized by the beginning of the economic crisis in year 2008 boom in the number and financial volume of archaeological researches and development of private companies in the archaeology. In the years 2008 - 2015 passes through the whole archaeology crisis, which is characterized by strengthening the influence of the central institutions, especially the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS), based on Soviet-type research organizations.

Development of the private sector in archaeology is limited by inadequate and outdated legislative framework. The last law regulating the archaeology is from year 1987. This law has been amended several times. The law does not give sufficient legal framework for preventive archaeology and in practice frequently updated customary legal principles. It is to try to interpret the present framework as a system of dual authorization, which represents one step permits the Ministry of Culture and a kind of second stage authorization with the CAS. It is part of the CAS effort to actively exercise control of the territorial jurisdiction of archaeological organizations and their burden is disproportionate control ambitions. Yet completely lacking standardization of archaeological activity and standard of archaeological research.

Maltese convention is in the Czech Republic interpreted by the authorities as a binding international treaty and by archaeologists as support for legislative framework. Typical is the small proportion of archaeologists on the...
TH2-07 Abstract 04
Archaeological Heritage in Lithuania after 1990s: Defining, Protecting, Interpreting

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Legislative decisions facilitated notable changes in the field of cultural and archaeological heritage protection in Lithuania after 1990s. National legislation was essentially modified twice: in 1995 and in 2005. Significant changes can be observed in the field of defining (accounting, assessment and listing), protecting (regulations on excavations’ procedures or “protection through documentation”), preservation of archaeological remains in situ), as well as interpreting (by state bodies and public) of the archaeological heritage.

There are approx. 3000 archaeological heritage objects listed in the state Register of Cultural Property. The procedure of listing has been changed several times after 1990s. Since 2005, a heritage object is listed in the state Register of Cultural Property after an assessment council decides that a property is in the need of legal protection. The significance, the valuable properties of objects or sites of cultural heritage are assessed, and the boundaries of territories are defined by the immovable cultural heritage assessment councils as well. The specialized assessment council for archaeological heritage was established in 2012. State administrative and technical resources were concentrated mainly on preparation of new documentation type for already listed heritage objects, and thus led to a certain stagnation of inventorying of new archaeological objects. Nevertheless, data exchange between the state Register of Cultural Property and the Real Estate Register should be mentioned as an important achievement in maintaining and information on restrictions of land use available for archaeological heritage managers and users.

Archaeological excavations, or “protection through documentation”, can be identified as the main strategy of archaeological heritage protection. Development-led archaeology became the main form of scientific enquiry. As the contract archaeology system was developed, great attention is paid for excavations’ quality control procedures. Formalized requirements for archaeological excavations (where and how archaeological excavations should be conducted) became a legal norm since 2011. These requirements also demand to protect archaeological heritage constructs in situ. Formalized requirements have to adjust conditions for contract archaeologists’ competition as well. Nevertheless, objectification of criteria of archaeological research is modeling a situation “of typical archaeological excavations”, and thus in the professional community raises discussions concerning the scope of scientific information obtained during the archaeological research.

Interpreting of archaeological heritage can be seen as means of constructing of local and national identity by various social and cultural groups. Nevertheless, interpreting of archaeological heritage by state bodies and thus reorientation of management perspective from “archaeological object” towards “its user” is still needs to be developed.

TH2-07 Abstract 05
Implementation of La Valletta convention: the Croatian perspective

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European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage, released by the Council of Europe in 1992, had a significant influence on the practice of development-led archaeology in Croatia. Ratification of the Convention in 2004 and its implementation in legislation brought drastic changes by which archaeological became a part participant in planning of spatial and infrastructural development. But the changes did not include the full range of requirements needed for the successful practice of preventive archaeology.

Considering this problem it becomes observable that the attitude expressed in the Convention considers prevention as a prerequisite for the preservation of cultural heritage, and, rather than through salvage archaeological excavations, acts through active participation in the early stages of planning procedures. This process requires a developed set of tools which enables informed decision-making on the treatment of archaeological remains. As a part of the same process, concept of care and protection of archaeological monuments is being replaced with an approach directed towards the management of archaeological heritage where the main focus is placed on the issue of long-term sustainability and thereby the issue of in-situ preservation of archaeological heritage.

As Croatian archaeology is still not turning in that direction, this paper will be focused on consideration of factors which can fulfill the requirements for implementation of efficient preventive archaeology, but also the ones which are currently preventing Croatian archaeology in changing attitude towards sustainable heritage management.

TH2-07 Abstract 06
Commission for archaeological research (CAR) in Slovenia

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The role and significance of the Commission for archaeological research (CAR) in the system of preventive archaeology in Slovenia (Daniejla Brdinik & Mihela Kajzer Cañik, Institute for Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia).

CAR, though previously existed in different forms and structure, was re-established in 2009 as a counselling body of the Minister of Culture, who is according to the Cultural Heritage ACT (2008) responsible for issuing the legal permits for any physical intervention into objects designated as cultural heritage. To CAR (numbering 7 experts from conservation, museum and academic fields in archaeology), according to the Regulations on Archaeological research, all requests for reassesses (preventive, academic or other) are obligatory addressed and reviewed from a number of points ofviews (reasons for research, competency of research team, correspondency with conservation plans and recommendations, other legal and financial aspects). After review, CAR issues recommendations to the Minister for signing the permits. Since its establishment in 2009, CAR is maintaining a data base of more than 1500 reviewed research projects proposals. This data base is excellent source for following the actual developments and trends, especially in preventive archaeology (more then 95% of proposals fall into this category) in Slovenia. These trends will be presented in the paper.

TH2-07 Abstract 07
Perspectives of development-led archaeology in Serbia

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Depending on the political discourse, archaeological tradition, history and the perception of heritage, different countries adopted the La Valletta Convention in different ways. Especially remarkable was the introduction of development-led archaeology (DLA) in countries with former communist / socialist regimes. Serbia is a country with an archaeological history stemming from the 19th century; with conventionally good archaeological practice, and an exceptional regional academic tradition. The modern state of Serbia has maintained its good archaeological practice despite a significant decrease in the state funded projects. However, despite having a reliable network of institutions and a strong academy, the major recent motorway projects demonstrated the range of problems which could arise from development-led excavations. It has proven that the transformation of archaeology from an academic discipline into an effective (public and/or commercial) preventive strategy does not represent a small step. Deeply entrenched habits from Serbia’s rich and long archaeological tradition could not have been transformed at such a short time.

TH2-07 Abstract 08
Preventive Archaeology at the Reserve Bench

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Montenegro, an independent state since 2006, and one of the smallest countries in Europe with 625,000 inhabitants, was able to develop archaeology as a discipline and its own heritage protection service rather late, after the WW2, in the context of former socialist Yugoslavia, when it also developed the necessary institutional infrastructure (museums, heritage protection institutes, but not university studies in archaeology or their heritage related disciplines).
It is not easy to say, where exactly Montenegrin archaeology is today. The old (‘Yugoslav’) concept in heritage protection remained in use until 2011 when Montenegro attempted for the first time to establish its own system and reform the institutional structure towards a more institutionally centralized and ‘nationalized’ organization. Unfortunately, this had a rather negative impact on the development of archaeology, especially its service in the field of preventive strategies, which were never properly reflected and attempted in archaeological circles since they were established ‘from above’. It is still common practice, that most of the larges projects in spatial development (e.g. highway constructions) almost completely exclude preventive archaeology, while the situation regarding the booming tourist and construction industry in the coastal areas is even more difficult than it used to be 25 years ago.

**TH2-07 Abstract 09**

**Bosnia and Herzegovina: preventive archaeology still recovering**

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Organization of archaeological heritage services, museums and education in Bosnia and Herzegovina, after the end of Yugoslavia, and especially after the establishment of the post-Dayton peace agreement (1996) radically changed to the situation until 25 years ago. Four major determinants can be seen today, all closely connected with the general state of the country itself are:

- Highly fragmented territorial and administrative organization: One organization on state level, two on lower, entity, level, as well as one on level of Brčko district. Entity of Federation of BH is further divided in 10 cantons, of which 5 have cantonal institutions responsible for protection of heritage, while the other 5 have these responsibilities entrusted to the cantonal ministries. Because of disharmonized laws on state, entity and cantonal levels, there are possibilities for overlap of jurisdictions during protection of certain monuments, and potential for mismanagement. Entity of Republika Srpska is divided on municipalities, and has a centralized institution responsible for heritage protection.

- General economic situation (GDP) is among the lowest ranked countries in Europe regarding the GDP preventing any substantial investment, employment in services in public sector (heritage services included). Most of museum institutions on local level have barely sufficient financing for basic operation.

- Inadequate (outdated) infrastructure: lack of trained people, equipment, unfinished institutional development.

- Political situation: Because of the political deadlock over financing of 7 cultural institutions on state level. National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina was closed for almost 3 years, and other institutions that previously enjoyed state sponsorship in former state of Yugoslavia, have lost most of funds necessary to function properly.

**Practice of Archaeological Heritage Management in the Motorway Constructing Programme in Poland**

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One of the effects of political transformations in Poland of the last 25 years was a necessity of confrontation with huge infrastructural problems. One of them was, and still is, a poor state of motorways development. An aim of the speech is an analysis of this problem in reference to last ten years.

The above time limit is not a matter of chance. Till 2005 a system of selection of archaeological excavations on the motorway lines’ contractors was based on non-economic criteria – connected with scientific experience of contractors. Universities and archaeological museums were preferred.

From a scientific point of view this system was effective and enabled realisation of research at a high level. Unfortunately, it also brought temptations. In 2006 a Polish nationwide archaeology corruption scandal broke out, in which both archaeologists and people responsible for granting concessions for research were accused. It was a real turning point in the history of Polish rescue archaeology. Over the next years a radical ‘marketization’ of contractor selection took place. This launched mechanisms of competition, in which price was, as a matter of fact, the only criterion of evaluation.

The mentioned change admittedly ensured transparency of the procedures but it however turned out to be killing for archaeology. In this new situation archaeological research became an object of a market game. Sometimes, a victim of this game is social interest, and research are conducted at the lowest acceptable level.

**TH2-07 Abstract 11**

**Motorways and archaeology. What does it really mean to be a contractual archaeologist in Romania?**

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This paper aims to provide an overview of the current situation in Romania regarding infrastructure projects in front of constraints and obligations relating to heritage protection. In this moment, archaeological permits are also a source of frequent complaint among contractors in the road sector. The ‘in-principle agreement’ granted by the Ministry of Culture consists of a simple statement that the issuer is not opposing the project, subject to all relevant archaeological research procedures being undertaken as per the legal provisions in force.

The challenges with preventive archaeological projects stem from these sources: lack of clarity in the legislation itself; capacity constraints among project promoters; and institutional incentives related to the financing of such work.

These premises and a number of other factors, have made that, in the last years, in Romania, Preventive Archaeological Research to be seen as an obstacle to the implementation of infrastructure projects and not as an extraordinary opportunity to research and capitalization of the heritage, as it would have been normal.

At the same time, these premises generated a series possible abuses or unprofessional approach from all the actors involved, with important consequences on the perception of the concept of archaeological heritage, some examples being the object of the present paper.

**TH2-07 Abstract 12**

**Towards a new Horizon: development-led large scale excavation policy in Hungary post 1990’s**

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In our presentation we will give a brief review of the changing national concept of large-scale excavations in Hungary during the last 25 years. Heritage services in Hungary have traditionally operated on a partly decentralized structure, in which the 19 county museums and the Budapest Museum acted independently within their territories. Other institutes, e.g., Hungarian National Museum, universities with archaeological department and the Archaeological Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, carried out centrally funded research projects excavations.

The upswing of motorway construction and private industrial developers challenged this system and forced Hungarian archaeology to apply new approaches, develop or adopt new methodologies and management for preventive excavations. Although a uniform protocol for archaeological process was crystallized by the mid 2000s, the other relevant elements of largescale excavations’ management are still widely debated. We would like to concentrate on developments of the last half decade, during which period radical changes in legislation, in financial and in the institutional background have been taken by the Hungarian government. We attempt to summarize the experience of the consequences of these turbulent central acts and outline the present status and practices of preventive archaeology in Hungary.

**TH2-07 Abstract 13**

**Management of rescue archaeological research performance in Slovakia**

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Archaeological research has transformed during the last 25 years into a complex of legal regulations defining the course of field research. The current reality is that the biggest share of the field activity is not aimed at targeted scientific research, but at rescue archaeological researches. As a consequence, field archaeologists are becoming producers of findings reports and, in general, they have no time left to be what they studied to be - i.e. scientists. In case of positive archaeological research the subject of professional and non-professional discussions is the quality of performed research, treatment and processing of findings. It can be also assumed that rescue and advance archaeological researches will be on the wane in relation to transformation of building
activity. It is therefore necessary to prepare the archaeological community for the transformation of its activity towards targeted scientific and research activities. Our paper will show how the Slovak professional community responded to this status.

TH2-07 Abstract 14
The settlement of Krahë
From a chance find to an archaeological protected site
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The Archaeological Service Agency is the first and only public institution in Albania charged to exercises authority over the rescue and preventive archaeology. Its activity is supported and coordinated by the Albanian Legislation, with the law “On Cultural Heritage” (2009).
The archaeological resource management as elsewhere in Europe after the review of the European Convention for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (1992), has drastically changed the whole system of the archaeological heritage management in Albania. The cultural heritage law of 2003 was amended further in 2006, 2008, 2009, and is currently under full revision.
The amendments of 2008 led to the creation of the ASA and National Council of Archaeology. ASA is assigned with a highly complex task that includes both the supervision of the archaeological projects and the undertaking of rescue excavations across the country. ASA is also responsible for any chance find, that possibly appear during agricultural, construction or engineering projects around Albania. Their appearance sometimes may only represent the beginning of a long evaluation process to be finalized with the formalisation of a new archaeological site that requires protection as the prerequisites of the law articles. During the last year, ASA has dealt with a particular case as it will be explained below. At other scenarios, the chance finds can be particularly rare and isolated and further exploration may not yield additional information.
Prior to the foundation of ASA, these tasks were undertaken by the Archaeological Institute of Tirana and in cooperation with the Albanian Rescue Archaeology Unit (a non-governmental organisation) and by the Rescue Archaeology Section (abolished with the establishment of ASA) affiliated with the Institute of Cultural Monuments. Since 2008, ASA have followed the procedure for 9 archaeological chance finds.
The village of Krahë is situated in the district of Tepeiana (Albania). Two graves were discovered occasionally during agricultural works by a farmer who informed the local authorities (Regional Division of National Culture, Gjrokastër).
The archaeological excavation results. The preliminary study of the archaeological material and method of construction, dates both graves around cent. 3 – 2 B.C. During the excavation process the team (ASA and RNDG Gjrokastër) conducted a survey around the area measuring approximately 3.5 hectares. A high intensity of finds (tiles, bricks, pottery sherds and some rubble walls) was encountered on surface. Taking into serious consideration this potential, the MCA agreed to give to the area the special status of the protected zone. More precisely, its borders were established by another fieldwork campaign. This new status will indeed prevent possible damages by construction projects or agricultural works.
The archaeological survey covered an area of 7 hectares divided in 12 tracks. Within it, 6 hectares yielded high intensity of data and was given the status of the protected zone.
The archaeological material found during the survey consists of fragments of tiles, pithoi, transportcontainers, utensils and pottery coated with bitumen. The relative chronology based on the above material indicates three periods of occupation for Krahë: Hellenistic, Roman and Late Antiquity.

TH2-07 Abstract 15
CONPRA (Contributing the Preventive Archaeology: Innovativeness, Development and Presentation)
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Since 1990 major social, economic, conceptual, and technological changes greatly affected heritage sector in former ‘Eastern Europe’, and heritage labour market in particular. In this sector, previously fully dominated by public institutions, gradually emerged new kinds or archaeological research and manipulation with large data sets.
Four partners from Slovakia, Czech republic, Slovenia and Serbia (2 SMEs: VIA MAGNA s.r.o, TerraVerita, and 2 Departments of Archaeology from the universities of Ljubljana and Belgrade) joined in the project CONPRA (Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways: FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IAPP) with the principal aim of developing and disseminating recent concepts, methods and technologies adapted to the conditions of development driven archaeological research (3D scanning and computer modelling of architecture, sites and objects, aerial reconnaissance, manipulation with large data sets and virtualization of heritage). Until very recently, all these techniques were greatly lacking in every days practice of preventive archaeology, or there were limited to the academic research. Poster will present the results and case studies of the CONPRA project.

TH2-07 Abstract 16
From 3D models to 2D documentation: Implementation of 3D models in archaeological documentation
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Presentation Preference - Poster
Despite the fact that the law has not been changed for years, the workload in preventive archeology is constantly growing. More investment leads to a growing number of excavations, and consequently to the growing number of small finds to be documented. Motivated by the needs for fast and accurate documentation, we developed a new system for documenting finds from preventive archaeology excavations.
In comparison to the traditional way of documenting archaeological artifacts that is represented by technical drawing and photographing that require a certain skill and are time-consuming to a certain degree, we are using a new approach.
We decided to use a 3D scanner, with system based on digital cameras and structured light. From the completed 3D models, we provided horizontal cross-sections (profile-line) for documentation, as it would be done by manual drawing. The advantages of working with 3D models are high accuracy and speed, as for a 3D model and cross section. This process also provides photos of the artifacts.
Advantages of this way of documenting will be presented, as well as wide use of its results. Not only that the technical documentation from excavation can benefit, but also the presentation of artifacts.
MANAGEMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN TURKEY: PROSPECTS AND FUTURE

Friday, 2 September 2016, 14:00-16:00
Faculty of History, Room 217

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Presentation Preference - Regular session

Which sites to manage and why managing them? • How to manage an archaeological site and what to manage? • Community involvement and public archaeology in Turkey • Participation management • Impact assessment of archaeological projects • Rural development • Local/regional development.

In this session, it is proposed to ask participants to consider the shortcomings in the management of archaeological sites by archaeologists involved in Turkish archaeology; we hope to argue for a greater need for structured organisation and involvement in the management process. The session envisage to place a special focus on archaeologists and site directors involved in field archaeology in Turkey: their involvement not only as stake holder on the management of archaeological site during the field seasons but also pre- and post-excavations and survey. The aim of this session would be to create awareness for the needs for site management for archaeologists in association with local authorities. It is also hoped that cross-fertilisation between archaeologists and heritage managers would lead to fruitful exchanges on the variety of processes and methods for managing archaeological sites. The session organisers hope to attract participation to the session from Turkish and international archaeologists and practitioners concretely involved in archaeological field work in Turkey. The ambition is to select the best papers to be published in a specially edited volume of CMAS Journal (Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites).

The call for paper proposal for the session shall target work conducted at key sites such as Sagalassos, Apollonos, Nemrut Dağ and Pergamon, but shall not be limited to it. Junior and up-coming archaeologists as well as more established scholars shall be given the opportunity to confront their ideas and experiences, from a national and international perspective.

TH2-09 Abstract 02

Elaiusus Sebaste: safeguarding & valorization of a south-eastern Anatolia architectural site

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Presentation Preference - Oral

During the archaeological research that has been carried out on a continued basis since 1995 at Elaiusus Sebaste in the South Eastern coastal part of Turkey, extensive restoration activities were realised on all of the structures brought to light to assure the conservation and safeguarding of the site’s architectural heritage. These interventions have achieved in arresting the deterioration of the site and the impounding real estate speculation while allowing to open three monumental complexes to the public (theater, agora and proto-byzantine palace) with the setting out of visitor’s paths with view points offering more complete visibility, with panels located at the entrance of the archaeological area and inside, displaying plans, reconstructions and drawings that help understand the stratification of the complexes and the visible structures.

However safeguarding and valorization are necessarily linked to the creation of an Archaelogical Park with different itineraries, to be realized in collaboration with the Local and Regional Administrations that will allow to enhance in a sustainable way the extra-traditional cultural heritage of this area of Turkey. This project must impose the indispensable town planning bonds in order to protect the precious archaeological and physical landscape of Elaiusus from new building constructions in sensitive areas and from illegal dumping.

At present 4 different itineraries have been designed - on the basis also of interviews to visitors of various nationalities - of which the 1st concerns the necropolis, one of the most spectacular burial complexes in Turkey due to the good state of conservation, the monumentality and the richness of the funerary buildings.

The valorisation project of the Necropolis road between Elaiusus and the near ancient city of Korykos (modern Kirkalesi) was started during the 2015 campaign with bush clearing and careful cleaning carried out by the Mesin and Erdemli Belediyeler. The results that have been obtained so far are very promising for the pursuing of the program to extend the visitor’s itineraries and valorisations.

2nd itinerary is to be in the Public Quarter; the 3rd will concern the structures investigated on the promontory which is the most difficult to implement due to the morphology and extension of the terrain, the 4th will be related to the Temple area on the hill dominating the site of Elaiusus Sebaste.

The complete implementation of this program with the realization of the infrastructure necessary for the valorisation of this archaeological area will favour the development of sustainable tourism that will become an important part of the community’s cultural heritage and economic growth.

TH2-09 Abstract 03

Protecting and communicating Arslantepe: work in progress to save and narrate an early state centre

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The archaeological mound of Arslantepe, in the outskirts of the city of Malatya, has been included in the UNESCO tentative list of world heritage sites in April 2014. The site is under regular archaeological excavation since 1981 and has yielded unprecedented data and finds concerning various periods of its history, but mostly that of primary state formation (end of the IV millennium BCE). An early palatial structure still standing and in excellent state of preservation is the main testament left by this system and is today unique in its kind worldwide. For this reason an open air museum has been designed by the Italian Archaeological Expedition and inaugurated in 2011. Since then the site is officially open to the public and local awareness has increased significantly. In 2015 a
managing the archaeological heritage

management of archaeological sites in Turkey by focusing on inter-disciplinarity, collaboration and participation in archaeological conservation through past and current foreign-run projects at several sites across the country including Aphrodisias, Kaman-Kalehöyük, and other projects. As in other countries, archaeologists have often tended to work in isolation, away from the responsibilities of the larger- and management and conservation of their sites. It is becoming more common, however, for archaeologists, architects, and other conservation professionals to work more collaboratively in the name of site management/conservation. But what are the driving forces behind these initiatives? Is it the interests of a specific director or a team member? Or is it triggered by the local authority or a funding body? Or perhaps a new national discourse? The Ministry of Culture and Tourism’s recent requirements that all archaeological excavations increase their conservation measures, and their quest to have more sites inscribed on to the World Heritage List, have certainly had influence.

Another issue is the significant differences in the way conservation is viewed and practiced in sites across Turkey. While some concentrate on building conservation and site presentation, others may go beyond and look for ways to engage local communities in conservation processes. This paper will discuss the changing approaches and practices in the conservation and management of archaeological sites in Turkey by focusing on inter-disciplinarity, collaboration and participation in archaeological conservation through past and current foreign-run projects at several sites across the country including Aphrodisias, Kaman-Kalehöyük, and Kaman-Kalehöyük among others.

Multiple layers and multiple players: management and archaeological conservation in Turkey

Abstract 04

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Keywords: archaeological conservation, collaboration and inter-disciplinarity, management

Presentation Preference - Oral

Conservation management at urban and rural archaeological sites in Turkey is usually spearheaded by accredited architects and planners. As in other countries, archaeologists have often tended to work in isolation, away from the responsibilities of the larger- and management and conservation of their sites. It is becoming more common, however, for archaeologists, architects, and other conservation professionals to work more collaboratively in the name of site management/conservation. But what are the driving forces behind these initiatives? Is it the interests of a specific director or a team member? Or is it triggered by the local authority or a funding body? Or perhaps a new national discourse? The Ministry of Culture and Tourism’s recent requirements that all archaeological excavations increase their conservation measures, and their quest to have more sites inscribed on to the World Heritage List, have certainly had influence.

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TH2-10 Abstract 02

Who pays? The developer or the owner?
A fundamental and unforeseen change in Malta archaeology

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Since 1990, most European countries have introduced the ‘polluter pays’ principle in preventive archaeology. According to the Valetta (Malta) convention, the financing of the archaeology should be integrated in the (big) public and private works and in practice, developers are funding all, or most, of the archaeology.

However, recent evolutions are completely undermining one of the basic principles of the Valetta convention. As big public and private works are getting rare in North-Western Europe, preventive archaeology is more and more about small and medium projects. Developers, and their banks which are providing money for the projects, negotiate contracts with the owners, stipulating that the presence of archaeological sites modifies these contracts. In France, these types of contracts are now very common. They indicate that the costs of excavation should be deducted from the cost of the plot of land.

In this way, the polluter pays principle is in fact replaced by the ‘owner pays’ principle. This is not just a theoretical change but has important consequences. One of these concerns rural areas where excavations are getting rare as the cost of land is less than the price of excavations. More generally, excavations tend to concentrate where the land cost is the highest.

TH2-10 Abstract 03

Excavating England: Development and developments in archaeological fieldwork since 1990

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Keywords: big data, development-led archaeology, modern fieldwork practice
Presentation Preference - Oral

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Archaeological fieldwork in England has changed significantly since the introduction of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) 16: Archaeology and Planning which introduced the principles of the Valetta Convention into the English planning system. There has been an explosion of data generated from development-led archaeology which initially overwhelmed the traditional systems of analysing and disseminating the results of archaeological investigations and which required an evolution in the systems and methods relating to archaeological research design and fieldwork investigation. But are these new modern systems really as different as we think they are? How does the nature of development-led archaeology impact the results of archaeological fieldwork investigations; results that form the basis of our interpretation and understanding of the archaeological record?

The European Research Council funded English Landscapes and Identities Project based at the University of Oxford is a ‘big data’ project that combines local, regional and national datasets to illuminate continuity and change in settlement and use of the English landscape across the medieval town. New methods are applied in the field. How will this impact a new generation of researchers and the way they think and work?

Archaeology and the Medieval Towns of Norway - Oral

TH2-10 Abstract 04

Archaeology and the Medieval Towns of Norway - before and after 1990

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Keywords: managing cultural heritage, Rescue archaeology, scientific research
Presentation Preference - Oral

The aim of this presentation is to discuss the changes in management of the medieval towns in Norway, and its impact on archaeological excavations and scientific research.

Norway has a strong legislation regarding archaeology and cultural heritage. The Cultural Heritage Act states that all remains older than the Reformation (1537) are automatically protected. The medieval towns, with their large areas of thick occupation deposits and building remains, are being regarded as a single monument. Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage is the agent responsible for giving permission to remove archaeological remains. The costs involved in investigating automatically protected monuments or sites are paid by the initiator of the project.

Until 1990 the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage had permanent excavation offices established in the most important medieval towns. Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU) was created in 1994 as a split from the Directorate. One aim was to separate the research from the legislation unit. NIKU is an independent non-profit institution dedicated to preservation and sustainable management of cultural heritage. NIKU are responsible for excavations in medieval towns, churches, monasteries and fortified sites in Norway. Since 1994, more than 1,000 archaeological investigations of various sizes since have been carried out.

Archaeological excavations normally take place in connection with infrastructural development such as house building, road construction, laying cables and pipes, and installing tanks.

I suggest that the changes in the management of the medieval towns has had an impact on both the way the rescue excavations has been carried out and the scientific research. Until 1990 the research was focused on the medieval objects and the development of the towns, with the remains of houses, property boundaries and roads. Since 1990s the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage has had a policy to preserve medieval archaeological remains in situ and allowing piling through the layers as a fundamentation for houses and roads. This has encouraged research on monitoring culture layers in situ and the development of research related to nondestructive methods. Since 2013 a new railway project in Oslo has resulted in a huge rescue excavation across the medieval town. New methods are applied in the field. How will this impact a new generation of researchers and the future management of the medieval towns?

TH2-10 Abstract 06

Changing concept of large-scale excavations in the Czech Republic

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Problems and solutions in large scale rescue excavations as seen from Saxony, former East- Germany

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Presentation Preference - Oral

According to its federal organisation and different heritage laws in Germany there are different heritage laws and also different practices in handling large scale rescue excavations. This regards all aspects of the topics to be discussed in the session, beginning with its organisation and financing, the methodological tools, the way to cope with the exponential increase of the archaeological material as well as with its presentation to the public in academia. There is even a different acceptance of these ‘hyperactivities’ as dictated by economic development and financing possibilities. But not all controversial debates are to be explained by different laws, traditions or by former socio-political borders.

Some of the differences and similarities will be presented from the point of view of Saxony, where regarding large scale rescue excavations big changes indeed took place during the early 1990s.
This paper assesses current issues related to the implementation of large-scale archaeological excavations, emphasizing in particular the importance of non-rescue excavations in progressing archaeological research. In the European archaeological perspective, these issues are complex and the problem will therefore be discussed within the context of the Czech archaeological discourse concerning the earlier prehistory. Two types of large-scale excavations will be compared: 1. Non-rescue excavation of the Neolithic site at Bylinka, which started in the late 1950s and lasted nearly fifty years; 2. Rescue excavations of the Kolín city road bypass which was carried out in 2008. Results of both types of excavations will be presented exemplifying changes in archaeological research management.

TH2-10 Abstract 07
Modern technologies in Polish Archaeology – A Case Study of Central Masovia 2009 – 2014

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The aim of this paper is to enrich academic discussion about broadly understood “modern” or “new” technologies in Archaeology by assigning actual facts and statistical information to various claims and propositions circulating in Academia. Further, to inform exactly how many research of what kind took place in the 2009-2014 period and in each year of this period, which method is most popular, and if there are any general tendencies to be noticed in usage of particular methods. Authors use as a base for this case study a certain area of nine counties in central Masovia region (Poland), which is moderately enriched by objects of archaeological importance, yet where a consistently high number of private and public investments causes steady, high number of archaeological projects to be carried out in recent years. These are conducted on different scale from one day watching briefs up to road scheme projects covering large previously underdeveloped areas around the city of Warsaw, and are carried out both by local archaeological teams and units from other parts of the country. A common factor is almost exclusively commercial character of work, also an important background is created by the EU funds inspired boom in infrastructural investments, that will most likely be the largest event of such scale for many years to come. Data presented here is collected from all field reports and documentation collected on a basis of art. 31.3 of Polish Monument Care and Protection Act by Marian Vodozjad (Heritage Office for the period of 6 years (2009 - 2014). Article does not aim to discuss quality of such work, but validity of chosen methods for the projects they have been used in – this is a matter for another study. Neither it is the authors aim to qualify, which method is more suitable for future use in the field archaeology in this region. This report should be treated as factual base for future discussion and an attempt to present the condition of Polish Archaeology in its certain aspect.

TH2-10 Abstract 08
Rescue Archaeology in Romania. Past and perspectives

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Presentation Preference - Oral

1989 represented a turning point for Romania not only from political point of view, but from cultural management also. Romania, willing to be integrated into the European structures, adopted a brand new strategy regarding historical patrimony in concordance with European legislation and not only. From this point of view this was a dramatic change, suggesting that all is going into one direction. But one is theory and other is practice. Did the practice evolve into the same direction and with the same speed?

Preventive archaeology or rescue archaeology was part of archaeological practice before 1989, also. Today, both represent a more and more important way to produce historical knowledge. So, there are differences? Which those differences are? Importance into cultural strategy of gouverment? Technology applied in the field? Interpreting the data? It is the reflection of the legislation or just to be a pale reflection of it? Can this way of research be done in order to provide information for an academic archive?

To this kind of questions and to many others we intend to respond and to presents the state of link between the preventive/research archaeology and the academic scientific research.

TH2-10 Abstract 09
Rescue Archaeology in Russia: the radical shift of the 1990s, and its consequences

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Keywords: change in legislation, rescue archaeology, Russia

Presentation Preference - Oral

In Russia, the beginning of the 1990s was a turning point in the history of the nation. Massive changes took place in the political, social and legal spheres over an area which made up one-fifth of the world’s landmass, with a population of over 170 million people (including the USSR, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other nations). The resulting shift to a market-based approach in the cultural sphere (including archaeology) was both significant and controversial. During the period of the economic and political crisis in the early and mid-1990s, the amount of archaeological research being conducted fell overall, including rescue archaeology – primarily due to the situation which had gripped the entire country. In 2004, the new Federal Law 73-FZ came into force: “Concerning sites of cultural heritage (historical and cultural monuments) of the peoples of the Russian Federation”. In 2011 Russia adopted the European Convention on the Preservation of Archaeological Heritage. In the 2000s, the situation changed rapidly, due to the fast pace of economic growth. These changes were clearly demonstrated by the pace of issue of permits for carrying out archaeological works. This inevitably raised questions about revising the methodology with which such rescue archaeology was conducted, and ways of optimising it. A system of regulation had evolved over many years, in which scientific regulation underpinned the methods employed when researching archaeological sites – identification on-site, and a method for presenting the scientific documentation which applied across the entire country. These norms apply to rescue archaeology too. There are no ‘short cuts’ available in these methods. Attempts to bring in systems of ‘observation’ as a subset of ‘rescue’ archaeology methods can be considered successful only in the case of research into later, mixed-up deposits. Alongside this, the system by which the state funds scientific research has also changed. The proportion of rescue archaeology work conducted in the 2000s rose to above 80%, whereas it had only accounted for 20% in the 1990s. The development of private, including small business accounted for a considerable rise in the proportion of research being conducted by non-state firms involved in rescue archaeology – from 1% in the early 1990s, to 40% in 2012. This pace of change is intrinsically connected with the way in which the tax system operates in Russia. For state organisations (departments of the Russian Academy of Sciences, museums, universities) the system of taxation remains in place, in which there are no tax-breaks. However, in 2004 the Russian Federation brought in a tender scheme for a wide range of different services – including archaeological services. The primary consideration under which such tenders were won or lost, was the price quoted for their completion. Non-state organisations were placed at a significant financial disadvantage under these arrangements. During the period of the Russian economic crisis of the 1990s (and especially arising from ‘black holes’ in legislation) a significant Black Market developed for archaeological artifacts. In 2013 a new Federal Law came into force, No 245 “Concerning amendments to Particular Legislative Measures of the Russian Federation which prevent illegal activity in the field of archaeology”.

TH2-10 Abstract 10
A protection system of archeological heritage in the Tver Region in Russian Federation

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Keywords: A protection system of archeological heritage, Tver Region in Russian Federation

Presentation Preference - Oral

The Tver Region is situated on the Upper Volga between Moscow and Saint-Petersburg. Three big rivers start on the territory of the region – the Volga, the Western Dvina, and the Msta; the Dnieper has its source nearby. The region turned into a historical crossroad, where the waterways to the Baltic, the Black, and the Caspian Seas started. This region was popular among different population groups from the Paleolithic up to the Modern times. More than 7000 archeological monuments were discovered in the Tver Region. The objects of the archeological heritage are protected by law; as archeological monuments are considered to be state property. The Law states that financing the preventive (rescue, protective) archeological excavations is the obligation of the construction project investor. The protection system of the objects of the cultural heritage in the Tver Region appeared in 1990s. A small branch of the Cultural department of the Regional Government represented the state interests in those years. Five or six archeologists worked at the State Museum and the University. Small excavations and searching for the new archeological monuments were carried out. The events in the beginning of the 1990s in Russia led to the rise of economic activity, especially in construction. The new laws, which allowed commercial firms to conduct archeological works on equal basis with state organisations, were adopted. The first private archeological company – Tver Research and Restoration Archaeological Center – was established in 1990. After the year 2000 a new Department on State Protection of the Cultural Heritage in the Tver Region was founded with the aim to control the processes of archeological monuments protection (archeologists, historians, architects, lawyers, and managers work in the department). The State Department controls the execution of the federal law, which states
that the preventive archeological excavations are obligatory on the sites where construction works are planned. The investors are ready to fund archeological works. But how does the Law operate? It obviously operates through an archeologist. A rapid development of the construction business led to a great amount of preventive excavations. Tver State University solved a problem of the necessity of young archeologists training. About 10 state and commercial organizations dealing with the preservation of the archeological heritage work in the Tver Region nowadays. To summarize, there are two components of the archeological heritage protection system in Tver Region. Department on State Protection of the Cultural Heritage and archeological organizations. This system is effective. In the territory of the historical centre of Tver there were rescue excavations carried out on the territory of more than 400000 m². Archeological works were also carried out during the construction of the new roads, oil and gas pipelines. However, there are still prospects for further development - a collaboration with society and civil society organizations on the protection of the cultural heritage is necessary. It is crucial to realize the value of the archeological heritage as well as the importance of improving the scientific relevance of the preventive archeological works.

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TH2-11 Abstract 01
Growing Living Landscapes

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Keywords: Archaeology, Future, Landscape

Presentation Preference - Oral

As an introduction to the session, From Archaeological Pasts to Living Landscapes, I will provide some context as to why archaeologists should be concerned with contributing to the growth of living landscapes.

As such, the paper will consider the ramifications to archaeological practitioners of the increasing need for articulation of the management of archaeological and historic environment assets with other tools and instruments which seek to deliver more sustainable landscape management. Ultimately, it will outline some perspectives and areas of practice which could be developed further as opportunities for future innovation in growing archaeology and historic environment as part of living landscapes.
This paper presents some research carried out in Liguria (NW Italy) that contributed to the study of land use and of the historical ecology of sites. The first case is related to the restoring of some rural buildings and terraced area located in the Cinque Terre National Park in order to recover past agricultural activities. The second case regards a multiproxy approach to identify evidences of past land use, rural architecture and vegetation coverage in North Liguria. The last experience deals with the historical characterization of a local landscape, comparing material features with a perspective reading linked with the establishment of a literary park in Western Liguria.

All of these researches are a direct response to a question of ‘applied history’: the results of this work have been applied in environmental planning and in the historic characterization of the rural heritage, agro-silvo-pastoral landscapes and local products.

Keywords: Cultural landscapes, Engaging stakeholders, Sustainable management
Presentation Preference - Oral

Understanding and integrating stakeholders as the active creators and beneficiaries of cultural landscapes is an essential but under-developed element of sustainable heritage research.

Through work focusing on some of the most significant monuments in European history (Late Iron Age oppida: c.200BC–AD60), this paper will explore how communities (including farmers, small-medium enterprises (SMEs), wildlife organisations and rural stakeholders) understand, experience and shape cultural landscapes. The work will focus on the cultural landscapes of Tuscany and Liguria, and the Qadisha Valley in Lebanon, as these two case studies are representative of the multi-scale and multi-disciplinary nature of cultural landscapes research.

The project recognises that archaeological heritage is only one of many aspects of value – ecological, social, cultural and economic – within cultural landscapes and therefore needs to be part of an inclusive approach to developing landscape resilience. In order to develop better management strategies, the first stage of the project has been the analysis of current stakeholder perceptions of these cultural landscapes. This has been assessed through surveys, interviews and focus groups as well as initial engagement events. This paper examines how these cultural landscapes are used and understood. Using this analysis we explore how current knowledge can be increased whilst integrating existing landscape values into the management of cultural landscapes. As the project progresses, we look forward to seeing how such approaches can be used to develop engagement practices which will enhance cultural landscapes for greater mutual benefit to both landscapes and people.

Keywords: Cultural landscapes, Engaging stakeholders, Sustainable management
Presentation Preference - Oral
Across Europe rural areas are suffering, in term of loss of biodiversity, cultural landscapes and traditions, as the consequence of depopulation and increasing abandonment of their management. This problem is particularly evident in mountain areas, where the presence of common-lands and common access rights was crucial in shaping settlement patterns and rural landscapes, nowadays often protected as natural heritage.

This paper will consider, through presentation of the first results of a project focused on the archaeology of common-lands in Southern Europe, how archaeology could contribute to the creation of more synergies between research and management of mountain and rural areas.

The study is centered on the connection between social structures and related material evidences of local practices. The investigation pays specific attention to the practices of management and production of agro-forestry-pastoral resources. This approach has clearly shown, on one side, the historical dynamism of rural areas (and in particular of common-lands) for transformation of uses, organization and access rights and, on the other, the contribution of local knowledge to the construction and preservation of historical rural landscapes.

The paper will reflect on how archaeology and historical ecology could help to connect historical reconstruction and present management of landscapes. This link could offer new approaches to better define landscape management policies, based on local actors and local management of environmental resources, in the framework of actions for the conservation of rural areas as a part of European Cultural Heritage.

TH2-11 Abstract 07
Cultural landscapes and territorial management: the case study of Madrid

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The Community of Madrid (this is the name of the administrative region of Madrid) is one of the main tourist regions in Spain, where the action of tourism of cultural heritage. This cultural heritage, both of a rural and urban character, is protected by several laws and articulated into several typologies. As in other parts of Europe, this heritage constitutes an important factor for the quality of life of local people and, at the same time, needs to be turned into an asset for regional development. Our proposal presumes a process of management of these resources, done within the project “The heritage ensembles as touristic active of the Community of Madrid. Problems and opportunities in a territorial perspective”. We want to contribute to the TH2-11 session with an approach to the case study of the archaeological landscapes of the region of Madrid. Nowadays different areas are considered by the regional Historical Heritage Law under the denomination of “cultural landscape” or other classifications of territorial character (such as “historical place” or “archaeological area”). As such, these are identified and protected as exceptional examples of the human environment and relationships during the protection. The presence of a landscape or “landscapes” means a qualitative change in the conception of the character of the heritage and facilitates connections and links with the global process of territorial management (through links with environmental laws, or normative or environmental impact...). This is both a challenge for the public administrations and an opportunity to increase the benefits (social, economical, environmental) of archaeological heritage. Our proposal aims to explore these issues, and to analyze the opportunities that the archaeological past offers for sustainable economic development in rural areas. Our approach will focus on the tourism use of these heritage areas and its role in the context of the environmental and social policies of the region. On the background we aim to make a critical reflection on landscapes management policy and its convergence with promotion and valorization strategies.

TH2-11 Abstract 08
Through Rural Living Landscapes to Ethnoarchaeological Reflections of Salt in Eastern Romania

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Keywords: rural immaterial heritage, salt-scapes, traditional practices

Presentation Preference - Oral

Salt, due to its diverse properties, is found in all the dimensions of the human communities. This is proved over time by numerous archaeological findings. Greek and Latin anthropologists described and documented modern and documents, as well as by current human behaviour determined by the abovementioned natural resource.

The Eastern Romania, a region rich in salt, has a privileged position in European landscape and even worldwide, due to the high quality of all the saline occurrences. The most common are the salt springs, of a great value, first of all because they were known, appreciated and exploited since Neolithic times. These springs came to be used progressively in various aspects, from their role of condiment to the symbolic dimension of the product obtained by crystallisation of the liquid salt. A special situation is highlighted by the continuity of the traditional practices of exploitation of brine from salt springs in the rural world of Eastern Romania, still at a high level of intensity.

However, because the area determined by the presence of salt and his community are threatened by a rapid globalisation and by a forced civilizing, it is necessary to draw attention over the risk of the irreversible loss of many of these practices that make a unique intangible heritage.

This paper aims to highlight the human behaviour that is defined by the collective mindset of Eastern Romania rural societies, through a diachronic approach, under several aspects, for identifying some ethnoarchaeological paths for an archaeological interpretation.

TH2-11 Abstract 09
Ethnoarchaeological heritage and cultural landscapes: a case-study from the Western Alps

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Landscape management is a key-aspect of European policy. Cultural landscapes are described in the European Landscape Convention as bearers of important identity values, and their protection is expected to have a crucial impact on environmental sustainability (preservation of biodiversity and traditional products, prevention of soil erosion and geomorphological instability, etc.) and the safeguard of local communities.

Ethnoarchaeology is placed at the core of this cultural and political framework. Ethnoarchaeological inferences provide crucial insights to understanding archaeological landscapes and their evolution, but they can also contribute to the protection, management and planning of traditional landscapes in Europe and abroad. Despite these potentials, the impact of ethnoarchaeology is still quite limited outside archaeology and outside academia.

This paper wants to address all these theoretical and methodological issues, using a case-study from the Western Alps: Val della Brignola, an upland valley (>1800 m asl) in the Cuneo province (Italy). The local landscape is dotted with two types of pastoral structures: dry-stone pastoral cabins (gaz) and cellars for cheese-maturing (selle). Most of these gaz and selle are still exploited by local herders. They were recorded via remote-sensing, fieldwork survey and historical maps. Archaeological excavations within the gaz of Val della Brignola suggested that this pastoral landscape dated back at least to the 16th century. Interviews with the local herder provided information on its function and use. The historical and ethnographic importance of the gaz of Val della Brignola, and the interest shown by policy-makers, members of the local communities and tourists for this research, suggested that the results of the project could be used for protecting and managing this site and the pastoral landscapes within which it is embedded. This paper focuses mainly on the initiatives that have been undertaken to preserve these pastoral nuts and to make them a point-of-interest in the touristic hiking tracks.

TH2-11 Abstract 10
From the loss of a city, to the discover of Archaeological Heritage: the modern story of Palestina

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Modern archaeological history of Palestina, city of ancient origin near Rome, started in the mid 1700s, when the first discoveries of tombs and archaeological materials were carried out in the territory; after a successful brackets linked to the promulgation in 1820 of one of the first laws of Italian protection, the Pacca’s Edict, in the second half of the 1800 the city became a popular destination of Italian and foreign antique dealers, in particular French and Germans, who devoted to systematic excavations, almost never scientific, to recover the precious fabric of the Colombella necropolis. This pirate-logic excavations and recovery of materials went on until the middle of 1900, when, after World War II, the city, like the whole of Lazio Region, was the scene of an uncontrolled speculations that put a strain on its status of Archaeological Heritage, and it was also known, appreciated and exploited since Neolithic times. These springs came to be used progressively in various aspects, from their role of condiment to the symbolic dimension of the product obtained by crystallisation of the liquid salt. A special situation is highlighted by the continuity of the traditional practices of exploitation of brine from salt springs in the rural world of Eastern Romania, still at a high level of intensity.

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The Landscape of Via Appia Antica: From a Panorama of Ruins to an Archaeological Park

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The landscape of Via Appia Antica, characterized by ruins of imposing monuments immersed in the vast countryside, doubtlessly preserves some of the richest cultural heritage of the ancient world, whose fascination has been celebrated by artists and writers since the Renaissance. For centuries these archaeological ruins have played the role of generic memories, beautiful fragments creating romantic panoramas, findings decontextualized from their environment, waiting to be looked at, dreamed of, but uninterpreted, except by specialists. The lack of reception of their historical value by the community has led to the abandonment of archaeological sites; and, therefore, the past has been seen as an immovable, faraway, meta-historical, idealized, unattainable reality that can only desperately store or regret, or even (as has been the case so far) simply be ignored. For these reasons, although since Napoleonic times different plans have envisaged Via Appia as becoming a great archaeological park between the Roman Forum and the Alban Hills, this idea has been threatened by private interests, such as housing construction. Even after the creation of the Park in 1988, the aim of which is, however, at most naturalistic, 95% of the area has remained in the hands of private entities. Moreover, the traditional approach of Italian institutions to the cultural heritage, based on the concept of preservation, constraint, and protection, has increased the gap between archaeology, on the one hand, and communities, on the other, over the past decades.

In occasion of the decision taken by the Italian Ministry of Culture to finally transform this area into a national archaeological Park, we participated in critical reflections on this paper as a manager of landscape management, policy and tools analysing the significance that archaeology could have for local communities in the creation of a shared identity based on a common landscape and focusing on the inescapably public use of archaeology, which as such must be defined, properly designed, and clearly explained to define a new opportunity for building broader sustainability and legacy. In view of the future management of Appia Antica Park as an archaeological Park, inhabitants’ current aspirations and needs in the negotiation of what they feel to be “their own” past and culture with institutions and politicians will be evaluated. This political perspective will be used to develop a critical reading of the state of archaeology in the Park, illustrating practical examples of “active protection” of its landscapes by the citizens and identifying, in the changing process of the appropriation of the past, some key elements for the recovery of a shared memory. Hence, a public approach to the management of the Park will be proposed that could promote cultural growth, including a proper debate between archaeology and communities, supporting territorial planning and envisaging new forms of development and democracy, all indispensable elements that can finally transform a landscape of ruins into a living landscape.

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The Siege of 's-Hertogenbosch in 1629: Historic and archaeological research with the local community

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The siege of the Dutch town of 's-Hertogenbosch in 1629 has been an important moment in the war between Catholic Spain and the Dutch Republic and the rise of the Netherlands. 's-Hertogenbosch was the main Spanish base and a well-fortified city protected by an experienced Spanish garrison and by formidable water defences. The army led by Frederic Henry, prince of Orange, encamped for large military forces. The town was besieged for 5 months out of these fortifications before it was conquered. The excavations resulted in an intense cooperation between the municipality, the foundation 'De Groene Vesting' / 'The Green Stronghold', and the local community. This cooperation has led to the establishment of a local initiative of archaeological research. The purpose of this paper is to suggest a radical new approach to presenting the wider area of the town, around the baths that will make the extent of the town visible in the landscape. It is suggested this can be achieved through a varied planting scheme that will not damage the underlying archaeology, creating at the same time a network of pathways that would encourage visitors to the surrounding Attingham Park

Archaeological Park, Landscape management, Wroxeter

Keywords: archaeology and communities, supporting territorial planning and envisaging new forms of development and democracy, all indispensable elements that can finally transform a landscape of ruins into a living landscape.

TH2-11 Abstract 13

Archaeology and Landscape Partnerships

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Archaeology forms a key component of many Landscape Partnerships schemes in the UK. These schemes, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, are designed to make a “major difference to landscapes and communities for the long term” (ibid). These HLF funded schemes are designed to make a “major contribution” (ibid) to the UK’s implementation of the European Landscape Convention. This paper will explore how these schemes contribute to the study, engagement, understanding, management, protection and enhancement of archaeology in the UK, what problems and tensions have arisen and how these obstacles have been addressed. This paper will examine the sustainability of such models. Heritage Lottery Fund 2016, Landscape Partnerships. Available from: https://www.hlf.org.uk/taking-funding/sustainable-programmes/landscape-partnerships. 15 February 2016.

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The greening of Wroxeter: an alternative approach to displaying urban remains

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The buried city of Wroxeter, in the English Midlands, is a challenging site to interpret and present to the public. Its principal focus is the ruins of the town baths, but this is just one visible building within an urban site covering 78ha. The remainder of the site has been down to uniform pasture since 1975 when it was purchased by the State to prevent further damage from ploughing. While the existence of the pasture has not prevented significant research - the major geophysical campaign of the Wroxeter Hibernia Project of the mid 1990s has resulted in the publication of the first full plan of the town, and a new interpretation of its chronological development - the monument is visually uninspiring to the general public. This is reflected in the visitor figures for the site, run by English Heritage Trust, which are only in the tens of thousands. Yet immediately adjacent to the site is the National Trust property of Attingham Park (400,000 visitors per annum) while only 8 miles away is the World Heritage Site at Ironbridge (750,000 visitors per annum). The purpose of this paper is to suggest a radical new approach to presenting the wider area of the town, around the baths, that will make the extent of the town visible in the landscape. It is suggested this can be achieved through a varied planting scheme that will not damage the underlying archaeology, creating at the same time a network of pathways that would encourage visitors to the neighbouring Attingham Park. There would be three-fold benefits from the scheme. It would facilitate access and understanding it would provide a biodiverse landscape among the general monoculture of the surrounding modern agricultural landscape and, lastly, would encourage a greater diversity of wildlife on the site. Such a planting scheme would not hamper any future archaeological work on the site, but would make the site more attractive to visit for the general public along permissive paths that did not interfere with the possible use of the site by wildlife.
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Transformation and management of Historical Agrosystems in the Iberian Landscape (THALES)

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Presentation Preference - Poster

The interest in the study of cultural landscapes has grown considerably in recent years. Several strategies have been developed in this field in Europe, marking it as a priority area of interest in Community policies as landscapes combine elements that affect both cultural, environmental, economic identity and political heritage. In this context, we present the first results of THALES Project (University of Alicante, Spain). The main challenge of the project is the combination of different methods to study the Iberian cultural landscapes for more advanced purposes: to contribute to a deeper understanding of the territory, in order to achieve development that respects the legacy of the past and its conservation. It is used a multidisciplinary approach (archaeology, geography, ethnography, soil science, agronomy), from a multi-scale (from local to European level) and with a diachronic perspective (from antiquity to the present day). In order to consider the various mechanisms of appropriation and transformation of the environment by the societies, the project focus on the analysis of various types of cultural landscapes of the Iberian Peninsula, especially selected by the morphology of their agrarian systems: one of the most homogeneous expressions of the interaction between man and territory: 1) mountain landscapes of Sierra del Segura (Albacete) and Sierra de Alcarria (Alicante), characterized by small height villages of Islamic origin with an agropastoral economy. The element that characterizes the agricultural systems of these communities is the terrace farming: plots created to take advantage of the mountain slope where are developed infrastructures for the exploitation and distribution of water resources (cultural landscapes generated from the Islamic period to the present day, still in use). 2) plain landscapes of Campo de Hellin (Albacete), the Valle del Vinalopó (Alicante) and Vega Baja del Segura (Alicante), characterized by exploited agricultural environments without interruption from antiquity to the present day, but with different strategies (Roman villas, early medieval rural villages and farmhouses, medieval fiefdoms, contemporary agrarian colonies). Our study focus on understanding how historical societies have occupied and administered this space, characterized by a shortage of water resources.

Landmarks and Landscape in the South Eastern Sicily

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Presentation Preference - Poster

South Eastern Sicily provides a privileged view for the analysis of the impact on the culture of “Sikels”, thanks to its huge variety of indigenous settlements dated to the Iron Age and concentrated around the Ionian coasts, which were early visited and occupied by Greek colonies. Nonetheless, the archaeological debates and researches have been always concentrated in a Greek point of view, leading indigenous archaeology as a “niche archaeology”, where sites are even not well preserved and inserted in the archaeological potential resources.

For these reasons, I would like to focus on the analysis of the indigenous sites of the Hyblean Area. The portrait that has been revealing forces me to leave the well-known ethnic classifications and characterize the people living in these areas as “hybrid” in fact, Greeks and indigenous people have developed an interactive dialogue that highlights the creation of a “third space” or “middle ground” that is not indigenous nor stranger, rather a cultural melange generated by the meeting between the two parts, well visible in the social exchanges, osmosis of ideas and material culture. Re-centering the specificity of the indigenous archaeology could be an important way to reconsider also the archaeological landscape nowadays and promote new strategies of development of the area. In fact, the case of the South eastern sites is emblematic to describe a shared situation for a considerable number of sites in the Region that are affected by lack of funds and absence of great managing plans. Investigating further the relationship between sites and their natural landscape might be very interesting.

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For a rural area, the connection with an archaeological site is an opportunity in many aspects. If the value of cultural heritage can be understood well, it will be used as a sustainable resource. With a well-organized, long term management plan, the archaeological site can be used as an open museum for learning the past, a school for cultural heritage training, an income for rural settlement’s economy and a platform for cultural exchange. This paper aims to explain the progress with a practical sample after preparing a theoretical background about the benefits of an archaeological site to a rural settlement. The present situation of Ergili and the relation with Daskyleion archaeological site will be discussed as the sample.

Keywords: archaeological sites, rural settlement
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In archaeological studies of the past the humans were often viewed as being adults in the prime of life and inadvertently male. Females were introduced into archaeological discourses with the growth of gender archaeology during the 1980s and an explosion of research has been undertaken on the archaeology of children in the past decade. With some notable exceptions, however, the elderly are still largely invisible in archaeological narratives – even though ethnographic analogies demonstrate that ‘elders’ were often viewed with particular respect due to the perceived wisdom associated with their longevity. The inclusion of a wider spectrum of humanity within modern archaeological discourses has also resulted in an increase in studies of the human life course. Such studies stress the necessity of interconnecting the different stages of the life cycle to enable us to gain a better understanding of the life experiences of individuals at different times for the duration of their lives.

In this session we wish to focus on adult and child relationships and, in particular, evidence for the interaction of the young with the old. In the modern world grandparents are often key figures in their grandchildren’s lives, but was this also the case in the past when people generally died at a much younger age than today? Is it possible to find evidence of such interactions in funerary records, in the chariot osteopatre as associated with different forms of material culture, in spatial analyses or in any other aspect of archaeological research? How is the evidence approached, integrated and presented in the professions of cultural heritage management? By focusing on these relationships we hope to bring the elderly out from the shadows while also remembering that children in the past would have interacted with adults beyond their parents - just as they do in the present.

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**TH2-13 Abstract 01**

**Protect or perish: On the outlook for the young and the old in a museum’s collections**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

High infant mortality was a fact of life in the past. More children were born than would ever reach adulthood and old age, putting a limit on the potential for interaction between the young and the old. Modern society has seen a change in this. Improvements in health, labour and welfare conditions have increased life spans and altered somewhat how we use our time. This population wave of older adults has spurred the growth of a new stage in the human life cycle on a global scale, one in which older individuals have time and resources not previously available to them. This has changed the dynamic of the present, and increased the potential for interaction between the young and the old. It is possible to see such life-stage interconnections in something as simple as grandparents and grandchildren visiting museums together. None the less, museum outreach programs, activities and research communications rarely highlight this aspect of child-adult relationships in the archaeological narrative about the past.

The research program BEVARES (Biological Environmental and Archaeological Interdisciplinary Research on life course, material culture and material in human depositions), at the Museum of Archaeology, University of Stavanger, Norway, seeks to address issues surrounding the recovery and curation of organic materials from archaeological contexts, particularly those involving the preservation of human biological remains. Our project within the program focuses on previously excavated material in the museum’s collections which has either not been analysed at all, or not been analysed using up-to-date techniques or standards. The paper presents our attempt to establish an overview of the ex-situ remains (burnt and un-burnt bones) of children versus elders and the contextual evidence of archaeological grave, settlement and loose finds. Not surprisingly, the results indicate that burial rituals together with the frequency of highly acidic soils in the region, are an impediment to the bio-archaeological analyses of the body and its treatment before and after death. As these conditions strongly influence the preservation of human bone, in particular the remains of inhumations, the possibility of gaining an understanding, both biological and social, of the interconnections of different stages in the human life cycle of the past are challenging.

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**TH2-13 Abstract 02**

**Mother-child relations in Early Bronze Age Lower Austria**

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**Keywords:** Au, Early Bronze Age, motherhood

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

The Early Bronze Age inhumation cemeteries of Lower Austria belong to three cultural groups (Singte, Unterwölbteising and Wieselburg) with distinct burial practices. They differ in particular in terms of how bodies were placed and buried in relation to each other. In this contribution we scrutinise the archaeological record for evidence of mother-child relations. We will begin by presenting graves of pregnant women and graves of women and children buried together, in order to understand how such individuals were treated by their societies in death. We investigate the most likely ages for life-transitions such as first motherhood and menopause, as well as explore material markers of such transitions. Social responses to pregnancy, birth and early child rearing, as well as the link between women’s reproductive status and social status in Bronze Age central Europe, give insights into the conceptualisation of motherhood in the Early Bronze Age in general, but also into the variability within three closely connected, yet different groups.

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**TH2-13 Abstract 03**

**Grandparents in the Bronze Age?**

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Grandparenting has been critical to the development of human life history. It has even been suggested that the role of grandparents in childcare is the reason for the extended lifespan seen in modern humans. However, the roles and functions of grandparents have not previously been investigated in later prehistoric contexts. Ethnographic studies show that grandparents take on an extremely wide role of roles worldwide, whether this is teaching knowledge and skills, providing childcare, or even taking on parental roles and titles. In many cases, grandparents play a critical role in the support and socialization of children. Understanding the roles of grandparents thus has the potential to transform our understanding of prehistoric household and family structures. In this paper, we examine the potential impact of grandparents in prehistory. We will use demographic data to explore how ‘common’ grandparents might have been, whilst bringing in a variety of ethnographic examples to identify potential activities and relationships of grandparents and grandchildren. We will then use a case study from the Early Bronze Age Traisental in Austria to show how prehistoric mortuary data might inform us about grandparenting in the Early Bronze Age. The existence of a series of large, well excavated cemeteries from this area makes it possible to investigate how the idea of the ‘grandparent’ might have been constituted both in life and death. In addition, we will investigate the extent to which grandparents may have had a reciprocal role in caring for grandparents who became incapable either physically or mentally through diseases of old age.

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**TH2-13 Abstract 04**

**The white-haired and the feeding bottle: Exploring children-elderly interactions in LBA Aegean**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Scholarship on age and gender in prehistoric Greece has taken an adult-centric approach (with focus mostly placed on young to early-middle-aged men and women) and, as a result, two significant age groups – infants/children and the elderly – have been widely neglected. However, lacking a strong insight into attitudes towards these two age groups, archaeologists do not really harbour a concept of the whole span of life in the Greek-speaking and the non-Greek speaking societies that developed in the Aegean region during the 2nd millennium BC. Making children and the elderly visible in the archaeological record, examining Rather than giving on up the human biological material, the situation requires a broader dialog about the application of analytical and interpretative models and/or techniques of an analogous or experimental nature in order to better explain and understand the archaeological evidence of human remains. An invitation is put forward for the establishment of a working group focusing on relationships between the young and the old in past societies.

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**TH2-13 Abstract 05**

**Exploring the use of child-adult relationships in the Late Bronze Age**

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**Keywords:** bronze age, intergenerational

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

It is clear that the Late Bronze Age was a time of social change and transition, including the development of new forms of social organization and the emergence of new social roles. In this paper, we explore the use of child-adult relationships in the Late Bronze Age, focusing on the role of grandparents in the social and economic life of the community. We examine the evidence from archaeological contexts, including funerary data, to understand the role of grandparents in the Late Bronze Age. We also consider the implications of these findings for our understanding of the social and economic structures of the Late Bronze Age society.
Family constructions and adult-child relationships in the Ancient Greek Oikos

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The presentation will focus on family constructions in the ancient Athenian oikos with special attention to children age 0-7 years. Research points to the fact that children in the ancient Greek household – the oikos – grew up in an extended family with multiple relationships with parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, slaves and caregivers. The theories of allparenting and multiple caregiving are introduced to give insight to the complex world of children and their peers in the ancient Greek oikos.

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Circle of Life? Aspects on youth and old age in Viking Age and Medieval Scandinavia

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In Viking Scandinavian society, people were to a high extent defined and commemorated by their deeds. The productive, freeborn, preferably male, adult formed a societal norm, to which children, slaves, outcasts, unproductive elders and “others” were contrasted. Consequently, and as a result of contemporary academic paradigm, children, and elderly has often been tagged as “invisible” in the records available. Nothing could be more wrong.

In this paper, the sphere of children and elderly in Viking Age and Medieval Scandinavia is explored, as a specifically culturally and socially defined construction, contrasted to the normative adulthood, as displayed in textual and archaeological records. In medieval provincial law codes, a clear distinction between man slaughter (killing an equal, a free adult man) and killing children or elderly people, unable to defend themselves, is made. In case of the latter, the killer was charged with a significantly more severe penalty. The defencelessness of these household dependants is expressed in terms of limited capabilities, which is argued, is a relevant definition also in academic discussion.

In the burial records from Late Viking Age and Early Middle Age, graves of elderly, impaired, sick people and children in many cases differ from those of the productive adults. One specific phenomenon is approached in this paper, namely the use of amber. Bioarchaeological research pertaining to the museum’s collections and exhibitions, a new light may be thrown on historically “inconspicuous” social groups such as the aged and the young, irrespective of time periods.

Interpreting Multiple Interments in Irish Medieval Burial Grounds

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Burials that contain the remains of two, three or even larger numbers of individuals are occasionally discovered during excavations of medieval Christian burial grounds in Ireland. In the majority of cases the remains are those of neonatal infants – perhaps indicative of a multiple birth – in which the infants did not survive, while other examples may comprise the burial of two or more adults. In other instances a full-term foetus remains within the mother’s abdominal region and clearly died prior to delivery. Cases also arise in which a neonate has been interred with an adult female, and it seems likely that many of these may represent cases where both a mother and her baby had died shortly after delivery. Other examples have been discovered in which an adult male was buried with an infant or an older child was buried with an adult. This paper will explore the evidence for multiple burials of medieval Christian burial grounds in Ireland. Drawing upon information gleaned from oral history and contemporary historical sources attempts will be made to provide possible scenarios to account for such burial configurations and to explore the nature of the potential relationships apparent within these various interments.

The old and the young in the Icelandic early Christian household cemetery

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In recent years a number of early Christian cemeteries have been excavated in the region of Skagafjörður, North Iceland. These cemeteries belonged to, and were managed by, occupants of individual farms and were in use from around AD1000-AD1100. The fact that these burial cemeteries do not belong to the typical grandiose burial sites which are frequently found in present-day Iceland, is likely to be due to the fact that these farms were not fenced off and did not have a separate access road. Geographically, these cemeteries are to be found in a small and relatively remote landscape in the north of Iceland.

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Managing the archaeological heritage

Inquiries into age identity have only recently received attention, despite the recognition of gender identity in archaeology. Particularly elderly individuals are often ignored or treated with the assumption of a universal experience of old age. Traditional age estimation methods have failed to provide more accurate estimates to aid in the identification of aged skeletons. Individuals of 45+ years are often lumped together, ignoring any potential social differences in the later stages of the life course. In this study, the Transition Analysis has been utilized on the Iron Age cemetery collection of Wetwang Slack, East Yorkshire, UK, using the method's statistical approach to provide more accurate age estimates for older individuals. Additionally, data on sex and age-progressive conditions including osteoradionecrosis, general spinal degeneration and dental health has been collected to investigate the social identity of elderly adults in comparison to younger adults. Using a sample of 150 individuals, the Transition Analysis provided a more dynamic age profile which shows that age differences are found across gender lines and in terms of disease likelihood. Elderly females have especially stood out since they showed a substantial increase of spinal degeneration of the vertebral bodies, caries and tooth loss as compared to elderly males who show a significant decrease or stagnation in these conditions. Older females however in common with younger adult females the severity of spinal osteoarthrits in the facet joints in comparison to the young male - elderly male grouping which is less affected. Females generally appear to be more affected by disease, yet elderly females of this population are particularly haunted by ill health which ultimately may have made their deaths and presence in this cemetery more likely. Death also is an important aspect of these women's identity. Other forms of identity are highly important in gauging age differences and relationships between young and old. Age only becomes visible through the growing, gendered or diseased body as a medium in the social experience of age. The archaeological interpretation of osteological data shows that Wetwang Slack age groups have various relationships to one another depending on sex, health or even affected body location. This triad of age estimate, sex affiliation and disease status has proven useful in separating the elderly social identity from that of young adults in a way which provided especially elderly Wetwang Slack females with a kind of personality without ignoring their relationships to other age/gender groupings. In life as in death, elderly women stood out physically from the younger individuals of their community, while their relationship to younger females may indicate greater success in surviving the adversities associated with the female experience at Wetwang Slack.

Detecting the elderly - Exploring age using Transition Analysis

The absence of elderly in research is not simply a question of attitudes but of methodological limitations. Intrinsic and extrinsic factors govern the skeletal changes in relation to one another, their importance fluctuating during the life course of the individual. The young are much more dependent on the intrinsic (i.e. genetic) factors however with age the extrinsic factors (such as habitual and environmental) gain influence, spreading the skeletal morphological features to a wider age range. Due to the lack of a perfect age indicator methods used to estimate age-at-death, we must accommodate for the variation using age ranges which often present the final interval as open-ended and beginning even as early as 45 years of age. The practice has the impact of discarding the presence of older individuals from archaeological material, distorting our views of agency in past societies. This poster seeks to explore how we can better identify the elderly using osteological age-at-death methods.

Adopt-a-Monument - Making heritage relevant to everyday lives

Adopt-a-Monument has sought to challenge these traditional heritage audiences, that is, those audiences who felt unconnected and unattached to their local heritage, sometimes through choice, sometimes through circumstances beyond their control. Adopt-a-Monument has sought to challenge these misconceptions by devising and providing accessible engagement opportunities which are relevant and immediate to everyday lives. We have worked with diverse audiences – from those who are transiently housed to those who have suffered from domestic abuse with very positive results. These projects are designed to put the people and participants first, and appear to have had a meaningful impact on the participants who have taken part. Yet projects such as this still produce meaningful archaeological results. This presentation will outline a series of case studies from this work and ask how we could expand this approach in the future.
greater community participation in caring for this resource the Heritage Council of Ireland has launched a pilot Adopt a Monument Scheme in 2015-16. The experience gained from this will be shared at the round table. At the time of writing this scheme, learning from work in Scotland, has progressed from an open public call for entries to selecting monuments and communities. Further details will be available in September.

TH2-14 Abstract 03
Community Outreach and Engagement through Archaeology Fairs
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Since its founding in 1879, the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) has worked to create an informed public interest in the cultures and civilizations of the past through its many outreach programs. The Institute educates people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery and encourages community-based outreach. In 2001, the AIA hosted its first archaeology fair. The fair brought together independent archaeological organizations representing a rich array of archaeological subfields to present their programs and resources to a local community in an interactive and engaging manner. Through the fair, the partnering organizations presented activities that combined the excitement of discovery with sound archaeological thinking; emphasized the idea that archaeological discoveries are resources that help us better understand how people lived in the past and how human societies and communities functioned, developed, and grew; and informed attendees about archaeology and cultural heritage by having them participate in hands-on activities, by observing demonstrations of ancient technologies, and by talking to the experts presenting these various programs. Since 2001, the AIA has organized 23 more archaeology fairs and informed thousands of people through this popular outreach activity. The overall aims of the archaeology fairs are to promote a greater public understanding of archaeology, raise awareness of local archaeological resources, and bring together proximate archaeological groups with a shared outreach goal. In this presentation, the authors will discuss how the AIA fair model was developed through feedback cycles that include evaluation, data analysis, reflection, and trial and error, how it evolved, and how it is spreading to other groups around the world. To date, 26 AIA local societies have hosted fairs and the popularity of this program as an outreach event is increasing among other archaeological groups across the USA as well as in Belize, Canada, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Iran, and Myanmar. This growth in popularity and implementation presents us with unique opportunities to achieve greater public understanding of archaeology, raise awareness of local archaeological resources, and bring together proximate archaeological groups with a shared outreach goal.

TH2-14 Abstract 04
The “archaeological path” in the interdisciplinary research in Polish Jurassic Highland
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The project, called Places of memory and forgetfulness: Interdisciplinary research in northern areas of the Polish Jurassic Highland, involves carrying out research in areas that can provide inputs to multifaceted cognition the history, cultural reality, social climate, local and family memory, the heritage of generations, and contemporary identity the inhabitants of the northern part of the Polish Jurassic Highland, i.e. in the area of five communes: Janów, Leśno, Młóki, Olszyn, Przyrówek. The project adopts an interdisciplinary perspective on the research topic, combining methods of modern cultural anthropology, and refers to the new trend in archaeology focused on the study of modern times (XIX-XXI centuries). Reflection these two disciplines is supplemented and verified through the knowledge of local history and the history of art.

The project distinguished three complementary research path: anthropological, archaeological, historical/archival and a common path. Cultural anthropologists use the photographs, written materials, archives, documents and available publications. For them, the source of knowledge about the past and the present is orally primary history, heard stories from encountered people. Within the queries historical researchers collect general information about the regional history, as well as about specific places and objects, often not adequately developed in the academic literature.

In the discussed archaeological path aim is to attempt to answer the following question: whether in a particular place are material elements of culture capable to confirm, deny or modify the knowledge of the past emanating from collected stories. Archaeological diagnosis was divided into two stages: reconnaissance and non-invasive research (including aerial survey). In the first stage of the archaeological diagnosis, archaeologists investigate the available source base and makes an initial reconnaissance of the municipality. Then divide objects (places), which have been proposed for research by anthropologists, into three categories: A - objects studied non-invasive methods, which does not require detailed documentation; B - objects studied non-invasive methods, requiring accurate documentation; C - objects studied non-invasive methods, requiring accurate documentation subjected to additional investigation using a metal detector, drill and survey trenches.

Established in the course of archaeological field research documentation (ie. the description card of places, photographs, drawings, movable monuments: artifacts and ekofacts and their inventories, provides a database for a detailed analysis of the results of archaeological research at the level of a single place (object), as well as the analysis of a set of places in the municipality. The project is implemented under the National Programme for the Development of Humanities funded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in Poland.

TH2-14 Abstract 05
Role of archaeology in rise and fall of local tourist industry.
A warning example from Finland
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In June 1996 paleolithic stone tool was found in Susiluola-cave in western Finland. As the first known paleolithic site in Scandinavia it received plenty of attention in national media. Soon after the first find was revealed and reported in media, the site was visited by thousands of people and local economics was boosted by the visitors. Tourism flourished. Hats, t-shirts, food, exhibitions, bars and restaurants were named after the site. Archaeologists, on the other hand, were not happy that their precious archaeological site harnessed for a tourist business and were criticising local efforts as pathetic. Local communities were planning to invest millions for the future attractions, like log Age Centrum and even an opera. In meanwhile there was a growing debate among archaeologists if the finds and the site was paleolithic or not, it was also acclaimed to be a hoax. Critics grew stronger also in the media. Debate cast a long shadow over the site and affected the public opinion. Attraction faded away and tourism collapsed. Last excavations season was in 2006. The debate concerning the authenticity of the finds and cave as a paleolithic is still unsolved.

New discoveries in archaeology get usually attention from media and public. Growing interest can turn archaeological site to tourist attraction and raise local tourist businesses. In the best case this will lead to fruitful co-operation between archaeologists, local officials, entrepreneurs and public. It is also possible, that overenthusiastic start can lead to very disappointing end for all parties involved.

TH2-14 Abstract 06
My Home Ground - past and present
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Escape is a concept that adds energy and historical content to newly developed suburban sites. When an excavation site has been “emplied” for historical data by the archaeologists and the area has been developed for modern life, it is important to tell the unique story of the place to newcomers as well as the people who already live around the site. This can be done in many ways. Our experience is that bringing in Art into the process lifts the story-telling - and a work of art as well as the presence of an artist - result in increased local communication and also make the site a point of interest for tourists. The concept eScAp combines art, archaeology, past and present and creates and communicates art on sites with strong archaeological evidence combined with the scientific excavations. Specialists in Tourism, Art and Archaeology work together and combine these on equal terms with the participation of locals and children. Escape makes a crucial difference from non-participation to ownership.

TH2-14 Abstract 07
Giving is having! Everybody is winning!
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Pirkanmaa Municipal Museum has conducted excavations on a very unique Late Iron Age / Early Medieval dwelling place during the past years. The first discoveries were made by the local people, who have been familiar with the place for decades. The site has attracted an extraordinary amount of interest from various operators: a large museum centre and a small local museum seeking to enhance its activities; a university and independent researchers with personal interest in the site and its material; local authorities wishing to develop tourism. Pirkanmaa Municipal Museum has made research material and information freely available to all, and established contacts with many different operators and experts. With a little effort from everybody, the enthusiasm is clearly spreading. But how well do the different players cooperate? Will the outcome be a large-scale exhibition, a new tourist attraction, and a new multidisciplinary research project, as planned? The paper deals with archaeological excavation projects as a societal concept, which creates working interfaces between different operators and sectors of society. The current and potential role of the museum as an enabler of new kinds of activities and projects will be discussed. It is noted that transparency, publicity, contacts, and efficiency are the most important basis for cooperation, and required in managing a research project with lower level of resources than normally:

During the last EAA-meeting in Glasgow, the idea rose to re-create an EAA commission on illicit trafficking of archaeological heritage. Our round table is organised by the Working group of this commission.

Antiquities as the ‘hottest invest’ (TIME-Magazine, 12/2007) are one of the biggest problems of archaeology. Finds deriving from unauthorised excavations, metal-detecting, robberies of museums/public collections, appear on the market with faked provenience, and are legally sold. The majority of illegal/illicit finds that enter the market, seemingly entirely legally, go unacknowledged by archaeologists. Only rarely do such finds later surface and only few, like the spectacular find of the Bronze Age Nebra-disc, are acknowledged by the wide public. In the case of more mundane finds this rarely ever occurs.

Today, the internet offers an easy and growing platform for rapid exchange of archaeological artefacts, the sheer volume of sales making it hard to keep track of newly advertised finds and sales. Thousands of archaeological artefacts are daily presented through mediums such as ‘treasure hunter’ internet platforms, advertised and sold online through outlets and sold through licensed auction houses.

The reaction of archaeologists has been to largely ignore this market. But the volume of finds entering the market reached already the point where we must begin to address the lack of knowledge, and to what degree our legitimate archaeological find corpus is any longer truly representative, and whether it alone remains valid for future research.

We will focus in particular on how to:

- prevent and limit trafficking and selling of cultural heritage in Europe (especially trafficking of antiquities from the Near and Middle East);
- reduce illegal excavations in Europe;
- develop strategies for a common European legal basis on the protection of archaeological sites;
- furthermore, we want to discuss an official statement for the EAA concerning illicit trafficking of antiquities.

TH2-16 Abstract 01

Acquisition policy- first line of defense

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The legislation of the Republic of Croatia allows for the sale of individual archaeological finds or entire collections to museums, if the seller can prove the origin of the cultural good in the sense of family legacy or heritage. In practice, the easily obtainable confirmation of a notify on the origin of the good is the only thing required to prove the legality of such possession and to enable such sales.

The Archaeological museum in Zagreb possesses a certain amount of finds acquired in this way and which have a ‘questionable’ origin, and, as the parent institution, it works on entire collections which were subsequently seized from the same collectors which could, only a few years back, make legal trade with the Museum and were legally protected by the aforementioned notify confirmation on family heritage.

What can museums do to prevent illicit trading, archaeological excavations and trafficking?

It is understandable that archaeological museums cannot change the legislation, but their social role is to point out legislative flaws, and I feel that they should individually label collectors outside the law, sellers and malicious metal detector users by highlighting finds obtained in this way in permanent exhibitions and publications, just like they highlight well-intentioned donors. But this is only a cosmetic touch up.
The systematic and inspiring raising of social awareness through the educational (equally pedagogy and andragogy) museum function about the flaws of decontextualized archaeological material and the inestimable (non-material) value of archaeological heritage certainly is the best long-term-protection method because, frankly, lack of knowledge jeopardizes heritage the most.

However, my praxis taught me that this approach, in which I firmly believe and in which I actively participate for years, will never fully eradicate malicious predators who will, despite everything, continue to use archaeological heritage for personal profit. It seems that the combination of constant development of social awareness with the sharp and well-defined legislature is the closest we can get to the ultimate annihilation of misappropriating archaeological heritage.

The formation of a universal national (or wider) acquisition policy in archaeological museums is the first preventive step. The newly formed such a policy not only protects, but encourages sale of archaeological finds and secret and non-expert excavations which result in individual decontextualized finds acquired/received by the museums with public funds.

A policy on collecting written through a consensus in the archaeological profession could deter all potential malicious collectors, not leaving room for them to manipulate ‘family heritage’ and, on the other hand, should not discourage well-intended donors and legal possessors to give their finds over to museums. A high-quality and publicity available collection policy of archaeological museums, made in cooperation with legal experts, is a key step in preventing illicit behavior regarding archaeological heritage, and is a strong appeal to state legislature to redefine the legal framework for such activities.

I hope to share my experience and specific proposals for how to win this fight by participating at this round table.

TH2-16 Abstract 02
Illicit trafficking of archaeological heritage in Croatian post-war and transitional context

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The looting and illicit trafficking of archaeological heritage has a long tradition in Croatia, though most of these illegal activities have been concentrated in a few key centers. One of these black spots is the city of Sisak, which developed on the ruins of the Roman provincial center Scitac and has provided seemingly inexhaustible archaeological material for all sorts of dealers and smugglers since the second half of the 19th century. The attitude of professional institutions, primary museums, towards these activities varied between the 19th and 21st centuries; from tacit approval and cooperation by purchasing illegally collected items, to ignoring the issue, and finally limited loud advocacy for legal punishment. Unfortunately, throughout this period, these institutions mostly failed to encourage a wider public debate on the issue of destruction wrought by the illicit trafficking of archaeological heritage.

What makes the Croatian socio-political context unique among Central European and Mediterranean countries are the war and post-war periods of the 1990s and 2000s. The beginning of the ’90s saw a wide range of problems concerning the preservation of archaeological resources, including the direct destruction of sites and museum institutions, the looting of archaeological material by the Yugoslav Army and Serbian paramilitary units, and the mining of large areas that, in the long-term, has made archaeological sites inaccessible for research. The post-war period brought even more problems. For example, there was no institutional cooperation, except in some individual cases, during the process of clearing thousands of square kilometers of land from mines with metal detectors. We can imagine that great numbers of objects have been found but only a small portion ended up in museum collections while the best pieces probably entered the illegal market. A more recent problem is the phenomenon of illegal metal detecting. In some cases it is conducted by war veterans who are protected within local communities because of their contribution to the defense of the country. There are some attempts at coordination between local museums and these “enthusiasts”, but it seems that such relationships are still not clearly defined.

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TH2-16 Abstract 04
Metal Detecting on Dutch WWII conflict sites

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Dutch academic interest in the heritage of World War II (WWII) has been limited until recently. Attention for the subject is much greater in the wider community. Unfortunately, this interest is also expressed in many illegal searches and excavations. Metal detecting is a hobby that has been vitiated by many archaeologists as an uncontrollable threat to the proper study of the past. During this presentation I will discuss if an effective cooperation is possible between archaeologists and metal detectorists concerning this fragile heritage. What are the benefits and drawbacks?

Much of the WWII material in the Netherlands (and abroad) is collected with metal detectors, used both by professional archaeologists and amateur metal detectorists. Without an archaeological methodology underpinning the use of the device, a metal detector can lead to the incorrect assessment of a site’s archaeological potential and even damage the site. Groups of metal detectorists and other enthusiastic amateurs have often tried to research conflict-related sites as responsibly and ethically as possible, but in previous decades the work has remained fragmental and was not always reliable. There is also a strong suspicion by professional archaeologists that films and television series such as Saving Private Ryan (1998) and Band of Brothers (2001), as well as significant anniversaries can intensify the problem.

The ultimate question to be asked is this: are metal detectorists potentially an ally or an enemy of conflict archaeology? Is their activity always destructive, or can their interest and enthusiasm be harnessed to work with professional archaeologists, to the benefit of both sides?
TH2-17 Abstract 03
Climate Change and its Impact on Cultural Heritage
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Climate change and increased demand for energy that is produced from sustainable sources are two challenges for archaeological heritage in Norway. On one hand, archaeological sites are subject to changes in flooding and rain and for sites located in reservoirs, changes in reservoir regulation schedules affect them in ways we so far have little or no information about. At the same time Norway is the supplier of green power to the rest of Europe, “Europe’s green heart”. This means that wind power plants are to be built in many places, mostly along the coast affecting not only cultural heritage sites, but also the landscape of which they are an integrated part. New hydropower plants are being constructed, and old reservoirs are being expanded, flooding new areas and new sites, and challenging the preservation of sites that are located in the reservoir. The Skjerka watercourse in the South of Norway is subject to all of this, and we foresee many challenges for the preservation of the cultural heritage in the area.

TH2-17 Abstract 04
A Climate Change Impact and Risk Assessment for the Historic Environment Scotland Estate
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As a large public body, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has duties under Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 that require it to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to act sustainably. Ministers have identified HES as a ‘Major Player’ because it has a larger influence/impact on climate change than other public bodies. A Climate Change Action Plan for Historic Scotland 2012-2017 sets out how HES will fulfil its duties under the Act. The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2012 identified a range of risks and opportunities that climate change may present. Many of these have the potential to impact on the historic environment. HES is key to the delivery of Climate Ready Scotland’s Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme, which takes it with the following:
- quantifying heritage assets affected by climate change using GIS
- developing a methodology for assessing climate change risk to historic sites
- creating a risk register for the ‘Properties in Care’ that are managed by HES (to assist with management planning and resource allocation).

In response, HES has undertaken a research project in partnership with the British Geological Survey (BGS) that sets out to identify the threats associated with climate change (such as slope instability and flooding) that have the potential to impact on the HES Estate. The results are assisting HES in preparing a risk register for the properties across the HES Estate and in shaping and prioritising on-going conservation and maintenance programmes. The research will also inform the development of a methodology for the broader historic environment.

TH2-17 Abstract 05
Managing coastal heritage as climates change
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Future climate change is expected to raise sea levels, increase temperatures and change the overall precipitation patterns, with a potentially great negative effect on preservation conditions. How should cultural heritage management respond to these threats? In order to prepare adequate mitigation schemes, it is necessary first to know exactly what threat is being tried, what state it is in now, and what the conditions for in situ preservation are. Degradation of archaeological remains depends on environmental conditions. Which measures may be taken to mitigate the predicted climate changes and ensure continued in situ preservation of heritage sites? Should they be covered, or can changes in soil chemistry be stopped? Studies in sites in Northern Norway are used to demonstrate impacts and possible mitigating actions.
Scotland’s vast coastline contains a wealth of archaeological sites, many buried under shifting sand dunes which has led to remarkable levels of preservation. Coastal erosion, accelerated by climate change, is impacting on thousands of these invaluable heritage assets. In recognition of the severity of the threat, the SCiPTE Trust was established with a remit to research, conserve and promote the archaeology of Scotland’s coast.

Since the mid-1990s, Historic Scotland (now Historic Environment Scotland), has sponsored a series of Coastal Zone Assessment Surveys (CZAS) of the coastline in order to quantify the condition and threats to Scotland’s coastal heritage and important archaeological resource. These surveys have targeted vulnerable areas and covered over 40% of the entire coastline. As well as assessing the geology, geomorphology and erosion risk of coastal cells, more than 11,500 heritage sites have been recorded. A prioritisation process taking account of a site’s value, vulnerability and condition this dataset and classified nearly 1,000 sites as requiring attention.

Following prioritisation, SCiPTE initiated the Scotland’s Coastal Heritage at Risk Project (SCHARP), which worked with members of the local community to update and enhance this data, focusing on high-priority sites. The citizen science approach created a network of volunteers to monitor vulnerable sites in the dynamic coastal zone. As monitoring alone does not save threatened sites, SCiPTE has also worked with community groups to undertake action at locally-valued sites. As preservation in situ is impractical or impossible in many coastal locations, the main aim is to rescue as much information as possible from these sites. A variety of strategies, from innovative digital recording and excavation to relocating and reconstructing sites have been deployed. The next project aim is to reference the updated data generated by SCHARP against the set of national research questions presented in the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework. This will ensure that research is undertaken at sites that will otherwise be destroyed, creating a ‘research / rescue’ framework. The potential of these vulnerable sites to answer research objectives will be shared with the international archaeological community.

A second aim is to map the updated data against the National Coastal Change Assessment. This project has plotted past change to the coastline and maps future susceptibility to erosion; and the result of the mapping exercise will inform future management of the coastal archaeological resource and highlight national and local priorities for further work. This paper will present the impact of coastal processes on Scotland’s archaeological heritage, examine see methodologies employed to mitigate the threats sites face, consider the application of citizen science to the problem of coastal erosion and give case studies of some of the differing strategies used to preserve vulnerable coast sites by record.

TH2-17 Abstract 07
Submerging Heritage: Forecasting Climate Change Impacts to Set Preservation and Research Priorities
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TH2-17 Abstract 08
Sun, wind and rain: renewable and non-renewable resources in Wales
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TH2-17 Abstract 09
Climate change and the effects on cultural heritage in the Netherlands
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Climate change is a fact. A fact is also that the knowledge of the impact of climate change on the parameters in the soil is very limited. Knowledge on the behavior of soil parameters is very important within in situ conservation programs and therefore we have to work on finding measures to adapt to climate change in relation to conservation of the archaeological heritage.
Global warming is changing the alpine landscape. The retreating of the glaciers is a climatic emergency, but is taking with it - Oral Presentation Preference - vice versa.

Policy vision called STRONG. This emphasizes more and more the involvement of archaeology for the sustainable planning and management strategies, with such simple measures as a litter collection campaign by the excavation team, we can make headway in sustainability and community, newly gained information can now aid in forging a symbiotic relationship between archaeological sustainability, environmental sustainability, and community sustainability.

When discussing what was most valued locally, many noted that Uluabat Gölü was among the most cherished assets in town. The lake, upon which the town is located, has long been a site for traditional community festivals, and is now used as a family picnic venue for locals and outsiders alike. The lake also attained Ramsar status in 1998 for its rich wetlands and extraordinary birdwatching possibilities. However, Uluabat Gölü was also the initial site of industrial development in town over 30 years ago, with the first factories to open settling on the lake edge. These factories deposited waste in the lake, and with time, a place that had been a local source for recreation, fishing, and irrigation became nearly unusable.

In recent years, local government measures to more strictly regulate factory pollution, as well as efforts to clean the lake spearheaded by a local university, have begun to improve the water quality in the lake. However, at the same time, many note that the local government has not made a significant effort to maintain and develop the shore of the lake for the public or for visitors, with littering a continuing problem. Indeed, many locals noted the untapped potential of the landscape in Akpınar for attracting tourists, especially considering the exciting tourist attraction of Gölçuk Island just a few kilometers away at the center of the lake. However, as Uluabat lake is a valuable natural resource for local and regional use and development, the local government has a strong interest in supporting additional measures for its maintenance, protection, and management. There are clear pathways here toward the parallel dialogue of archaeological heritage. Similarly, the archaeological site has been threatened by factory development and can be a valuable community and tourist resource. There is therefore significant potential for archaeologists to engage in this broader dialogue of sustainability that includes environmental resources and community concerns. By including the lake in our management strategies, with such simple measures as a litter collection campaign by the excavation team, we can make headway in sustaining a valuable natural and community resource. Moreover, we can open up our site and the region to the benefit of not only heritage tourism but also ecotourism. Consequently, with an integrated approach to not only the sustainability of heritage, but also climate, environment, and community, we can make greater strides toward success in sustainability strategies overall.

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Is it possible to reconcile three seemingly contradictory requirements that are 1) infrastructure works and their economic implications, 2) preventive archaeology as set out in national legislations following the Malta convention, and 3) structured and genuinely scientific archaeological research? While legal systems have been put in place in different countries after the signature of the 1992 Malta convention, numerous problems of implementation and reconfiguration still remain, often exacerbated by the 2008 economic crisis. In fact, legal positions have actually been eroded in some countries, and additional constraints such as shortened delays and narrower margins have been imposed on archaeological organisations and operations. Moreover, in countries where archaeology is predominantly conceived as a commercial activity, the crisis has thrown numerous organisations into a cost-cutting spiral, with as a side effect, in many cases, the reduction of standards both in terms of employment conditions and of scientific production.

The current session, building on related sessions and round tables regularly promoted by the “Committee on Archaeological Organisation and Legislation” at previous EAA meetings, seeks thus to present the current state of affairs with regards to preventive archaeology, legislation and scientific research in various countries. Our intention is not only to critically appraise a range of case studies, but also to provide some more general arguments and tools for thought to those seeking to promote, towards the third decade of the 21st century, this challenging reconciliation of scientific, patrimonial and socio-economic aims.

TH2-19 Abstract 01
Rescue and Preventive Archaeology in Europe: Public Service or Commercial Activity?

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While the term heritage normally refers to the transmission of property within a family, the term Cultural or Archaeological heritage refers to a national or ethnic community. Although national identities in the modern sense of the term only appeared in the early 19th century, there have for some time been two different conceptions of the State in the western world. In countries based on Roman law such as France, the State, even if it is disliked, is central to the conception of society. In “common law” Anglosphere countries, and especially the USA, the State has never been completely legitimate. This view was further reinforced in the nineteen-eighties through the domination of Milton Friedman’s free-market ideology and the Reagan and Thatcher governments. In a sense, there is no real society any more, only a juxtaposition of consumers, buying or not buying goods and services in a market controlled by an “invisible hand”.

As we know, the State was rediscovered in 2008, when the western banks had to be rescued. Yet this ideology also partly affects the conception of Heritage. Developers are not economic agents threatening our shared archaeological heritage, who should pay for excavation to conserve it. They become “clients” who chose between different producers, in this case the private companies doing archaeological excavation. This view has had disastrous consequences in terms of research, since many excavations carried out through Cultural Resource Management have never been studied or published. It also has ethical and political consequences for our conception of our common past. France offers a good (or sad) example of such an historical evolution, since commercial competition was introduced in archaeology in 2003.

TH2-19 Abstract 02
25 Years of Development-led Archaeology in England: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

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While the issuing of a piece of technical planning guidance may seem like a limited cause for celebration, it did in fact mark a new era in the archaeology of the UK and far beyond. Beforehand “rescue archaeology” was funded by the UK’s central government; thereafter it became the responsibility of developers. It is estimated that, in the intervening period, some 75,000 archaeological investigations have been supported by this system, recording many thousands of archaeological sites that would otherwise have been destroyed by development, without record.

The quarter-century anniversary of this change provides an opportune moment to reflect on the changes that have been wrought in the intervening period. In terms of resources directed to the study of archaeology, the revolution in understanding that has been established and the growth in professionalism in our discipline, the change in policy has been a major success. But it has also created challenges.

This paper will review the achievements of the last 25 years and the future for the present state of the art. It does this through a series of case studies from the English East Midlands (UK). This initial view of a project should not pre-speak an evidence based approach based on ground archaeological practice in an explicitly archaeological and generic approach. Best advice given at the EIA Scoping stage is the foundation of a reasonable and evidenced based approach. It draws upon case studies from the English East Midlands (UK). This initial view of a project should not pre-speak an evidence based and iterative approach but is crucial to support a robust Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which avoids a reductionist and generic approach.

Best advice given at the EIA Scoping stage is the foundation of a reasonable and evidenced based approach based upon research. This supports both the public interest in understanding of our past and in allowing the design process to minimise harm. Archaeological assessment and mitigation requires a research based approach from day one, for better or worse we never have as little information or as much potential influence as we do at that point first.
Since the 1990s the Scandinavian countries have in various ways tried to adjust cultural heritage management and development-led archaeology according to the national political thinking on the one hand and Pan-European legislation on the other. Sweden is probably the country in Scandinavia where the most radical, modernistic reforms have been implemented. The success of these changes however has been questioned. Still, far-reaching changes are nevertheless introduced. Local, Scandinavian solutions are challenged by organisational models from the larger European countries and by EU legislation. This paper addresses some of these trends and tries to analyse the development of archaeological research as a scientific discipline. Theoretical trends undermining the importance of human's may enhance or describe the threat of the role of archaeology a scientific discipline. This may add the fact that archaeological engagement with politics on a national level is of major importance for the future of European Archaeology.

TH2-19 Abstract 05
Development in preventive archaeology in Slovenia: a view from the field
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Slovenia has rather long tradition of archaeological heritage protection, dating from the early 1850s when the Imperial/Royal Central Commission for the Research and Protection of Artistic and Historic Monuments was established in Vienna (at that time Slovenia provinces belonged to the Austrian Empire). Since then, Slovenia has passed through great political changes to become independent country in 1991 with the end of former Yugoslavia. More than 150 years of legislation in heritage protection is an important factor also when considering the development of preventive archaeology today. General institutional framework and doctrine of protection was formed for decades in the Austrian tradition (even after 1918), and Slovenia kept probably the best organized and efficient heritage service in former Yugoslavia with well developed regional network of heritage protection institutes. Legal transformation of old “Yugoslav” system started early in the 1990s, but it was not these changes which are directly associated with the introduction of preventive (rather than rescue) archaeology. In fact, it was great pressure posed by national program of motorways construction in the early 1990s, which considerably challenged the existing (traditional) system of protection, and required answers in terms of preventive strategies. It is this in context in which also the Malta Convention became rather swiftly and successfully implemented - particularly in Slovenia. Here, it is possible to see two major and parallel trends in changing the system of protection: a) positioning archaeology (and its preventive role) in obligatory procedures in spatial planning and b) emergence of private market of archaeological services. For the period 1994-2008 one could speak of a hybrid system of organization of archaeological preventive works with public (regional) heritage institutes officially directing large scale excavations and surveys (on motorway sites mostly), but hiring private SME for the actual job in the field. Existing public institutions simply could not meet the requirements for fast and efficient archaeological preventive research. In 2008, situation changed again, when new Cultural Heritage Act (which introduced the term preventive research) limited the issuers of protection conditions and recommendations (i.e. heritage institutes) to monitoring of archaeological field research. The actual research was undertaken by SMEs or by public instructions which have a right to compete in the market (e.g. museums, academic institutions). There is also another important issue associated with this act. Prior to 2008, it was the heritage institutes which negotiated the extent and also finances of the research, and have legal powers to force the developers to accept certain measures), while, afterwards, there were possible direct negotiations between developers and preventive researchers. Such liberalization of negotiations had in many cases negative consequences, especially in the context of recent economic crisis, which in Slovenia affected the most the investments in spatial development and, consequently, also all ‘players’ in preventive archaeology.

TH2-19 Abstract 06
In search of a common space: (sharing) the spatial data of preventive archaeology
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According to the Article 7 of the “European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage”, the parties have to «make or bring up to date surveys, inventories and maps of archaeological sites» and «to take all practical measures to ensure the drafting, following archaeological operations, of a publishable scientific summary record before the necessary comprehensive publication of specialised studies». Furthermore, the Article 8 of the same “Convention” commits the parties «to facilitate the national and international exchange of elements of the archaeological heritage for professional scientific purposes» and «to promote the pooling of information on archaeological research and excavations in progress».

25 years after the “Malta Convention”, we need to come back to this text and make a declaration of the current situation: is the Article 7 just applied? If it is the case, how do the operators of preventive archaeology do in Europe? The issue underly is that of the harmonization and the sharing of archaeological data. In this perspective, thinking the harmonization of the spatial data appears to be one of the answers: Archaeology is, above all, a spatial science and it seems thinkable to find a general agreement on the way of representing the spatial data. The issue of production, harmonization and management of archaeological data has become by now central, in relation to the huge diffusion of GIS and Web Mapping. Basing on this premise and on two practical experiences developed in very different contexts, this paper aims to give a contribution toward the definition of a minimal spatial and archaeological value, useful to the production of archaeological cartography on a European scale.

TH2-19 Abstract 07
Preventive archaeology in current Slovakia
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Cultural heritage and its protection is regulated in the number of laws in Slovenia. Basic mentions in the Constitution refer to individual laws, regulating cultural monuments, historic sites, archaeological heritage, museums, galleries, libraries, archives, art collections or intangible heritage.

From the point of view of archaeology, archaeological heritage, its protection and management, the Act on Protection of Monuments and Historic Sites Nr. 49/2002 Coll. is the most important law, fully regulating the preventive archaeology as a whole. Administrative competences are applied by the Slovak Board of the Slovak Republic and its 8 regional branches. They monitor and supervise all activities with potential impact on the archaeological heritage, then they decide on necessity of conducting of research, its conditions and time frame as well as on offences. Their legal position in the Act is very strong, but their personal capabilities (usually there are 1 or 2 archaeologists for one region) are low.

Since the last important amendment of the Act in 2014, there is express provision defining and regulating the preventive research. Previously there was no definition preventive nature of the research, although this kind of research was often assessed as one of the conditions of the research, especially for long-term and spatially large projects.

Preventive archaeology is conducted by licensed organizations in Slovenia; the licence is granted by the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, taking into consideration opinion of Licence Commission, its advisory body. Currently (February 2016) there are 38 licensed organizations, representing museums, private companies (14), universities (4), civil association (1), town organization (1) and state (2, but important actors – Archaeological Institute of Slovak Academy of Sciences and Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic) in Slovakia. Although museums is the most numerous group, they focus especially on local, less difficult projects. Majority of excavations is conducted by the private sector, what is interesting fact as the first licence for private company was granted only in 2007. Independently on the quality or quality of archaeological finds, they must be stored in the museum after the finish of the research and elaborating of documentation.

The economic crisis caused substantial consequences in the preventive archaeology sector, but the impact on the practice was probably not so hard than in other countries with different legal situation and research tradition.

TH2-19 Abstract 08
Preventive archaeology should not be reviled!
The case of the history of Swiss motorway archaeology
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Presentation Preference - Oral

The current economic crisis affects preventive archaeology because of the decrease of investments in the civil engineering sector and the public austerity measures. In other cases the functioning of preventive archaeology is simply prejudiced by new public...
management initiatives. Such deleterious effects can also affect countries which are less affected by the economic crisis. Thus we have to develop strategies to maintain or preserve preventive archaeology whilst its establishment has not been considered as accomplished. At the same time, through the crisis of preventive archaeology, new debates appear about the relation between science and heritage.

Finally, we can ask these questions: What do we really have to maintain? What exactly should we accomplish?

This presentation proposes an analysis of the historic development of preventive archaeology in Switzerland since the end of the 1950s. The particularity of preventive archaeology in Switzerland is its early development under the impetus of a long-term motorway construction programme that has been in progress for 60 years. Another particular characteristic of preventive archaeology in Switzerland is that it is the framework of the Swiss political system in which a Federal State with significant autonomy within the 26 cantons and half-cantons which make up the country. Thus Switzerland can be considered as a "tiny European Union" in the centre of Europe, making it an interesting case for comparative study.

Through this historic analysis we will see that preventive archaeology is the result of a continuous and irregular evolution of different practices and numerous processes. They come from different origins: methodology, science, technique, administration, politics and economics. Consequently, the practice of preventive archaeology has been planned through different organizational approaches. Moreover, it is the political entities responsible for its applications. Therefore, preventive archaeology is an ad hoc monotheistic ideal model to be established. On the contrary, preventive archaeology consists of several paradigmatic principles related to heritage preservation. Moreover, these principles can be applied very differently from one political state to another.

In conclusion, if we accept that the current state of preventive archaeology is not an end in itself but that it constitutes a paradigm of research concerned with the presentation of cultural heritage, we should then recognize that the manner in which preventive archaeology is organized can be regularly re-negotiated within civil society so that it is adapted to the evolution of the research context and, last but not least, to our scientific ambitions.

TH2-19 Abstract 09
The Archaeologies of different times and contexts, as seen from the east part of Western Europe
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After 1945 many new large infrastructural works were necessary in all parts of Europe but only very few development-led large scale projects were accompanied by appropriate rescue excavations. The major political changes around 1990 had a similar impact on economy resulting in a huge amount of new construction activities, first mainly in the east part of Europe. But from the point of view of the archaeological management of large scale invasive developmental projects the economic conditions as well as the societal acceptance after the 1990s differed in comparison with post-war Europe. This may partly be an effect of the Valetta Convention from 1992, which was itself a result of many years of convincing work, but it also coincides with the socio-political and economic changes in East Europe, which surely helped the signature and the later ratification of it. Anyhow the early 1990s represent a radical change in preventive archaeology and the management of large developmental scale projects in all Europe. As Germany has more heritage laws than countries it is impossible to speak for all. Some aspects, activities and problems of development-led large scale archaeological projects will be presented from the point of view of Saxony, a former part of East-Germany.

TH2-19 Abstract 10
Enabling Archaeological Research within a Heritage Management Context: A View from the United States
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In the United States, preventive archaeology is governed largely by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires consideration of heritage resources that may be affected by an undertaking involving federal land. Since the 1980s the Act has undergone significant changes, and in some cases in spectacular fashion affecting the archaeological community. As a result of these changes, it is necessary to continue to enable archaeological research within a heritage management context.
Today, the challenge is to implement the model more (there are some examples in Spain, but very few), and to improve it to include other kinds of measures such as mediation techniques in front of social conflicts with interventions or adequate interpretation systems for this type of archaeological heritage that usually is more difficult to spread than other archaeologies.

TH2-19 Abstract 13
Preventive archaeology from 2010 onwards in Hungary – legal background and the reality
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Hungary has signed the Malta Convention among the first countries (1992), built the Convention’s main principles already into the first cultural heritage law (1997. CXL) issued after the political turn (1989), nonetheless the Convention itself just later (2000) became part of the national legislation. Preventive archaeology – in modern terms – appeared around the 1990s and quickly became the dominant way of excavating, the number of development-led excavations was the highest around 2006/2010. The history of this “evolution” from a few aspects was already discussed by archaeologists mainly in foreign publications, conferences (e.g. EPAC, EAC volumes, ACE project) – unfortunately such a debate is still missing on national level, the characteristic elements of this process, the special interest of the different actors have not yet been analysed. In this paper we focus on the period from about 2010 till now, the period that is characterised by a radical re/disorganisation of heritage administration under the aegis of the overall government-reform, the shutdown of the INRAP-like field service (established in 2007). The recent changes (including the accreditation of excavation institutions and firms) foster the building up a free-market like system in case of development-led large scale excavations; legal “reforms” were introduced in favour of better predictable excavations and investments and for the “benefit” of the citizen. We try to confront theory and practice to outline the problems that should be resolved.

TH2-19 Abstract 14
French preventive archaeology in a European context
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Since 2001 French state decided to create a national institute to lead preventive archaeology. With more than ten years of exercise, through crisis and political changes, the Institute evolved and learned from these changes. Looking across Europe, French model still looks singular both from is accomplishments and failures. This presentation, comparing European situations with the French one, consists of a critical analysis of the French example. From this base, it proposes some common lines to be discussed at a European level. Each of these lines seem to take us to a central starting-point question: why is preventive archaeology done in our countries and how can we collectively answer this question?

TH2-19 Abstract 15
Is Preventive Archaeology viable in time of crisis?
The Greek experience
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Presentation Preference - Oral
The paper presents the state of preventive archaeology in Greece within the context of the most serious economic and social crisis since the end of the Civil War in 1949. Archaeology in Greece is traditionally and legally closely involved in the State apparatus, a reality which is enhanced by the corporatism of the state archaeologists. However, the urgency of the economic crisis hitting Greece hard since 2009, and the recently added huge refugee crisis is putting a dangerous strain on archaeology. Is state archaeology going to survive the crisis?

TH2-19 Abstract 16
Is preventive archaeology compatible with scientific research?
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Preventive archaeology is now, in Europe, certainly the main source of archaeological data, about 90% in some countries, and each European country has a more or less strong legislation about archaeology and cultural heritage. A common point of these laws is the possibility of a commercial archaeology beside an academic one. Therefore many private companies have emerged especially since 2000. But preventive archaeology has been strongly affected by the global economic crisis since 2008. In this paper I will examine if preventive archaeology is efficient in a scientific point of view, not only in a cultural heritage point of view, in western Europe and especially in France.

TH2-19 Abstract 17
Birth and infant death of preventive archaeology in Italy
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The consequences of the crisis - far from being outdated - led to a profound rethinking of the methodological, social and institutional framework in which archaeological discipline has operated in recent years on a European level. For a large majority of EU countries, this framework had its political and legislative basis in the Malta Convention of 1992.
A profound change has occurred in the 24 years since the Convention, particularly in the past 8-10 years, which have witnessed a rapid change in the framework of reference from multiple points of view.
The philosophical-political context has changed: with the beginning of the new millennium, the policy documents concerning cultural heritage, on both a European and international level, have made a radical shift away from the previous approach focused on objects, sites monuments towards a conception of heritage founded upon the demands, expectations, interests and needs of the populations.
Almost simultaneously, a gradual, but extensive redefinition of the spaces of public intervention in all sectors has taken place throughout Europe. This has made it necessary to redesign the institutional framework of archaeological practices in many EU countries.
The situation in Italy is at the same time specific and exemplary: the grotesque delay in the ratification of the Malta Convention, which took place only recently - May 2016 – reflects how far behind legislation is in general when it comes to archaeology. There is no specific legislation and archaeological practices are governed by directives that are highly ambiguous, when not downright conspiratorial, archaic, manifestly insufficient and ridiculously and pointlessly restrictive (e.g. the limitation of prior verification procedures to public works only, the only case in Europe). The drafts of the guidelines on preventive archaeology which we have been waiting for since 2006, do not appear likely to fulfill the expectations of an entire sector that has been struggling for years amidst a deep economic crisis affecting all the players involved: from developers to professional archaeologists, from universities to the Ministry of Cultural Heritage.
In this situation the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage undertook since 2014 a reform of its internal structure. A new step of which has been undertaken in January 2016.
This new Decree radically changes the structure of the protection and conservation Offices. Archaeological Superintendencies lose their autonomy and come unified with Landscape and Arts Superintendencies. As regards the preventive archaeology, the synergy between the Ministry reform and the revision of the Procurement Code could mean the totally deregulation of this sector with a devastating impact on landscape and archaeological heritage safeguarding.
Despite the different national contexts, these are phenomena of a transnational nature. They must thus be addressed on a European level, at least from a cultural and political perspective, if we are to have a hope not only of grasping the underlying reasons for the changes that have occurred and are still underway, but also of coming up with some proposals for orienting the evolution of future processes in a direction favourable (or less unfavorable) to our archaeological heritage.

TH2-19 Abstract 18
How Scientifically based Archaeology can assist Commercial Archaeological units to save money
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Generally, commercial archaeological units in the United Kingdom perceive field archaeology in general; and osteological, zoological, ceramic and of course geophysical analysis as tried and trusted good things. The basic dig it collect what is there as finds, wash the finds and have experts look at them and give dates and functions for the various layers and a real interpretation can be applied satisfactory to all.

Now of this of course relies on good scientific techniques, it is comparison archaeology and relies on experience and gained know how and personal interpretation. Modern archaeology has made great strides in adopting a more vigorous approach to the process of interpretation. Thus Specialists and technician capable of performing Geochemical, X-ray, Geological, Landscape and Environmental analysis are viewed with suspicion and are perceived as being expensive, confusing in the ambiguity, and perceived as costly and not commercially justifiable.

Commercial units want cheap labour, trained in a few cost effective techniques that lead to lower costs and higher profits based on archaeological methodology that would not have seemed out of place in the 1960’s. This paper aims with the aid of a few case studies to show that this perspective is incorrect and in fact good and thoughtful application of scientific archaeology can not only establish where and what archaeology is on the site with minimal intervention, but in combination with geophysical analysis can establish the best and most cost effective way to investigate and evaluate it. This is not to say the numerous 30m or 50m x 2 m trenches across a site on a consultant whim doesn’t work but I will argue that a targeted environmental and scientific preliminary investigation will lead to a more cost effective and beneficial method of examining our historic environment to the benefit of all.

Preventive archaeology in Austria

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The present article deals with the structural changes that have taken place within Austria’s archaeological heritage management in the last few years. Issues such as the current state of human resources and general tasks of the Federal Monuments Office’s Archaeological Department are covered. Special emphasis is placed on the rise of commercial archaeology as well as on the application of scientific archaeology that can not only establish where and what archaeology is on the site with minimal intervention, but which is vital in establishing the best and most cost effective way to investigate and evaluate the site. This is not to say that the numerous 30m or 50m x 2 m trenches across a site on a consultant whim’s work will not work but I will argue that a targeted environmental and scientific preliminary investigation will lead to a more cost effective and beneficial method of examining our historic environment to the benefit of all.

Destination management of heritage sites and towns in Croatia

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The paper focuses on the present state regarding integrated destination management of heritage sites and towns in Croatia, reviewing a number of recent attempts at broad-scale participative approach integrating needs, wishes and particularities of different stakeholders. In certain cases, the general collaborative framework introduced by a few key stakeholders in the circle including archaeologists, conservators, tourism specialists, local administrative units, civic sector and local community proved an excellent guiding light toward a common goal of integrated management aimed at sustainable development of archaeological sites as dynamic factors in the tourism business at local, regional and national levels. In certain other cases, in which these different voices were not fully heeded and particular interests took precedence, archaeological tourism as a practice often left much to be desired. The authors, directors of two major Croatian archaeological museums (in Zagreb and Pula respectively) draw on their experience in the project management of heritage attractions, with a view to contributing to the discussion towards creating European guidelines for archaeological tourism, as proposed by the session organizers.
the heritage of Emona into the life of modern Ljubljana, and to enable this, the renovation of infrastructure in the park was carried out, together with interpretative aids and public programmes. As tourists were one of the weakest groups of our visitors, we designed a marketing plan with them in mind, and started to collaborate with the local tourist board, Tourism Ljubljana, and designed a tourist programme together. We also included local entrepreneurs and artists in some other programmes and workshops. Owing to these changes and endeavours, we had a 25% growth in foreign visitors to the Park. However, we did experience tensions and misunderstandings due to differences in understanding of archaeological heritage as a source, in ways of exploiting it, and the scope and size of the possibilities. We think those conflicts and solutions employed make a good starting point for a debate, and a very useful experience for planning the development of Archaeological Park Emona and similar enterprises in the future.

TH2-20 Abstract 03
Looking for archaeology in an official tourism sustainable method.

Examples from two Spanish villages

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One of the most important topics to analyze the relationship between Archaeology and tourism is the study of its role under the parameters of touristic agents. In this context, our research team has had the opportunity to collaborate with an enterprise in an experimental project to the Spanish Ministry of Industry. The methodology is based on other European systems, especially The European tourism indicator system for sustainable destinations (ETIS), which is being experimentally tested in several towns across Europe.

This project tries to validate the utility of an official method to analyze sustainable tourism in towns. The work is coordinated by enterprise in urban regeneration and participatory processes who have tested this methodology in two villages with a rich cultural heritage: Cazorla (Andalusia) and Sigüenza (Castilla La Mancha).

As part of a strategy of collaboration between the University Madrid and an enterprise to introduce innovation and research, we have proposed and introduced some novelties to the official methodology. Specifically, we are trying to improve the role of cultural heritage: Cazorla (Andalusia) and Sigüenza (Castilla La Mancha).

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TH2-20 Abstract 04
Crossing borders along the Dutch Limes - How the famous Roman barges of Zwammerdam support people with multiple disabilities

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The Roman frontier fort of Zwammerdam is one of the sites along the Lower German limes, along the river Rhine in the west of the Netherlands. Beside a military fort six Roman shipwrecks are discovered. These ships represent the typical character of the Lower German limes as a river frontier, built in wetland, serving as a main transport route connecting the Germanic and Gallic hinterland with the North Sea basin. For this reason the ships play a principal role in the tourist-oriented development of the Lower German limes connected to the UNESCO Jutish-Roman programme.

The ships were found on the estate Hooge Burch, now owned by Ipsie de Bruggen, an institute for people with multiple disabilities. Due to new medical insights and growing individualism, ideas have now changed regarding the relationship between clients and the rest of society. Cuts in health care also influence local changes and the treatments available. This and other developments made Ipsie de Bruggen decide to realise more interaction between clients and visitors on the Hooge Burch.

The ambitions of both the limes network and Ipsie de Bruggen resulted in a joint venture on the Hooge Burch, with the objective of establishing a first-class visitors center combining an exhibition with a Roman trail on the Roman part of the estate. After forty years, the discovery of the Roman barges has led to the realisation of a first-class limes visitor center, partly run by people with mental and physical disabilities. Limes Visitor’s Centre NIMH will open its doors at April 15th 2016.

TH2-20 Abstract 05
From the ground up: Experiencing Romania through excavations at Halmyris in the Danube Delta

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The concept of archaeological tourism, or tourism based on the experiencing of an 'authentic' past through the viewing of archaeological sites (Timothy and Boyd 2006), is a distinctly Western phenomenon derived from nationalistic capitalism which encourages heritage consumption (Rowan and Baram 2004). There are obvious challenges in the display of heritage specifically for monetary profit, a practice which often silences alternative versions of the past (see e.g. Watt 2000). This does not, however, negate the potential benefits for archaeological tourism, rather it gives us an opportunity for finding new ways of encouraging a more holistic cross-cultural interaction. This paper presents one potential good practice example—an ongoing project in Romania advocating for cultural awareness by encouraging a participatory version of archaeological tourism through field school attendance.

Since 2012 an international management team has run a not-for-profit archaeological field school at Halmyris, a Roman legionary fort in the Danube Delta. The costs for student volunteers are kept minimal and with an average of 25-30 participants each season we are able to independently finance the excavations and sustain the program. We do attract a number of undergraduates, MA students, and PhD students from archaeology and related disciplines; however, since 2014 we had 10 volunteers who are decisively atypical. Ranging from 54 years old to 77, and hailing from New Zealand, Australia, North America, France, and the UK we find our project decidedly enhanced by the presence of retired folk eager for new life experiences. They have chosen to help excavate a site which goes a step past comparatively passive tourism to what I term participatory archaeological tourism. By engaging directly with excavations at Halmyris this demographic is able to not only live alongside rural Danubian fishermen, but gain new skills and most importantly a newfound understanding of heritage displays and the social context of the past. I believe this is one model which may be of use for other developing projects looking to finance excavation and engage alternative audiences.

In this paper I will examine both the challenges and the benefits for the project in welcoming this demographic of field volunteers, and reflect on the unique experience of Romans they are able to gain through participatory archaeological tourism.


TH2-20 Abstract 06
Unexpected experiences

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Creating meaningful experiences for the general public should be the primary aim of cultural tourism. When securing quality in these meaningful experiences it is crucial to start cooperating with the specialists so that this side is also in cooperation in the project making.

Actually we choose to take the challenge one step further by creating a project that combines archaeology, art and tourism on equal terms.

The project is called eScape and can be seen as a concept that is all about combining art, archaeology, past and present. Creating and communicating art on sites with strong archaeological evidence in combination with the scientific archaeological excavations.

The location and the landscape is the raison d'être of the project - and locals as well as tourists are given the opportunity to experience landscape storytelling combined with world history interpreted by modern art. eScape brings out art and cultural heritage “on location”, away from the walls of the museum, creating a phenomenological space where nature, art and cultural heritage meet and communicate with one another, giving visitors unique and unexpected experiences.
Managing the archaeological heritage in the context of archaeological museums in Poland

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Whereas previous studies in tourism promoted vision, current research claims a holistic approach to sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch in order to develop effective communication with visitors and create conditions to enhance tourist experiences. Consequently, sensory aspects of tourism have recently been in focus as an important dimension in the process of facilitating positive tourist experiences. Among others, also the archaeological museums embrace resources rich in multi-sensory stimuli that are more often utilized in the planning and marketing of appealing tourist experiences.

This paper aims to present the “sensory site” of archaeological museums in Poland. The key axis of considerations is choosing to which degree they respond to the sensory tourism tendencies. The trends discussed are illustrated by selected examples. I am referring here to the long-established archaeological museums in Poland as well as newly-open exhibitions as “Following the traces of the European Identity of Dacrai”, as well as innovative trends such as those realised in the “World of the Slavs and Vikings” or “The Slav Myth”. It is not a systematic analysis, but shows certain noticeable trends in archaeology museums: in the presentation of the artefacts, in educational projects, including the introduction of reconstructions, reenactments, museum lessons, etc. It also addresses the issue of a modern technology offering a visitor a different perspective on the confrontation with archaeology and monuments. It also raises some crucial questions, for example, how contemporary archaeological museums support the multisensory nature of tourist experiences? If the measures undertaken are to make the exhibited artefacts more attractive, or whether they are competing with IP? Are the new ways of exhibiting and presenting knowledge about the past drawing society closer, encouraging aesthetic experiences with relics of the past, the discovery of ancestors and increasing scientific knowledge? Or do they turn attention away from the items on display? Finally, what is the real purpose of the “sensory” development of contemporary museums?

Museums in Central Asia: The Role of Cultural Institutions in disseminating Information

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The countries of Central Asia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, or Uzbekistan have great tourist potential both for foreign visitors and companies who might be interested in investing in tourism. A key factor making the place so attractive for tourists is its history, starting with the Silk Road, which dates back to Roman times (Buyers, 2003), continuing with renowned festivals, the historical recreations, etc. Interest in historical events, and also for the general public, willing to know more about this period of our history, the popular tourist sites, for potential tourists in order to attract them. The issue of competitiveness of the museums on the digital level and the issue of archaeological museums in the countries of Central Asia are able to adopt effective strategies to facilitate access to information.

The aim of the paper is to present our investigation of the potential role of a historical route as a language learning and culture acquisition tool. The Route of the Błon Bridges refers to Wellington’s retreat in 1812 from Burgos to Portugal after the month-long siege of Burgos had proved to be too tough a target. While retreating, and to avoid being trapped by the French army, Wellington ordered that several bridges on the Cantón, Pauerna, Duro and Tommas rivers were blown. Through ‘the worst scare I was ever in’ – as Wellington put it – the allied army gained a moral dominance over the French not renouncing to it ever again.

The analysis of the museography and other landmarks of the route will demonstrate how fascinating the itinerary is and as a means to relive the historic epic of the Napoleonic Europe both for the foreign contemporary traveler, often learned and with great interest in historical events, and also for the general public, wishing to know more about this period of our history, the popular festivals, the historical recreations, etc.

As part of an ongoing project devoted to the planning, design and digitalization of materials called Touring the Battlefield: The Peninsular War in Castilla y Leon, our didactic proposal covers language use, cultural knowledge and intercultural competence, while contributing to the valorization and management of our region cultural landscapes.
Managing the archaeological heritage

The research-presentation multidisciplinary approach - Symbiosis in Starigrad, Croatia

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Presentation Preference - Poster

Bearing in mind the positive results of the cooperation between the Starigrad Tourist Board, the Starigrad primary school, the Institute of Archaeology and the Archaeological museum in Zagreb (e.g. publications of research results, a series of lectures for students, the creation of interpretative boards and a preliminary presentation plan, presentational activities, the active involvement of the local community), and considering plans for future spatial research and thereby connected presentation of zones round the site of the Sr. Trojca hill fort, the Museum succeeded in its intention to raise awareness of the local population and the governing bodies about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the area, and to actively include the community into the forming of its presentation through education activities. In the long run, the Museum wishes to include all potential stakeholders – cultural and natural heritage-related institutions (Palenica Nature Park, Velabli Nature Park, Archaeological museum in Zadar), as equal partners, in order to act in synergy to enrich the existing tourist offer of the Starigrad Municipality, to achieve their own Missions, and, through a contemporary and innovative approach, to enable for the creation of a kind of museum in the open which would, inside its invisible walls, inseparably connect and communicate the rich natural and cultural heritage of the entire Starigrad area in an interesting and inspiring way.

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This synergistic, general-heritage and interinstitutional approach includes all three functions of heritage-related institutions (research, preservation and communication) for the overall benefit of the local community and society as a whole.

ATL THE WAY TO SUSTAINABILITY

TH2-21 Abstract 01
Sustainable Heritage and archaeology: a blessing or a curse?

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Keywords: Archaeology, Heritage, sustainability

Presentation Preference - Oral

This aim of this short and reflexive presentation is to encourage to even more reactivity. The paper has been encouraged after a vivid and constructive debate on the academia.edu site initiated by the session organisers. Many people within archaeology and heritage management have commented and given their experiential point of views on the matter of Sustainability. What is "Sustainable Archaeology"? Or even a Sustainable Heritage? Is it really a matter of Heritage? Who's Heritage? Or is it a matter of how we can protect and ensure the survival of the discipline of archaeology for future generations?

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TH2-21 Abstract 02
The first step on the way to sustainability: understanding the structure of land development

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Keywords: Archaeology and Heritage on the Way to Sustainability, development, earthworks, sustainability

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An Archaeology of Stains. Sustainability and Responsibility in Facing Painful Heritage

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Presentation Preference - Oral

While thinking about the archaeology’s capacity to endure at the time when it is facing as well old as new constraints together with requirements and pressure to ‘perform’ and to ‘be socially useful’, two aspects demand discussion and comparative studies: the actual participation and efficiency of archaeologists in ‘cultural heritage management’ and失利 (1) impact of archaeology on that, what is perceived as the ‘Heritage’ by the local and global communities. Unfortunately, we are not the perfect one in taking into account social preferences. At least in Eastern Europe.

However, starting from what I have available, and treating symptoms as informative, I assume that it is worth to focus archaeological attention on the material remains of the XX Century. Some of them already became or soon will become the subjects of the archaeological studies. They are the creations of both the righteous (fair, legitimate etc.) and filthy (unjust, gory etc.) events. In general, the first category can be seen as recognized and widely described historically, while the second is still shrouded in uncertainties and hesitations. It also induces growing public interest and can be described metaphorically as the ‘black stains’. In the ‘Archeology of the Black Stains’ the phrase ‘black stains’ is understood as the ‘white stains’. That which is associated with the painful past can be described as the ‘black stains’.

In my presentation I will expose that dimension of the concept of sustainability of archaeology, on which as the crucial can be seen the potential of archaeology in exploring those ‘stains’ - within the recent past history. In other words I will try to present the merits - of archaeologists’ ability to define reflectively and responsibly with the material dimensions of ‘stains’ as with the worth high attention phenomena of the ‘enduring materiality’ and - of the growing readiness of archaeologies to be socially useful when dealing with the ‘traces of the discarded’ or unspeakable. To do so, I will refer to the specified cases of archaeological inquiry from Poland. To exemplify some of the nuanced arguments, the outcomes of the ongoing project titled ‘Archaeological revival of memory of the Great War. Material remains of the life and death in trenches of the Eastern Front and the condition of the ever changing battlefield in the region of the Raewa and Bursa rivers’ will be presented. That transdisciplinary project deals with the unique assemblages simultaneously neglected and marked by wars/sensitive.

Additionally, in relations to the current calls in the human sciences for a “return to things”, “evidential turn”, “tirenic turn”, seem equally important as the still growing public needs for “a visible, valuable, tangible, touchable past”. I will elaborate the reasons for which the Galicianian question on the ways in which knowledge and its effects are affiliated remains central. I will also discuss why material remains, especially those excluded and those difficult to be grasped in words, situate archaeology in position of the discipline necessary or and hardy for the flexible form on the quaintly understanding - the stains.

Galicia and the Basque Country (Spain): Sustainable Archaeology in small sustainable countries?

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Spanish Commercial Archaeology lived its golden age between 1990 and 2007. This activity was closely linked with the current model of economic development in Spain, based on speculation and enormous, both private and public constructive activity. The strongest sector for the Evaluation and Correction of archaeological impact served to absorb the skilled labor force formed by the new generations of archaeologists from the universities.

The economic crisis of 2008 had dire consequences for the Spanish Archaeology. The State paralyzed research, universities were left without resources, scientists emigrated abroad and the archaeological market virtually disappeared by paralyzing the construction boom. Although this fact has hurt the archaeological profession, in these seven years have also emerged process served as an opportunity for Sustainable Archaeology. Thus, the economic crisis led to a political crisis that has led to social movement and claiming an active role as a tool for sustainable development. Politicians, residents, associations and patrons need archaeologists to start projects enhancement of Heritage.

To analyze this phenomenon in our communication we show how it is developing this renewed Community Archaeology in two similar contexts, yet very different. The Basque Country and Galicia are two historic nationalities that make up the Spanish State, two small Atlantic countries do not reach 3 million people, with a culture that differentiates them from the rest of Spain. At both sites the Archaeological Heritage has played a key role as a marker of identity and tourist resource.

Galicia is a country whose oldest population and its industrial structure are disappearing and survives thanks to European subsidies. After decades of failed policies of sustainable rural development in these years of crisis local governments and civil society are the Community Archaeology a useful tool for the enhancement of Heritage. This reality has opened a new market for archaeologists of Galicia. Meanwhile the Basque Country, who lived since the Industrial Revolution in the late nineteenth century, is the richest region of Spain. The political weight of Basque nationalism has resulted in the strengthening of public policies that encourage the development of local production. Basque politics supports research to enhance and internationalize its economy. Such as livestock, wine production, fishing and tourism, Cultural Heritage is a strategic sector. In turn, today, the development of public policy for reports on the political violence of the twentieth century has opened up a whole field of work for the Archaeology of Contemporary Past becomes a tool for sustainable development (and peace).

Are we all archaeologists now? – the question asked by C. Holtorf (2015) in Journal of Contemporary Archaeology clearly describes the expandability and transformation of what archaeology is thought to be today. It is no longer just a discipline which deals with the past and its material remains, nor is it a field of knowledge which is interested only in the ancient or prehistoric societies. Researchers became more aware that archaeology to be sustainable must respond to the problems and needs of the contemporary world and that it cannot be a closed academic discipline understood only by them. Therefore, noticing that the strict binary oppositions of nature and culture, heritage and rubbish, preservation and ruination as well as past and present are questioned nowadays, archaeologists must have adapted their research questions to the changing world. Thus some of them turned to the field which strongly refers to the living communities, their memories, experiences and needs, and which relates to the problems of the contemporary world (e.g. migrations, ecology, war, industrialisation) – the so-called ‘contemporary archaeology’.

In my presentation I would like to present contemporary archaeology as a field which, in Poland, aroused from the societal expectations and is a way of responding to them. I also would like to describe strategies of experiencing the past and heritage that are undertaken in the contemporary societies which strictly relate to contemporary archaeology and research questions which this field ask (here the Polish perspective will be especially stressed). Therefore, topics of the meaning and value of heritage in the contemporary world, as well as, social needs towards our discipline within the context of contemporary archaeology will be raised here.
observation, surveys and participatory walks have been used as methods to enable us to expand into new contexts in which interactions between individuals and heritage could be examined. In this presentation we describe some of the methodological strategies used; preliminary results will be presented in order to reflect on the difficulties in encompassing the different agents - government, academia, ruins and people - that interact in the urban context.

TH2-21 Abstract 07
The past in the future: archaeology, heritage and sustainable development in Laconia, Greece

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In the last three decades, the realization that archaeologists have to engage in dialogue with the local communities is growing, and new fields such as Public Archaeology or Community Archaeology are establishing themselves as separate sub-fields of practice and theoretical reflection. At the same time, the current financial crisis (especially felt in southern Europe, but also in the Humanities and the Arts sector) forces us to find alternative and responsible ways to boost local development.

The main argument presented in this paper is that archaeology can contribute to sustainable local development, but it should do so as part of a theoretically informed, socially engaged and carefully researched multidisciplinary project which combines archaeology, history, ethnography and social theory. This can be achieved by:

- if we investigate the social and political conditions within which attitudes to the past have been formed and within which notions of local, national, or world heritage have defined;
- if we engage with social problems in the present, and;
- if we contribute to the formulation of a vision for responsible growth in the future, by means of a dialogue with the local communities and the policy makers responsible for the study and management of the archaeological heritage in the area.

The discussion will focus on Laconia, a region of southern Greece. The argument proceeds in four stages:

1. The discussion of shifting attitudes to the past both in relation to hegemonic discourse as shaped by classical scholarship, national education and national ideology, but also in relation to folk culture (local legends and fairy tales) and recent influences such as film, comics, the souvenir industry and the internet.

2. The discussion of local perceptions of the past by means of a programme of archaeological (visual) ethnography. Special attention is given to educational programmes for school children presented in the local museums and archaeological sites, as these provide the formation of local perceptions of archaeology and archaeologists.

3. A discussion of the main problems faced by the local communities, the endemic causes of exclusion and underdevelopment as well as the further deterioration during the current financial and political crisis.

4. The formulation of a vision for sustainable growth and for alternative forms of tourism (e.g. agritourism, ecotourism, cultural tourism, etc.), and the need for the creation of collaborative structures which can unleash local creative potential and act as a platform for the exchange of ideas.

TH2-21 Abstract 08
Here I live - interpretations of the past present and future

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In the suburban area Bergsjön in Gothenburg you will find an ancient remain - a stone Age chamber grave from about 1800 B.C. This suburb is considered one of the most troublesome within the city of Gothenburg. It is dominated by different groups of immigrants and there have been a lot of incidents of shooting and criminal activities in the area. There are also a high number of youngsters from this area that have joined ISIS. There is therefore a great need of supportive and positive actions and perspectives considering sustainability in this area. According to The Swedish Heritage Conservation Act heritage belongs to everyone, and protecting and preserving the historic environment is a responsibility shared by every member of society. But, the question is if anyone living in the area of Bergsjön today is aware of this and if the pile of stones matter to anyone living close to the remains. An experimental signage and interpretation project will take place during spring 2016 involving the children the area, the housing company and others. An aim of the project is to make a place for storytelling and pedagogical activities for the schools and the inhabitants in the area and to make archaeology a part of the local society for a sustainable future.

TH2-21 Abstract 09
Integration of cultural & natural heritage management, developing content for blended learning

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Frequently, heritage management professionals are not all too familiar with topics that are not directly related to their own domains. The binary separation of ‘natural’ and ‘cultural’ landscape results problematic in national and international legal and administrative frameworks involving planning and development.

The improvement of knowledge for landscape management and protection of archaeological and natural heritage is a necessity. In this context, the Archaeological & Natural Heritage project (ANHer) focuses on increasing knowledge and skills for professionals working in the archaeological and natural heritage sectors in Europe. The project aims to fill a gap that is not covered by traditional forms of training. Within the project, six European partners develop a variety of integrated educational e-learning materials designed to treat important facets of both sectors. The project contributes to the development of improved methods and content of higher education and vocational training in the field of heritage. The digital method ensures that the ongoing changes that concern the protection and management of archaeological and natural heritage are connected with education that is useful and up-to-date. The online modules address the rapidly changing modes of protection and management for the archaeological and natural heritage sectors, as well as the significance of integrated heritage in spatial planning and regional development policies. This includes the role of built heritage in urban planning and local and regional heritage policies in Europe.

The basic principle is that through a better understanding of the importance of archaeological and natural heritage, for a variety of different environments, sustainable landscape management can be realised. This project aims to provide an organisational structure for continuous training and a technical infrastructure for blended learning that will benefit the various labour markets.

TH2-21 Abstract 10
Linking efforts towards a new vision: new learning methods in Heritage

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Contemporary thinking about heritage incorporates a wide range of realities with important economic consequences and which create new socio-economic relationships. Frequently, heritage management professionals are not familiar with the topics that are not directly related to their professional domains. In this context, the development of the project Innovative format of education and training of the integrated archaeological and natural heritage (AnHer) funded by the European Commission (Erasmus + 2014-1-PL-KA202-003585) aims to improve skills relating to this wide vision of heritage for practitioners working in both the archaeological and the natural heritage sectors. This objective means that the project aims to fill a gap not covered by traditional training systems.

The project is producing a range of innovative didactic materials which bring together an integrated vision of heritage. The binary separation of ‘natural’ and ‘cultural’ landscape results problematic in national and international legal and administrative frameworks and complicates the practice of planning and development.

The project will explicitly address challenges and needs of a vocational education and training (VET) using different methods of distance learning. The didactic content is being produced by applying innovative practices in education and training and providing the opportunity for personalised learning approaches and collaborative work. All newly produced didactic materials will be stored in an online Content Repository. Flexible content authored supported by the web-based Content Repository software enables the storage and processing of distance learning content in a SCORM standard, to facilitate its further expansion and management.

The training materials aim to cover the needs of rapidly changing practices in the protection and management of archaeological and natural heritage, as well as recognising the significance of integrated heritage in spatial planning and regional development policies. These materials have been produced following the detailed analysis of the state-of-the-art of training in both heritage fields and the analysis of existing training courses. These analyses made it possible to define the didactical needs of these groups and to apply this in terms of the design of new training contents and methods. The didactic materials cover the most appealing issues of an integrated approach to conservation and management of archaeological and natural heritage and its impact upon planning policies and development. The e-learning modules will aim to improve the competence of professionals employed in both heritage sectors and in local administrations, who may not have been previously trained in the area that they have to make important decisions about.
Humanities research perspectives on contemporary society are currently “hot topics” on the European scientific agenda. This theme seeks to examine how archaeological knowledge is used and re-used in contemporary society; how archaeological heritage is valued; how additional values are created; how archaeologists can participate in creative cultural life, activity and business. The theme seeks to define how solutions for contemporary societal challenges are promoted and supported by the role of IT based networks of knowledge in society. In that context the theme seeks to define what current questions are important for understanding the social role of archaeology.

This theme invites scientists, researchers and practitioners interested in the current and potential use of archaeology as a tool for informing positive public memory and memory institutions. The theme also invites archaeologists who participate in Horizon 2020 projects related to section “Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies; narratives, identities, participatory culture and creative collaboration; medias and social networking; innovation; current definitions of social capital and broader economic impact; and exclusion; links to creative and cultural industries; social and cultural as taught in formal field schools or lab training courses in archaeology degrees; or more informal training in practical skills in extracurricular activities or in the archaeological workplace, we intend to examine different national practices, qualifications awarded or achieved, how training, whether formal or informal is recorded, and whether practical skills training is recognised in career progression and salaries. We would like to examine best practice examples and discuss problems that may occur during or with practical skills training provision, and discuss whether developing more extensive transnational best practice guidance or codes of practice would be of interest to EAA members.

In its annual round table, the Committee for the Teaching and Training of Archaeologists is planning to discuss practical skills training in archaeology. We intend to review the EAA Code of Practice for Fieldwork Training and discuss all aspects related to the teaching and training of practical archaeological skills in Europe and beyond. Whether it is fieldwork or laboratory skills as taught in formal field schools or lab training courses in archaeology degrees; or more informal training in practical skills in extracurricular activities or in the archaeological workplace, we intend to examine different national practices, qualifications awarded or achieved, how training, whether formal or informal is recorded; and whether practical skills training is recognised in career progression and salaries. We would like to examine best practice examples and discuss problems that may occur during or with practical skills training provision, and discuss whether developing more extensive transnational best practice guidance or codes of practice would be of interest to EAA members.

This theme invites archaeologists who participate in Horizon 2020 projects related to section “Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies” and COST action “Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health”.

Keywords: practical skills, standards, training
This page contains abstracts from a conference or workshop on archaeological perspectives and heritage. The abstracts are grouped by session and topic, covering a range of themes including theoretical and methodological perspectives, archaeological border studies, and the impact of Daesh on cultural heritage. The abstracts discuss topics such as the role of archaeology in modern society, the impact of archaeological practice on local and global communities, and the challenges posed by heritage security and protection.

Session TH3: Theoretical and methodological perspectives in archaeology
Title: From the Colosseum to Palmyra: Appropriation and Ownership of Archaeological Heritage in a Global World
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Session TH4: Archaeological border studies: the impact of the Roman Frontier on the present immigration crisis
Title: Developing Politics and Attitudes towards Cultural Heritage in Turkey
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Affiliation: [University]

Session TH5: Understanding and managing heritage in a changing world
Title: Valorising & other policies: economic use of the Colosseum or cultural experience for visitors?
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A hot topic of debate in the agenda of Institutions and associations in the field of both tourism and cultural heritage, the present-day administration of the Colosseum and other archaeological sites of Rome may represent a meaningful model for analyzing the value acquired by heritage and archaeology in contemporary Italian society. The Italian word “valorizzazione” (enhancement and promotion), in the mind of lawmakers, is meant to connect the intrinsic value - historical, archaeological, cultural in a wider sense - of the heritage with the economic return of its exploitation. During these recent years, though, in the wake of mass tourism, marketing strategies (“exploitation”) are growing in importance with respect to the cultural issues which should appeal visitors (“valorizzazione”), for instance, temporary exhibitions of questionable scientific contents are promoted as a way to increase entrance fees, while panels and other educational tools seem to be inadequate to the audience needs. As a result, in other terms, is there the strong risk of a mere economic use devoid of real cultural contents and intentions? On the other hand, what does the general public (in this case study meant as foreigner tourists in Rome) perceive when visiting Rome? Is the Colosseum simply a “must-see” destination or a real “cultural experience”?

This speech is aimed to shedding light to the situation as per public commitment of Institutions, real or presumed enhancement of the heritage in cultural terms, expectations of visitors and their fulfillment. At the purpose, the authors propose an investigation about more recent policies of investment and enhancement; a statistical analysis of the perception of the public through a survey led on site will be presented. In conclusion, considerations about the role archaeologists may and should play in these various regards will be drawn, under the peculiar perspective of the authors who experience archaeology both in an academic and scientific way, and working as official tourist guides of Rome.

TH3-02 Abstract 05
Interpretative appropriation as religious utopia: Illyrian mythology after communism

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Presentation Preference: Oral

In trying to shift the discourse of Albanian spiritual identity away from a democratic revival of main religious traditions and possible political institutionalizations of culture, a fragment of the academic world hypothesizes for historical spiritual independence. “Art’s priority [that] has to do with the personal; that which is interior or immanent; that which is one’s experienced relationship with the sacred; and that wisdom or knowledge which derives from such experiences (Helas, 2001).”

In this paper I maintain that Albanian analysts are fashioning a post-communist academic discourse in favor of the construction of a unique vernacular transcendental tradition. To highlight the above mentioned casuistry, I reconsider the present day focus on Illyrian origin mythology as informative of distinctive heritage and ancient Greek syncretism. To this aim, I contend that efforts for the creation of a discursive platform on vernacular traditions are paradoxical due to the fact that they make the case for a new utopia, similar to the Albanian experience of what Schumpeter asserted to be a Marxist religion. The latter made reference to the everyday life, while constructing evidence for historical pasts that recalled its ideology and values (Qendro, 2014). Moreover, a focus on the vernacular is purported as inclusive of Albanian “metaphysical believers” (Helas, 2011) into global postmodern discourses on faith, while it provides a rationale for dissipative “apofatic respirtualization (Haynes, 2011).”

TH3-02 Abstract 06
Alatri in the Sky with Diamonds

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In the last decades, thanks to stratigraphic excavations and associated pottery analysis, many Italian opus quadratum monuments have been correctly dated to the Republican Era, deconstructing thus the idea of their belonging to the Archaic period or even earlier. Alatri, a well-known archaeological site close to Rome, is a paradigmatic example of new methods proving wrong old chronologies and theories. The polygonal walls of the city and its acropolis, indeed, date to the 3rd century BC proving wrong earlier. Alatri, a well-known archeological site close to Rome, is a paradigmatic example of new methods proving wrong earlier chronologies and theories. This new chronological and cultural framework for the old city sparked a new chronological and cultural framework for the old city sparking a new creative process and promoting a new utopia, similar to the Albanian experience of what Schumpeter asserted to be a Marxist religion. The latter is aimed at presenting the situation as per public commitment of Institutions, real or presumed enhancement of the heritage in cultural terms, expectations of visitors and their fulfillment. At the purpose, the authors propose an investigation about more recent policies of investment and enhancement; a statistical analysis of the perception of the public through a survey led on site will be presented. In conclusion, considerations about the role archaeologists may and should play in these various regards will be drawn, under the peculiar perspective of the authors who experience archaeology both in an academic and scientific way, and working as official tourist guides of Rome.

TH3-02 Abstract 07
The past as a Consuming Object

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Consuming society is a society within all agents and individuals are being encouraged to sell, buy and consume things. In such a society, firstly, all the phenomena would change into a commodity while it also put the individuals in endless networks of things, icons. Gradually, consuming changed into a social performance in which the actors are all the human being living in the society. Being consumed, the objective past is being transformed into an everyday commodity and sell in below manner:

- Politically, the past is being applied in order to conform the society or propagate an especial type of identity.
- The past can be used also as a luxury presenting status distinction. Museums and galleries, the new context of ancient objects, let middle and well-off classes to own or observe the “glory” of the past.
- Artistically, lots of archaeological objects are being used to design new logos, fashion and souvenirs. In such a way, the object takes new iconic meanings, a recent one.
- A very modern use of the past represents in the form of vandalism. According to Freud, part of human instinct is always eager to destruct and death. As a consequence of political abuse of the past, we encounter the daily destruction of heritage in recent century which has in its nature an iconic message.

What’s the role of the archaeologist in the process of object transformation from a meaningless thing to a commodity? The archaeologists reproduce a thing by excavating it, by giving birth to it, by giving it a new name, a new context. Afterwards, the object usually would be located in a museum presenting to the society artistically or politically. In this article, the authors investigate the different levels of consuming past in Middle East assessing the role of archaeologists in each level.
TH3-03 OPEN ACCESS AND OPEN DATA IN ARCHAEOLOGY: FOLLOWING THE ARIADNE THREAD

Thursday, 1 September 2016, 09:00-13:00
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Presentation Preference - Regular session

Will the availability of open data change the nature of archaeological research and publication? Will it also impact the ways in which archaeologists engage with wider communities? The European Science Foundation and other leading European research-funders have declared their support for the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities”, a far-reaching restructuring of scientific publishing in favour of open access that will take place before the end of the current decade. In parallel, the infrastructure necessary for open data is being created and the political pressure to use it will increase. Many areas of the humanities in Europe, including archaeology, still find this a difficult step to take. At present, the majority of highly renowned journals continue to be published in the traditional way, and research data are still generally unpublished. At the same time, the early adopters of open access and open data are still battling with the problems of how to implement it in practice. The EC Infrastructures funded ARIADNE project is working to bring together archaeological research data from across Europe, for use and re-use in new research. There are challenges, such as raising awareness about the available data, integrating datasets produced by very different projects and methodologies and various technologies. There are GIS, databases, 3D data, scientific datasets and more, all produced in a variety of languages, and all requiring differing approaches. This session is sponsored by the ARIADNE project, follows on from previous sessions on barriers and opportunities for open access and open data, and will provide further updates and overviews related to open access and open data.

TH3-03 Abstract 01
Requirements for open sharing of archaeological research data

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Keywords: e-infrastructures, open data, repositories
Presentation Preference - Oral

There are several good arguments for open research data and over the last few years expectations of open sharing of publicly funded data have increased. For example, re-use of data in further research (e.g. based on combined data) is expected to provide much return on investment. Considerable progress has been achieved with regard to e-infrastructures and services for data sharing, access and re-use, but the institutional requirements are lagging somewhat behind. Such requirements include the extension of open access mandates from papers to research data, available repositories adequate for research data, and making sure that data sharers receive the credit they deserve. Researchers still perceive more obstacles than incentives for opening up their data, including additional effort, lack of academic reward, concerns that data might be misused, and more. Indeed, clear evidence of benefits of data publication, re-use and citation - both on the community and individual levels – is crucial for putting forward the open data agenda.

TH3-03 Abstract 02
The Reputation effect

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Archaeologists recognise the potential impact that the sharing and re-use of data can bring: the benefits of accessibility, both as open access and open data, are evident for archaeology, given the primary and unrepeatable status of most data sets. Nonetheless, archaeologists have sometimes been reluctant to share their primary research data. An explanation for this could be a research system, both academic and professional, driven by individual reputation expressed in ranked publications. This system could be labelled as a reputation economy. In a reputation economy, it is necessary both to provide adequate formal recognition to foster network-based interaction. The recognition for making data available to other researchers means to provide data citations, so on January 2015, the MAPP Lab of the University of Pisa promoted the first peer review Data Book dedicated to Italian archaeology. The idea was based on the assumption that data need to be treated as a relevant part of the archaeological publication. In other words, a “data paper” (i.e. a paper that consists only of data paper) should be connected to primary data. In general, clear evidence of benefits of data publication, re-use and citation - both on the community and individual levels – is crucial for putting forward the open data agenda.

TH3-03 Abstract 03
Antiquarians in the 21st Century: Opening up our data

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The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland has been an active publisher of Scotland’s history and archaeology since 1792; the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (PSAS), has been the primary journal dealing with Scotland’s past in its British and European context since 1831. Publication in PSAS has often been seen by many archaeologists as the ‘end of the research cycle: excavation is followed by publication, and the process is complete. However, there is increasing awareness that the final report alone does not tell the whole story, and many readers would also like to examine raw data. In 2001, the Society created a new, fully peer reviewed, freely available online journal, Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR), so was an early adopter of Open Access in an archaeological context. SAIR was intended to provide a new, lower-cost publication outlet for detailed archaeological reports; over the last fifteen years it has evolved to include the publication of many different types of projects – including large-scale surveys, gazetteers and conference proceedings – which would not be possible or desirable to publish in print for various reasons. The Society also runs the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF). Launched in 2012, this collaborative project brought together experts from a range of disciplines to compile a peer-reviewed summary of our archaeological knowledge up to that point and agree where future research should be directed. The entirety of Scottish archaeology was split into nine panel reports, all of which are available for free download from the project website or can be viewed on the wiki-style website itself. As such, it is the first framework of its kind in archaeology. The Society is contemplating how best to take PSAS, SAIR and ScARF forward in an Open Access world. Our audiences are increasing, both in number and in variety. There have been over 400,000 downloads from Society’s publication archives held by the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) since 2011, and over the past three years ScARF has seen over 262,000 page views. And yet these final reports are only the tip of the archaeological data mountain. As an archaeological publisher, if we aspire to the true aims of Open Access, we should be making the original data available for re-use, data mining and new interpretations. But how can these aspirations be carried out in practice when the data is so vast and varied? As a small independent organisation, we must look to collaboration. How best to do this? One possibility is drawing from the models created by computer scientists and scientific publishers more used to dealing with raw data rather than ‘coffee-table books’. However, making the data available is not only a technological issue – there are already data downloads available in parts of ScARF and SAIR, for example - but a cultural one. Many archaeologists are cautious about openly sharing raw data and we must consider how best to reconcile the needs of authors and remaining true to our own aims of truly open knowledge.
TH3-03 Abstract 04
Beyond the Pale: grey literature as a method of publication
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Keywords: grey literature, open access, publication
Presentation Preference - Oral
This paper presents the findings of recent research on the nature of publication and archiving in England, based on regional case studies. It presents evidence for the diversity of grey literature and non-published interventions. Many examples, either by accident or design, so-called grey literature is the only written output produced by excavation, including nationally or regionally significant findings. Furthermore, the amount of grey literature often matches or surpasses what may be considered the traditional published record. Although recent projects have done much to highlight the potential of this corpus, and initiatives such as OASIS and the ADS’ Library of Unpublished Fieldwork Reports have made significant strides in publishing fieldwork reports online, the extent of the significance of our grey literature may still be understated. Although the lack of traditional publication may be deemed by some, in contrast to pay-on-access journals and monographs it represents an online and free corpus of information to fieldworkers, researchers and the wider community. It is argued that grey literature is not simply a failure, or a cause for concern, but an opportunity to reverse the traditional crises in publication and to use online systems as part of an evolution in publication strategies of archaeological projects.

TH3-03 Abstract 05
Legacy data and archaeological archives in Europe and North Africa
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Presentation Preference - Oral
Perhaps the hardest data to render open access is that of the archaeological archive, even when, as is not necessarily the case, it is lodged in an institution. A survey of practices for the archiving of excavation data in a number of European countries has revealed that centralized archiving is vanishingly rare, while even university archives of excavation data are hardly easy to access. A particular example of legacy data is offered in this paper, the case of the archives of 150 years of excavations in North Africa. Carried out initially by colonial regimes, many of the archives of these excavations were returned to Europe, where they remain in large part inaccessible to the countries where they were created. They are often held in archives that are not open to the public, or in locations that are not easily accessible. This paper presents evidence for the nature of the divide between published and non-published interventions. Many examples, either by accident or design, so-called grey literature is the only written output produced by excavation, including nationally or regionally significant findings. Furthermore, the amount of grey literature often matches or surpasses what may be considered the traditional published record. Although recent projects have done much to highlight the potential of this corpus, and initiatives such as OASIS and the ADS’ Library of Unpublished Fieldwork Reports have made significant strides in publishing fieldwork reports online, the extent of the significance of our grey literature may still be understated. Although the lack of traditional publication may be deemed by some, in contrast to pay-on-access journals and monographs it represents an online and free corpus of information to fieldworkers, researchers and the wider community. It is argued that grey literature is not simply a failure, or a cause for concern, but an opportunity to reverse the traditional crises in publication and to use online systems as part of an evolution in publication strategies of archaeological projects.

TH3-03 Abstract 06
Digitizing Early Farming Cultures: integrating resources from Neolithic Greece and Anatolia
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Presentation Preference - Oral
The aims of the project ‘Digitizing Early Farming Cultures’ are to create standardized and integrated research data of Neolithic and Chalcolithic sites and finds of Greece and Anatolia (c. 7000–3000 BC according to Greek terminology), two neighboring and archaeologically closely related regions usually studied in isolation of each other. The data will be made available online ensuring compliance to standards in data production for data sharing (metadata and mapping) and interoperability with related initiatives. The resources that form the basis for the new dataset include digital resources (site- and pottery- and bibliographic databases in different formats) and also analogue resources such as unpublished manuscripts, site gazetteers and a pottery collection. The resources result from different projects that span over the last four decades and where different methodologies, typologies and chronologies have been used. In the project we use various methods to integrate the data: creation of a new site database, mappings to CIDOC CRM and digitizing of finds (3D pottery models) and attribution with relevant metadata. The project will present the results of the project so far and our aims until the end of the project. We will also talk about the working process and our experiences as archaeologists in a project where we present an interface between archaeologists specialized on the subject area of Neolithic archaeology and technicians.
data aggregation infrastructure include: ingestion, normalization, transformation and validation processes that mainly focus on the homogenization and cleaning of heterogeneous data. A portal is usually employed to present this information to the end users and is met with limited success due to the vast information contained. In order to increase the quality of services that are provided to end users, the European funded project Ariadne (http://www.ariadne-infrastructure.eu/) aims at integrating this data by modelling the underlying domain and providing the technical framework for automatic integration of heterogeneous resources.

Ariadne is a four-year EU FP7 Infrastructures funded project, made up of 24 partners across 16 European countries, which hold archaological data in at least 13 languages. These are the accumulated outcome of the research of individuals, teams and institutions, but form a vast and fragmented corpus, and their potential has been constrained by difficult access and non-homogenous perspectives. Ariadne aims to bring together and integrate existing archaeological research data infrastructures, so researchers can use these distributed databases in combination, and in new ways. This paper will give an overview of the progress of the Ariadne project, focusing on efforts to create a shared infrastructure into which metadata is gathered, and a portal to allow cross-search of this metadata. To this end mapping work has been carried out to facilitate searching across space, time and subjects, using Linked Open Data (LOD). This work represents LOD best practice by incorporating existing international initiatives such as the Getty Art & Architecture Thesaurus, and contributing to emerging best practice initiatives like Perio.do. As Ariadne is in its final year, conclusions can begin to be drawn on the challenges faced along the way, and possible directions for the future.

TH3-03 Abstract 10 ArchaeologistsEngage. Thinking Big - We Can Change Archaeology

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Europe: Engagement, Public, Social
Presentation Preference - Poster

ArchaeologistsEngage encourages engagement between archaeologists and the public. We offer a platform for public engagement and dialogue through social media and a range of events. In January we launched Challenge 2016, an exciting call to archaeologists to undertake one new form of public engagement to improve the direct dissemination of our research to members of the public.

TH3-04 Abstract 09 Linked Open Data Approaches within the ARIADNE Project

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Keywords: - ARIADNE, Linked Data, Open Data
Presentation Preference - Oral

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TH3-04 Abstract 01 Medieval archaeology in Europe. Chronologies, topics, perspectives

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Keywords: - Europe, medieval archaeology, Mediterranean
Presentation Preference - Oral

Europe is a small peninsula at the western corner of Eurasia. However, its history is fragmented. There is a general agreement to consider middle ages the period between AD 500-1550, though this is only an agreement among scholars. Terms like late antiquity is meaningless in northern regions, while late iron age is out of the time span for the Mediterranean. Coherent chronologies have been adopted in each region, but it is not easy to relate all of them one another. Topics are very different too. Christian organisation of towns and countryside is a key issue for the Mediterranean since the 4th c., while in Scandinavia or the Slavic territories it occurs much later. The making of the medieval town has to relate with the Roman past within the borders of the former empire, while it has different roots outside it. Material culture is different too. The impact of stone architecture is different both from a chronological and geographical point of view. Literary sources are almost absent for many regions up to the Carolingians, while for others they are abundant since the late Roman age.

Thus, it seems that medieval archaeology in Europe should resign itself to be an undefined mass of data within a time span which has nothing to do with reality. On the contrary, it is clear that the end of the Roman west, the fragmentation of the Mediterranean, the emerging countries of the northern and eastern regions allowed a closer relationship even at a long distance. Muslims were in contact with the Vikings, the Saxons with the Mediterraneans, people moved to trade, and not only for this. Archaeologists often focus on regional studies, while they should also stress these long distance connections.
TH3-04 Abstract 02
Islamic archaeology: theoretical and methodological issues
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Keywords: Islamic archaeology, theory, methods
Presentation Preference - Oral
This contribution wishes to present an appraisal of the discipline of Islamic archaeology and to analyse and discuss its development and the current trends in the discipline.

The origins of Islamic archaeology span a little more than a century and its strong initial relationship with the history of art and monumental architecture shaped its early development; only in the 1980s Islamic archaeology could gain its independence from these fields of study and start facing new challenges such as carving its place within the field of Islamic studies and looking for common approaches with other fields of archaeology. In the last thirty years Islamic archaeology has thus witnessed a great development both in discoveries and interpretation, where it came to apply a long-due approach to the study of the material culture and the methods of masonry archaeology to the castles of the Middle East. Like other historical archaeologies, Islamic archaeology has often suffered from a sense of inferiority to the written records and has only recently begun to overcome it.

One of the first and foremost articles dealing with the theoretical issues of the discipline was published at the end of the 1980s (insoll, 1999) and since that moment publications taking a stake of the discipline and its theoretical frameworks have grown (see for example Walmsley, 2004 and 2013; Milwright, 2010; Tonghini 2014).

The presentations aims at identifying the differences between branches of archaeology had on Islamic archaeology and at comparing the research approach of Islamic archaeology with archaeologies from other regions and periods. One of the objectives of the contribution is also to discuss the contemporary and urgent challenges of the discipline. In fact, I believe that Islamic archaeology is essential to help build dialogues between Islamic countries and other countries, particularly Europe, and needs to be recognized as a fundamental element to achieve a comprehensive knowledge of the development of the Mediterranean zone. Finally, present weaknesses of the discipline and future directions will also be debated; particularly, I will examine the role of digital technologies in the field of Islamic archaeology.

TH3-04 Abstract 03
Ottoman Mediterranean and its archaeology between two worlds
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Keywords: Ottoman Archaeology, Symbiosis, the Mediterranean
Presentation Preference - Oral
The Ottoman legacy has left a significant impact on the social and cultural relations in the Mediterranean. The chronological frontiers of Ottoman legacy show a shared knowledge in the Levant, especially in the Levant. But, this legacy and its chronological contexts protect a local and differentiated knowledge, also. Ottoman symbiosis and cohabitation created a symbiosis between its central and peripheral clusters. The archaeological data and its distribution in the Ottoman Mediterranean indicate Ottoman policy and its colonization effects on the social and economic structures. This paper aims to discuss Ottoman knowledge and its archaeological clusters to identify Ottoman Mediterranean and some problematic and debatable validity in the current modern and nationalist archaeologies.

TH3-04 Abstract 04
Reconciling Islamic, Byzantine & Medieval Lives through Lefebvrean Spaces at Darband
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Keywords: Byzantine and Islamic archaeologies, Medieval Europe, Theoretical Framework
Presentation Preference - Oral
This paper seeks to contribute to the debates regarding chronological and spatial incongruities which exist between the realms of the Islamic, Byzantine, and Medieval archaeologies, and will propose a theoretical framework which helps to reconcile and integrate those fields through archaeological common ground. The basis for this archaeological model is the site of Darband in the Eastern Caucasus – the fortress that marked the frontier between the world of the Christian culture of the Late Antiquity/Byzantine Empire, the Islamic Caliphate, and Medieval North represented by the indigenous people of the Caucasus and the Steppe Nomads. Besides being a fortress and the wall built to separate the above-mentioned worlds for defense purposes, this site is laden with deep religious meaning and it lives on as a sacred place where people gather and display their imperial and local identities, inscribe their religious testimonies, and perform rituals and commemorative actions executed in direct and encoded forms. All these cultural activities leave archaeological traces. In order to contextualize this common ground and meeting place, I propose to look at this site through Lefebvrean Spaces, namely at the multiple spaces of representation extant at the times of Darband. “The Production of Space” by Henry Lefebvre (1991) outlines three main categories of space: perceived (physical) space, conceived (mythical, conceptualized, encoded) space, and lived space (the space of political negotiation between all categories, including archaeological “spaces of representation”). In my paper, I will argue that this theoretical framework can be useful in order to reconcile different archaeologies at the common ground where physical space and knowledge are shared as part of everyday life.

TH3-04 Abstract 05
Monastic Archaeology: sources and methodology in the Mediterranean landscapes
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Keywords: Mediterranean landscape, Monasticism, Sources
Presentation Preference - Oral
The spread of monasticism is one of the most important phenomena in the medieval Mediterranean area. Here it was born and it was experienced from the architectural, topographical and administrative point of view. From the beginning of the Seventh century monasteries started to spread their influence in affecting the landscape expressing themselves as architectural complexes and actors in the agricultural exploitation of natural resources. Whole areas were reshaped according to a process that is possible to rebuild thanks to the integration of different sources. In Italy, the huge number of sources kept in the monastic archives and the static nature of the rural landscape, are the starting point for the methodological development of a monastic topography based on the integration of different written records, cartography, iconography compared with the archaeological data giving as result a multi-layered historical perspective with distinguished and integrated levels.

TH3-04 Abstract 06
Early Middle Ages as social conflict: local communities in post-Roman Iberia and the Mediterranean
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Keywords: Archaeological theory, Post-imperial period, Social conflict
Presentation Preference - Oral
In the last two decades the debates over Early Middle Ages in Western Europe have been revitalized due to two interrelated processes. On the one hand, the incorporation to the scientific research of a huge amount of new data coming from Commercial Archaeology and the resulting damage to heritage within a capitalist management in pre-crisis times. On the other hand, it has been revitalized because of the introduction of concepts such as “identity”, “religious community” or “ethnicity” within archaeological and historical interpretation of the period. The renewal of identity and ethnic interpretations, almost lost after World War II, have introduced new important and interesting debates, but also recovered others, even though the discipline, in general terms, is still dominated by a kind of naive empiricism which pays little attention to the social and political implications of the archaeological data. However, as philosophers like Slavoj Zizek claims, this “ethnic revival” is not casual but closely related to the crisis of the late capitalism and used as a shield against postmodernism traumas. Early Middle Age archaeology, as a scientific field (following Bourdieu’s characterization) has not been isolated from this process and in some cases, has not only misinterpreted the archeological record, but also has been the basis for racist politics in Western Europe. One of the consequences of this is the blurring of Early Middle Ages as a period of high social conflict among different social strata, beyond ethnic parameters. In this paper, we will try, in the first place, to make a deconstruction of some current discussions over Early Middle Ages and, in the second place, to make a social and anthropological interpretation of Early Middle Ages in terms of social conflict and of economic and symbolic adaptation of local communities, overall peasant societies, to the failure of a Roman project of World-Empire. For that purpose, some concepts from Marxist and Critical Historical Archaeology (in the lines of Louis Dumont and Marina Tchernia) will be used to interpret some key elements of post-imperial archaeology, using the central part of the Iberian Peninsula as a case study within the Mediterranean context. This territory has been recently analysed in a PhD research and is inserted in a Research Project on social inequalities in Early Middle Ages. Thus, domestic architecture, settlement patterns or funerary remains will be analysed within this theoretical frame, trying to contextualize but also to extraplate conclusions and ideas for other case studies.

TH3-04 Abstract 07
Beyond hierarchy: Common property rights & migration as a factor in rapid change in material culture
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Keywords: common property rights, governance, migration
Presentation Preference - Oral
Sudden and almost complete changes in material cultural are, in archaeological contexts, frequently ascribed to migration. An invariable aspect of the almost complete replacement of Romano-British artifacts by those from north-west Europe in many parts of England in the first few decades of the early fifth century AD.

The paper begins by offering a brief critique of current models for explaining such rapid change in which migration is given a leading role: military cohesion among migrant groups; their apparent resistance to assimilation; replacement of existing leaders by high status immigrants; and ethnogenesis, the deliberate framing of political ideologies aimed at rationalizing territorial control. It notes that all elements of such models take a ‘top-down’ view, in which access to power is predicated on status and wealth within hierarchical political structures, and where cultural change is explained in terms of leadership by an elite.

The paper moves to an alternative, experimental, ‘bottom up’ approach to investigating rapid changes in material culture. It begins with the premise that all aspects of a stable, sustainable, agricultural economy depend on property rights over land. Access to and exercise of property rights enable an individual to make a living, offer the opportunity to generate a surplus or acquire goods, and create opportunities for personal interaction with elites through tribute, gift-giving or taxation. An analysis focused on the practical management of agricultural property rights offers the possibility of a ‘bottom up’ perspective on cultural change that anchors abstractions about social relations into the everyday realities of making a living.

The paper then explores the impact of migration on the daily lives of peasant cultivators through their common property rights in territorial resources. It notes the structural link between property rights and governance, the role of the latter in the regulation, maintenance, protection and enforcement of property rights, and the generalized predictability of frameworks for governing shared resources – in particular their characterization as ‘horizontal’, predicated on equity among all right-holders and exemplified through normative expectations of participation and consensus. It goes on to examine Ravenstein’s (1885) classic conclusions about migrants and the migration process through the lens of common property rights and their characteristic governance structures. It concludes that, however great sudden changes in material culture might be, if there is archaeological evidence for the contemporary continued exploitation of collective resources then it is highly likely that immigrants and their descendants were assimilated into receiving communities and that they were unlikely to have been a driving force in that cultural change.

The argument does not discount the possibility of cultural change as a result of variations in access to resources, wealth and status whether or not as a result of migration. Nor does it challenge the existence of political and social hierarchies. It argues, instead, that the complementary contribution of collective traditions should not be neglected in explaining transformative cultural change. The paper concludes by suggesting the need for more complex, more dynamic, perhaps even epidemiological, models to explain change in the human past.

TH3-04 Abstract 08
**The Early Medieval Venice Narrates through Water, Wood and Labor**

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How much do the historical events rewritten through archaeology speak for themselves as memories, and how much do the archaeologists construct them into cohesive narratives? This paper aims to consider the demanding activities of sequencing events and building effective chronologies in order to transform archaeological records in meaningful historical events. Using early medieval Venice and its origins as a test case, I would investigate the political and cultural role of pre-manufactured chronologies built around few problematic late antique and early medieval written sources in the interpretation and narration of the archaeological records. I will also attempt a comparison between the different approaches to the materiality of the Venetian past including both Italian academics, conditioned by a strong historicist tradition since Croce’s works, and the international scholars’ community.

The paper, integrating ecological degradation and anthropological theory of materiality, aims to reassess the process formation of new settlements in the Venetian lagoons at the end of the Roman period. From Late Antiquity to the Early Middle ages, specific social and ethnic groups developed a new perception of the geography of Europe and of the Mediterranean region. The unique relationship with the lagoon environment is bringing new perspectives to the interpretation of the archaeological dataset. The human-ecological relationships that underpinned the rise of Venice emphasize the social aspect of the materiality of the past, and simultaneously it seems to have a significant legacy in the present.
Where is the Feminism in Archaeology?

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This poster examines the extent to which feminist theory has been integrated into research and teaching within archaeology. Based on a study of publications and the modules taught by archaeologists who have previously published on gender and feminism in archaeology, the state of the discipline in relation to feminist theory and the complexity and problematic features of the integration of feminism into mainstream archaeology are revealed. The results show that publications which are of interest to feminist scholars are found in many academic journals, yet a notable lack of archaeological publications explicitly assert a feminist perspective. Most publications have a tendency to take either a more neutral approach found in “apolitical” gender archaeology or a post-processual interest in evidence, embodiment and phenomenology. Can we then assume that feminist archaelogy has successfully managed to integrate into mainstream archaeological thought? Results of a survey of the profession, in particular of academics with teaching posts indicate that archaeological modules which focus on feminism in both undergraduate and postgraduate settings have now fallen by the wayside. By investigating publications of a specifically feminist or gender archaeology together with modules taught at universities across the Western academic archaeology tradition, the results of this research illuminate a post-modern trend to scrap categories and accordingly the marginalisation of those subjects which require categorisation for acknowledgement.

Politics and archaeology in an uncaring universe, or feminism without historical binaries

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This paper pursues the paradoxes which result from the collision of three facts: (a) Archaeological and historical accounts of the past are often taken as foundational narratives and laden with political meaning; following on from this, archaeologists have a responsibility to make sure that our work is used in productive rather than destructive political ways. (b) We also have a responsibility to say true things about the past. (c) People in the past were often deeply “political incorrect”, with attitudes and practices different from today’s and sometimes no doubt entirely appalling by modern standards. The prehistory of gender relations offers us an example. Archaeologists have responded to this paradox in varying ways, none satisfactory. One is by not engaging with the question of whether the past acts as a political mirror for the present. A second is by adopting a “see no evil” approach where we contemplate only positive aspects of the past. A third is to fit the past within the three traditional narratives (historical lack of change means natural inevitability, progress towards utopia, and progress towards dystopia). All of these rely upon an undying, often unseen rigid and distorting historical binary distinction between “us” and “them”, the modern and the pre-modern. As a counter-example, I explore a revisionist history of gender in which not only the “content” of gender but its existence and definitional form is seen to evolve continuously throughout human history. A feminist approach in this case is not about championing the interests of one sector, but about exploring the possibility for difference of all kinds, including historical. The result is a narrative which both accepts the past on its own terms and which we learn what history really implies about our present and our future.

Women and archaeology in Portugal during the 60ies of the 20th century: ‘exceptio firmat regulam’?

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In 1958, Lisbon hosted the first National Archaeological Congress. Being itself a novelty in the Portuguese archaeological panorama, this Congress has integrated other innovations, likewise a growing number of women in archaeology. Situation confirmed in the following decade, when the number of women dedicated to archaeology has been more evident. Toward that panorama, this Congress has integrated other innovations, likewise a growing number of women in archaeology. The end of archaeology as we know it

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One of my favourite thinking-things are the findings unearthed by Leonard and Kathleen Woolley and their workmen in the Royal Cemetery at Ur in what is today South Iraq. The archaeological record of the cemetery (around 2500 BC) is well known beyond the narrow limits of ancient Near Eastern studies partly because of the exceptional grave goods, which still provide one important fundament of our knowledge of ‘Sumerian culture’, partly because of the mass burials the excavators came across in some special graves. To my knowledge there is probably no theoretical approach, popular in archaeology the last 20 years or so, that was not used to ‘explain’ these mass burials, often hardly noticing the actual archaeological record. Now, on my approach to make some sense of the findings of the Royal Cemetery was always very material based taking into account not only the 16 ‘special graves’ but the whole Early Dynastic cemetery (roughly 660 graves). The result is this: scarcely anything fits together and everything seems contradictory. The situation may be summed up in one statement (actually a Detroit based music collective’s motto): UR, this is Underground Resistance, unexploitable. What is the function of theory in such a situation? More than gloss over lack of knowledge? Does it make any sense, for example, to interpret the positions of dead bodies in a 4500 year old ancient grave with Foucault’s concept of ‘docile bodies’? Is it really satisfying to reduce human behaviour to performances of power/ submission? I will discuss how and why archaeologists (among others) tend to see a (biological) man or a woman in every representation of a human being and even in their physical remains. Besides that the paper examines the long history of naming prehistoric individuals or depictions after antique goddesses or heroes. It deals with the physical and psychological characteristics that are attributed by this naming and the resulting effects on our image of prehistoric humans.
TH3-05 Abstract 08
Contributions of social anthropology to the knowledge of the status of adorned bodies in archaeology
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This paper proposal intends to present the first elements of a research project taking an interest in the visual effect of adornments, the social status of the body and gender ideology. The main issue is to determine to what extent the social and symbolic status of the body can be understood in death archaeology by means of ethnographic record. Firstly, through different ethnographic data, it is possible to observe how adornments are used to emphasise the different parts of the body according to their aptitudes and their symbolic meanings.
Secondly, the social categorisation and gender ideology related to adornments can be specified in view of social anthropology and in taking into account the notion of intersectionality. Three questions are fundamental: who are the wearers of adornments, why do they wear them and for whom? Furthermore, which aspects of adornments are used by several human groups as a medium to create social categorisation and which other aspects can be individualized? Finally, how bodies and movements of men and women can be controlled by means of adornments and to which aspects of gender ideology of each society this can be linked? Therefore, this research project aims to investigate to what extent social anthropology can allow us to better understand the bodily and symbolic use of buried adornments.

TH3-05 Abstract 09
Was there always a man and a woman?
On flexibility of sexuality in historical Islamic Iran
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Being propagated repetitively, the general image of contemporary Middle Eastern Muslim women is comprised of feminine bodies rapacious and at the same time, the ones who cry more than speak, feel more than define and are always fighting to be controlled by a very patriarchal society. Such an image has been seriously produced based on a very recent dichotomy between genders, women and men. Violent dominant men/dominated women.

How much these images can be generalized to the past? During the last decade, the propagated image of Islamic sexuality has been very much challenged by historians. Referring the miniatures, sculptures and wall paintings, the performativity of gender during medieval ages can be very differently described from the recent propagated one.

Chronologically, by the entrance of Islam to historical Iran the change of the solid Zoroastrian dichotomic concept of men/women begun while afterwards the invasion of this region by central Asian Turks made bisexuality normative. Very famous pieces of literature such as Ghajbosnameh [from 10-17th centuries A.D] introduce the only real love, the love between two men or two women. Noteworthy, it seems that modern governments are responsible to change the bisexuality as normal sex orientation to heterosexuality in order to control the bodies and also to revisit the pre-Islamic value.

Analyzing pre-modern Islamic Shia, it is obviously detectable that there were always ways to put these vast ranges of sexual activities out of punishment frameworks. Archaeologically speaking, such a distinctive gender performativity has been materialized in the remained material culture related to the body such as wall paintings, pottery motifs and miniatures. In the first glance, the flexibility of sexuality would be observed within the manner applying by the painters who have visualized the bodies, there are very few distinctions between the bodies of men and women freely acting, practicing sex and everyday life while there were several words addressing several types of sexuality in the literature.

In this article, the authors try to investigate material culture dated to Teimurid and Safavid era [15-17th centuries A.D] through them they will be able to establish the very different historical framework of gender performativity and the flexibility of sexuality in Teimurid and Safavid Iran. The author try to project “sexual flexibility” as a cultural “situation”. It seems that flexibility goes beyond the contradictory homosexuality/heterosexuality.

TH3-05 Abstract 10
How moral travel produces difference - telling Nuu-chah-nulth whalebone clubs
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Wilson Duff (1975: 12) opens his book images stone b.c.: “Images seem to speak to the eye, but they are really addressed to the mind. They are ways of thinking, in the guise of ways of seeing.” Duff went on to suggest that the choice of stone as a medium for seeing-thinking was a move designed to place thinking outside of time - and thereby into a world of being (cf Marshall 2000 World Archaeology). In a recent article in the Canadian Journal of Archaeology (2019), Natasha Lyons and I argued in a similar vein for an understanding of objects as spatial “tellings” materialised in non-linear, non-narrative and therefore a-temporal forms. Our common ground with Duff is that objects/images are arguments concerning possibilities for being and becoming, not representations of beings.

Using whalebone clubs as my forum, I show in this paper how the Nuu-chah-nulth people of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, create object “tellings” (ways of thinking) which set out a moral or ontological geography. Moral travel through this geography constitutes a process of becoming which produces difference (cf Marshall 2012 Feminist Theory). Simple moral travel produces everyday growth and change. But when more fundamental transformation is sought, through engagement with great power or wealth, moral travel is demanding and dangerous. The transformative possibilities of moral travel are calibrated in effort and risk.

TH3-05 Abstract 11
Material feminisms and the question of anthropomorphism in northwest Argentina
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Elizabeth Grosz has argued that new ontologies are essential for new grounds of feminist politics. Anthropomorphism in ceramic forms, often encountered in archaeology, always risks reduction to only a metaphorical expression in which the substance of the thing - its materiality, its ground - is left unquestioned. An absolute divide between fleshly body and ceramic body underlies and results from such reductionism. Addressing the ontological status of sex, gender, and the materiality of bodies, as Grosz has for many years, provides new ways to conceive of different bodies and their relationships.

I bring into focus the potential for new ontologies of bodies informed by feminist and queer approaches to materiality through a study of a collection of anthropo- and zoomorphic ceramics from first millennium AD northwest Argentina. As Grosz suggests, difference is enacted equally through or across ‘natural’ and ‘cultural’ processes, the ceramics can be understood as materialities/bodies that share processes in common with other bodies (flesh, stone, etc) regardless of the stuff out of which they are made. Anthropomorphism then becomes less a question of resemblance and more one of marking and enacting difference.

TH3-05 Abstract 12
Foreign women – from merchandise to merchant. The change in interpretations
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Grave inventories which deviate from the norm of particular cemeteries are very popular in interpretations about prehistoric social structures. Special cases are people buried with imported grave goods and therefore discussed as indicators for different types of cultural contact and transfer. The focus of the paper is on the change in interpretations of female burials with foreign artefacts in Central European Bronze and Iron Age. In the 1960s the first perceptions of such prehistoric women in the “Högelgräber”-Bronze Age or in Late Iron Age burials near the oppidum Manching buried with foreign artefacts are combined with images of passive female roles. Influenced by a changed image of social female roles in Europe the interpretations permit actually similar Early Iron Age women an active role in trade networks around the Alps. But independent of interpretations the archaeological data are always the same – female burial with a mixture of local and non-local jewellery. So, how can we know how active or passive such women could have been as social actors in prehistoric times? The paper discusses the change of interpretation for the background of the increasing influence of gender theories in Archaeology and asks about the possibility of approximation to prehistoric realities beyond modern ideals and utopian (feminist) wishes. A further aspect of this topic is the influence of the new scientific methods like isotope analysis on actual mobility models.
Interpreting the late Iron Age record in Gaul

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Late iron age studies, by the very nature of the main written source, "Caesar De Bello Gallico", our modern western view of war, and periods of unrest and culture change, as well as the trend towards the interpretation of records through male directives of research strategies, mostly lead to geopolitical and economical models of culture change, and by a self-feeding process, overlook the clues enabling archaeologists to identify in the records, and therefore in future record, the missing links leading to alternative interpretations.

Indicative are the titles of the majority of classical archaeological monographs, "Le pas des legions", "Roman frontiers" (or non-defined genders given the neutrality of linguistic terms " the god of the Celts", "Les Celtas", "Celtic art".

One could argue that in the process of synthesizing the new discoveries, in the long term historical interpretation, one might still easily miss the presence of females in archaeological contexts, and therefore their role in society, with implications in the long term historical interpretative framework and therefore in the building of contemporary ideology.

Indeed, interpretation of the status and role of females in society of a given period would rely on texts, inscriptions, figurative representations, burial types; as no indices appeared in northern Gaul LIA contexts, and their tangibility in other areas, on a different light.

I wish to underline here that I am not writing in the perspective of "feminist archaeology", but of the overall stream of French new archaeology.

Newer archaeological discoveries of MLA and LLT in Gaul may enable us to build up means of identifying clues to define missing links so as to rediscover sociological context and interpret the body of record in periods of acute cultural changes in a different light.

In this paper, some new archaeological data from Gaul enable the distinction of criteria to re-examine older records, and develop by way of contextual, spatial, functional, stylistic, regional and chronological comparison, as I have already devised in previous work, approaches or indices to identify the presence/absence of women in the body of records.

Tied to a wider historical framework, and related to other links, this could allow further interpretative writing on causes for culture change, but separated from pure data analysis. Copyright 14 February 2016
The making and breaking of community on Crete has been considered within the framework of the search for the emergence of a state understood generally in political and economic terms. Thus the refined luxury of Late Bronze Age Cretan palatial culture (1625–1500 BCE) with its intricate architecture, sumptuous paintings and exquisite works in a broad array of media has commanded scholarly attention. Competitive display by élites accounts in many narratives for the elaboration of the palaces, and Aegeanists have inquired into the ways in which power was acquired and deployed and in particular concentrated at the massive site of Knossos. While recent scholarship has looked at earlier periods as something more than just the prelude to the palaces the discussion still envisions community as polity. But Hitchcock (2007), Goodison (1998) and Chapin (2001, 2004) have pointed to another element in palatial culture that suggests different ways of envisioning community, the intentional inclusion of the natural world in the organization and appointment of the palaces - orientation toward natural elements, the presence of rough baetyls, and similar features point in this direction. This paper argues that these assumptions are more than just referential. Instead they reveal the way in which the life history of community on Crete always was emeshed in the landscape read most broadly, and that parallel to the shifting economic and political structures seemingly centered on significant architecture there was a broader community woven into the environment. Thus when communities dispersed at the end of the Neolithic around 3100 BCE many populations affectively took with them the caves they had occupied and used for burial relocating these as built circular stone tombs or tholoi and eventually re-ascent as house tombs providing the new center for social interaction. Animal vases in the tombs further attest to this linkage with nature. The gradual accretion of villages and towns in the territory around the tombs yielded at the transition into the Middle Bronze Age ca. 1590 BCE to a re-concentration of populations around central court complexes accompanied by the re-assertion of the centrality of the natural world in the peak sanctuaries which arguably served as the center of a larger community that paralleled those admitted to the first so-called palaces, and associated with the increasingly urbanized tombs. Rather than fixed at particular sites community on Bronze Age Crete was fluid and defined by the presence of natural features - by vistas, rocks and caves - and visible as well in the penetration of animals and birds and plants in all media. Three case studies will consider this alternative to looking at the making and breaking of community.

Communities of death: Microarchaeological analysis of community reproduction in Bronze Age Hungary

Sociopolitical transformations of Central European Bronze Age were marked by the appearance of fortified settlements, long-distance trade in bronze and secondary animal products, warfare and radical changes in death rituals. In this paper I study the ways in which local communities negotiated and facilitated such broad historical changes. Challenging reproduction of communities, contradictions arose between local investments in subsistence, operational for the construction of communal identities, and distant relationships of trade and people. Emerging networks of exchange and prestige competition introduced new knowledge, wealth, and distinctive lifestyles, which created tensions within communities. Furthermore, the introduction of new materialities provided means for innovative social and political configurations by opening up alternative sources of power for the construction of personal distinctions.

In this study I will present archaeological evidence for political discourse to narrate processes that led to the slow transformation and subsequent dismantling of close-knit corporate communities in central Hungary by the end of Middle Bronze Age. Although often neglected in the analysis of social change, I argue that funerary practices offer an important insight into the life histories of communities. Here, I will demonstrate the active construction and negotiation of communities through a comparative and contextual analysis of multiple communal cemeteries. I propose a multiscalar and historical processual approach towards death rituals articulating the micro-politics of funerals and the broader historical circumstances that shaped the lives of communities.

TH3-06 Abstract 01

A phenomenological turn in archaeological explanation: is it possible?

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Archaeology borrows ideas from semiotics which in its reducist variant sees symbolic features as passive signs that only through the acts of mind acquire social value.

To improve archaeological explanation it should be studied the logic of how individuals and communities establish epistemic relations and how they create their own ontologies. I will provide examples of prehistoric symbolic behavior based on similarities not measured in distance and time but on how people perceive things.

TH3-06 Abstract 02

The making, the breaking and the remaking of the Greek Neolithic Community

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This paper explores the meshworks and examines their epistemologies for identifying the Greek Neolithic Community. Community and its constituent parts were continually being made, broken and remade over the year (Amit 2002; van Wees 2008). The community acts as a meshwork for how people, things, feelings and ideas are linked by some kind of association. This paper will review the literature and conferences papers with references to networks, Tululides, Keane 2003, 2009, Faulkner 2013, entanglements (Hodder 2011, 2012) and assemblages (following Deleuze and Guattari 2007; Delanda 2006). This paper discusses the Ingold’s idea of meshwork. Ingold (Ingold, In Lines 2011) takes inspiration from Deleuze and Guattari’s idea of assemblages and he persuades the concept of a meshwork to describe the rhizomatic, living, co-creative entanglements of humans and other beings. Yet something, he stresses that knowing must be reconnected with being, epistemology with ontology, thought with life (Ingold 2011).
TH3-06 Abstract 05

Entanglements of pottery acquisition strategies in the Mycenaean palace at Pylos

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Mycenaean economy has been a subject of numerous analysis, focusing mostly on various aspects of palatial redistribution, exchange and control system (Voutasiki and Killian 2001, Pullen 2010). The idea of the “palace”, which was supposed to be dominant in Mycenaean social and economic landscape, still constitutes the foundations of our thinking about the processes taking place in the Late Bronze Age Aegean. But in the meantime, many scholars have pointed out a clear duality in Mycenaean economy. It consisted of the “palatial” section, visible thanks to the archives of Linear B tablets, as well as “non-palatial” section, noticeable only by the archaeological remains and sporadically appearing in the archives (Shelmerdine and Palaima 1986, Bernen 2001, Knappe 2001, Whitley 2001, Galaty 2007, Nakassis 2015). Within the broad subject of Mycenaean economy I would like to scope only on the one particular subject of pottery acquisition strategies in the palace of Pylos, narrowing the analysis only to the last period of its existence. The duality of Mycenaean economic system mentioned above, can be clearly seen and presented within that subject. The period LH II B, dated roughly to the 13th century BC (Shelmerdine 2008: 4), is the climax of Mycenaean palatial civilisation, containing most of available archeological remains. The palace at Pylos, after 300 years of development was by that time a complex, bureaucratic, administrative and industrialized structure (Wright 1988). It’s organisation and ways of controlling the society and economy were the subject of numerous papers and analyzes, approaching this extremely wide subject with different perspectives and propositions (Shelmerdine and Palaima 1986, Voutasiki and Killian 2001, Galaty and Parkinson 2007, Pullen 2010). I would like to propose a combined model based on earlier papers. The strategy of palatial pottery acquisition system will be presented as, an again two-dimensional system, with two main pillars. Firstly, the pottery industry has been affected with the designation of the “royal” potter, who probably together with his co-workers or competitors listed on tablets, had become high-rank and specialized producers, cooperating with the palace, supporting the waras in fulfilling his duties and enjoying special privileges. The second pillar of the pottery acquisition strategy was obtaining all the other needed vessels through a taxation of various local workshops, existing in the town of Pylos and the internal part of the Ilirian Province of the state. I would like to present this model using the idea of entanglements, created by Ian Hodler (2012). Outlining the wide web of dependencies, between things and humans involved in Pylian pottery industry, will help to better understand its complexity and position in the Mycenaean community of Messenia.

TH3-06 Abstract 06

Creating Locality: Place and Community along a Fen River

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How do you define ‘being local’? Often this is an intangible concept wrapped up in a sense of community identity including an intimate knowledge of your social network and immediate environment. Embedded in this is a shared understanding of the time and history of a place. However, communities within a given landscape are in constant fluctuation and while certain features may act as physical markers and boundaries of place – even if the narrative associated with them changes – others are forgotten as the community around them reorient and changes the way it collectively understands the world. In essence, some landscape features become and are maintained as nodes in local knowledge networks while others fall out of networks which signify ‘being local’. This paper presents a specific example of how community builds, shifts and rebuilds in relation its immediate place along the changing River Granta (Cambridgeshire, UK) and to wider reaching social phenomena over time. Both the wider ontological features become and are maintained as nodes in local knowledge networks while others fall out of networks which signify ‘being local’. This paper presents a specific example of how community builds, shifts and rebuilds in relation its immediate place along the changing River Granta (Cambridgeshire, UK) and to wider reaching social phenomena over time. Both the wider ontological features become and are maintained as nodes in local knowledge networks while others fall out of networks which signify ‘being local’. This paper presents a specific example of how community builds, shifts and rebuilds in relation its immediate place along the changing River Granta (Cambridgeshire, UK) and to wider reaching social phenomena over time.
than in almost any other sphere - but if we truly wish to influence the conservation of rural archaeology and the wider heritage then we must also engage with the policy makers and those who influence them. Frequently this also means working alongside groups or bodies who may have divergent or even conflicting interests. As with all negotiations, dialogue must then focus on the "art of the possible" - seeking to identify the potential for common ground. Over the past decade there have been several occasions when we wanted to speak on behalf of EAA, especially on consultations by the European Commission regarding Rural Development, Agriculture or Forestry matters. In 2010 the WG was also involved in writing a statement called "Europe's Living Landscapes: cultural heritage as a force for rural development" in partnership with a number of European organisations, including Europa Nostra and the European Landowner's Organisation. Arguably, we have been effective in building external relationships. But it is also clear that there remains a substantial need for closer co-working within EAA (specifically across working groups), but also with representative organisations for archaeology and archaeologists at national or Member State level. If this was also to be supported and endorsed by the EAA board there would greater opportunities still for increasing the traction of our work with external policymakers.

### TH3-07 Abstract 03
**The working group „Archaeology and Gender in Europe (AGE)“: views on the past and to the future**
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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

In 2009, the working group “Archaeology and Gender in Europe (AGE)” was started. It has as its area of concern the discussion of Gender issues in European archaeology, where gender is considered both as a structural element to be studied in the past and as influencing research in the present. It addresses the study and the understanding of gender arrangements in the past and the study and understanding of how current gender systems affect archaeology as an academic and professional practice.

Today AGE is a very active working group with 58 members from Europe and beyond (U.S., Iran), which is organizing sessions to gender-related topics at the Annual Meetings of the EAA. To make this sessions more sustainable, they should also be published.

With this paper, I would like to give a short overview over the actions of AGE in its first 7 years. As mentioned in the round table abstract, at the Annual Meetings of the EAA is much room for the presentation and discussion of research, but mainly in an individual perspective. Working groups can organise session within their topics, but besides that there is not much room for them to present their work and communicate what they have done in the year between two conferences: The small report working groups are asked to give at the Annual Business Meeting are mostly either cancelled or shortened.

Therefore, I would also like to present and discuss some ideas how the working groups can be made more visible within the EAA, which could bring them on the one hand more active members, on the other hand can promote the collaboration between the different working groups.

### TH3-07 Abstract 04
**From Incident to Structure. Possibilities for a network of professional Associations within EAA**
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Archaeologists have power, real power. The power to inspire; the power to bend people; the power to influence; the power to address and make change. We are perceived as interesting. We, ourselves and our work have a pull on the general audience and fellow human beings. Our potential "selling power" makes the average politician and activist drool. In the past 50 years we have increasingly used our influence to protect Cultural Heritage to great effect. EAA can look back on a series of successes where it was able to effect developments to protect Archaeology in Europe. But even with this in mind, generally speaking we as individual archaeologists or even as a group feel that we are politically speaking of little relevance, or even powerless. As long as the CPAA exists the committee has discussed, in and outside our annual meetings at the EAA conference, the need to become more political active and more organized. Yes, as individuals we can achieve great results in influencing politics and decisions. But the general consensus over the years within CPAA is that we need a constant and structural stream of actions to influence laws, regulations and decision making in the field of Cultural Heritage at the seats of power in Europe. Individuals and national associations on their own will almost certainly not be able to operate with great effect on this stage. To achieve this structural influence, EAA seems an excellent possibility and "tool". In the last year it seems that the organization is moving towards a more active political role.

What would be needed to enhance EAA with a successful political machine? What would EAA need to fulfill that role? How would CPAA and other committees and working parties need to evolve to make this possible? This presentation would like to explore the opportunities for a European Network of archaeological associations with EAA as an overall body.

### TH3-07 Abstract 05
**Working Party (WP): Integrating the Management of Archaeological Heritage and Tourism**
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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

The aim of any WP should be to avoid overlap in sessions and create synergies between sessions with related topics; to put a certain topic the agenda of the EAA; create a dialogue amongst the EAA members and with representatives from other relevant disciplines outside the Association if we don't want our comments to remain unnoticed in an "archaeological vacuum".

A WP could form a link to the outside world, a mouthpiece on certain topics that are important for archaeology but relevant to other disciplines as well. A WP can make connections and control the topic within the expanding organization of the EAA. It is clear that with the growing number of sessions and papers the scientific and local organizing committee don't have a clear oversight. It would be interesting if the WP's could form two-way bridges where information on specific topics can be brought outside our EAA bubble, and other ideas and thoughts can also reach us, always with the archaeological interest at heart.

Our WP explicitly invites participation and input from all stakeholders that are involved in archaeological tourism and strongly support a multi-disciplinary approach. In an ideal world the archaeologist plays a central when an archaeological site is developed for touristic activities. This is however not always the case and in order to achieve change we will invite other stakeholders that aren't EAA members to join our WP and participate in our meetings and sessions and the EAA members of this WP will take part in other conferences and meetings to prominently become part of the decision making processes that concerns archaeological tourism.

### TH3-07 Abstract 06
**Public archaeology is a martial art**
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**Keywords:** politics, public archaeology, UK
**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Public archaeology in the UK deals with politics, power and inequalities, and aims to explore the impact of archaeology in present day social and political landscapes. Can this work in practice during a period of unprecedented cuts to government budgets covering heritage issues? This paper will explore how our work affects political decisions and whether archaeology be used as an instrument of policy and politics. Can political activism be part of our professional work, and is this ethical?

### TH3-07 Abstract 07
**EAA and Politics: role and potential of the non-permanent Working Parties and Committees**
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**Keywords:** Politics, Professionalisation, Working Groups
**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Apart from the scientific exchange EAA's Annual Conference always has been also an important opportunity to discuss and engage in political topics. For groups who want to meet regularly and work on long term issues the EAA offers the possibility to form a Working Party or Committee. Currently the EAA has more than ten active Working Groups (http://eaa.org/working_groups.html), who meet in Round Tables during the Annual Meeting and give a short report on their activities at the Annual Members' Business Meeting. Some of them even report on their Round Tables in TEA.

Working Groups are very different regarding their topics, but also in the way they work. With the EAA having increased considerably in members and becoming more professional the Working Groups should too. Here some of the most active members are to be found, but at the same time the potential of these unofficial bodies is far from fully exploited. We should discuss on very practical terms how Working Parties could contribute more to the expertise needed in the EAA Board and how they could meet effectively at the Annual Meeting, but moreover also work continuously during the rest of the year.
Monday, 1 September 2016, 14:00-18:30
Faculty of History, Room 217

**TH3-08 Abstract 03**

**Documenting the microscale of pottery technology in large samples**

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**Keywords:** forming techniques, Neolithic technology, pottery

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Regarding the formation of pottery from Greek Neolithic sites, it is broadly characterised as handmade. Apart from this general statement about the technology of Neolithic pottery, little discussion has been made of the specific shaping techniques.

The poster will present the ongoing study of forming techniques on large samples of pottery from two early Neolithic sites in Western Macedonia, Greece, namely Varasmenoi Goulwn and Roditis Paliambela, which are dated at 6430-5670 and 6220-5900 BC respectively. The techniques are studied macroscopically, based on attributes of the vessels’ surface, section and fracture that are considered diagnostic traits of the different primary shaping practices. The aim is to explore the vessels’ building in detail within the pottery assemblage of each settlement and to compare the techniques used by the potters of the two sites. The technological traits will be compared to the common typologies of pottery based on vessel form and ware.

The study so far has shown the variability within and between the settlements in the microscale of performing the basic forming techniques, but also the common practices used in the neighbouring sites. So, the focus on the details of the shaping techniques gives us insight into the communities, enriches our understanding of the Neolithic potters and their practical knowledge, and points to a more complex picture of Neolithic technology.

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**TH3-08 Abstract 04**

**Lost and Found: The Complexity of Find Contexts and the Technology of Bracteate Breakage**

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**Keywords:** metal technology, Migration Period, Scandinavia

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Find locations of Scandinavian Migration Period (5th- and 6th-century CE) gold pendants known as bracteates are typically identified as burials or hoards. One of the grand narratives of bracteate scholarship is that mapping the find contexts leads to obvious interpretations, with larger find sizes in southern Scandinavia and northern Germany, and later grave finds around the periphery of this area from the island of Gotland, to western Norway, England, Normandy, and across central Europe. However, the distribution patterns are not immutable, and single finds of these objects outnumber the find locations (not the overall number of specimens) of those recovered from burials and hoards. Dracks in the tidy categorization of find contexts have been begun to appear. In England, where bracteates are typically found in graves, a hoard was recently discovered at Binhain in Norfolk. In addition, settlement excavations now complicate the picture. Some bracteates found in settlements may have been deposited purposefully, as in a posthole at Guilde, Denmark, while others may have been accidentally dropped.

In this paper, I examine the “little details” and the technology of single finds. I consider whether single finds should be regarded as (very) small hoards, too insignificant or too scattered for us to recognize as what we traditionally consider hoards, or whether they were simply dropped. Our definition of a hoard should take into account the possibility that a single object might be offerable, intentionally or otherwise, for safe keeping. However, some single finds of bracteates may have resulted from the breakage of suspension loops and the chains or cords on which the pendants were suspended. Numerous single finds of bracteates have torn or missing loops, and the damage may have been either intentional for ritual reasons or accidental due to technological failure. Heavily “deluxe” bracteates unambiguously cause more physical stress on pendants and their cords than smaller, lighter pieces, yet as a consequence of their ostentatious quality would be more likely to be noticed and retrieved if dropped. Damage to a bracteate might preclude it to deposition in a hoard since it could no longer be worn in the usual manner around the neck or displayed on the chest of a deceased in the grave. The technology of jewelry breakage – as well as the corollary of physical and emotional loss – has been included as a part of the story of bracteates as scholars continue to focus on the dichotomy of graves and hoards. The little details incorporating the technology of manufacture and the agency of individuals confound the former simplicity of a grand narrative as we elaborate on our understanding of the past.

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**TH3-08 Abstract 02**

**Embracing variability as a mode of analysis**

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**Keywords:** chain’s repertoire, improvisation, pottery

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Archaeology excels at locating patterns in the distribution of material culture and interpreting the behavioural practices associated with those artifacts. However, in order to do this, we are often required to homogenise data towards ‘norms’ that will fit macro-scale narratives about prehistoric lifeways. Often the variability underlying the complexity of social networks is ignored when, in fact, it could provide insight into the dynamics of how change at the macro-scale occurs. This paper explores how analysis of technical variability can be beneficial in assessing how knowledge is networked within communities and how it articulates with wider social and technological traditions. In particular, it uses Late Neolithic, Copper Age and Early Bronze Age pottery technology to assess how the analysis of variability (rather than the LACK of variability) opens up questions on how social change occurs and becomes sedimented within local communities.

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**TH3-08 Abstract 01**

**Technology and the Arrow of Time**

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**Keywords:** archaeological theory, archaeometry, technology

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

We argue that evolutionary assumptions are still prevalent in many areas of archaeological research, regardless of whether or not they are made explicit. While there is undoubtedly a place for such models, they can also have negative effects on our understanding of the past, driving us to frame change in a developmental sequence and omitting those parts of the picture which do not accord with this ‘single story’. This is particularly true, we suggest, of the archaeology of technology. A key problem is that we have no clear architectural definition of ‘technology’. In modern English, the term generally applies to the cutting edge of a given period; that is, to novel practices or products only. Longer-lived technologies, particularly those involved with animal-rearing and food production, are rarely considered in the same breath as pyrotechnologies, despite their often global impact. Without doing away with narrative approaches altogether, we can nonetheless benefit from a more complex and thorough handling of the archaeology of technology, which acknowledges the diversity of past practices and leads us to a closer understanding of where and how the material and the social worlds meet.

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**TH3-08 Abstract 03**

**UNTOLD STORIES: TECHNOLOGY, LINEARITY AND COMPLEXITY IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL THOUGHT**

The material record naturally lends itself to long-term perspectives. In few areas is this as apparent as the study of technology, which has historically been closely intertwined with the disciplines of archaeology and anthropology. But has our focus on the long-term caused us to unwittingly shape a unilinear, technologically deterministic picture of the past? And is there something to be learnt from the parts of the story which have been pruned from this evolutionist model?

The papers presented in this session will explore examples of how our pattern-seeking approaches have excluded interesting aspects of the story of the relationship between humanity and technology, and the methods by which we can reinstate these. We argue in favour of complexity (but not as a rule), of the little details which can enrich or subvert archaeological grand narratives, while acknowledging that the latter are an integral part of our discipline.

This session is intended to stimulate discussion of our current approaches to the archaeology of technology, and to consider ways in which they can be developed in order to inform broader theoretical and methodological developments.

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**TH3-08 Abstract 04**

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The paper starts from the premises that, most often, the ancient written sources were given less attention from the perspective of technical information they might provide. The details concerning the dating, geographic location and the correlation with already known historic events was considered essential and, unfortunately, most often insufficient. In addition, specialists capable to read in the original language the ancient sources might not have always been familiarized with the principles of ancient technology. Due to these causes, many of the stories concerning the beginnings of technology remained untold. We might have proof that a certain principle or method were applied, but we do not know HOW. Our presentation proposes a re-reading/re-analysis of the work "Expositio et Ratio Omnium Formarum", dating most probably from the first decade of the 2nd century AD, and preserved in fragmentary copies from the 6th and 9th centuries. Taking the shape of a letter written by a certain Balbus and addressed to a certain Cæsus, the work contains numerous data of topographic nature, including the mentioning of certain military survey applications. These latter ones present a particular interest. For example, the determination of the widths of a river that had to be crossed or the height of a fortification that had to be conquered "without venturing within bowshot of the enemy" (M.J.T. Lewis) led to the development of ingenious methods. Although the volume is often cited, the accent on the politico-military conjecture prevailed, to the detriment of the technical information it provided, which was neglected. Our presentation will analyze exactly these neglected aspects. We will approach Balbus' text at three interrelated levels. Firstly, we will try to synthesize all the mathematical knowledge that Balbus possessed at the time. Then, strictly based on these, we will try to reconstruct the methods and, implicitly, the instruments that might have allowed the performance of the three military survey applications that Balbus mentioned in the text. The reconstruction of the methods and instruments will be integrated in the historical context of the original text, by evoking a contemporary personality, that of Heron of Alexandria, which brought numerous contributions to the technical field, including that of topographic measurements, with his paper Dioptra. Finally, we will try to discover more about the persons behind the analyzed text (Balbus and Cæsus), who, most probably, were people outside the upper classes and the governing group which traditionally provided most of the evidence that comes from literature (Brian Campbell 1996).

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Untold Stories About Ancient Survey: Balbus and his "Expositio et Ratio Omnium Formarum"

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Keywords: Balbus and Cæsus, groma and dioptra, military survey applications

Presentation Preference: Oral

The chemical analysis of prehistoric metal is one of the longest ongoing scientific experiments in the world. Beginning with the pioneers of organised chemistry and archaeology, around 100,000 artefacts from the European Bronze Age have now been investigated. These composition sets are typically interpreted through the lens of 'grand narratives': the provenance hypothesis, a broad sequence of alloys, statistically lumping analyses into groups, or simplistic routes of exchange. These schemes are increasingly at odds with current archaeological concerns such as the fine-scale performance of identity, value, and the agency of individual people and objects.

The grand narratives are beginning to become strained from a chemical perspective as well. Recent research at the University of Oxford has emphasised the subtle variations in chemical composition caused by a unit of metal's unique story. Quants of metal can pass through a number of forms, merge with others, be reworked, used, and decorated over time. Many of these processes will leave chemical and isotopic marks that can be interpreted by comparison with contemporary artefacts. In short we are aiming to develop a system of relative chemical interpretation for copper-alloys. This paper will give a series of case studies where a fresh look at old data can reveal individual technological and social stories, within the broad sweep of European Early Bronze Age metal use. These include individual workshop choices, rare chemical signatures that demonstrate the production of small axes from recycled daggers in England, and strange local patterns that were caused by melting and recasting centuries old metal in the south of Ireland.

"Yes! We're all individuals! I'm not": Clusters and the singular in the chemistry of copper-alloys

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Animal husbandry as technology

Theoretical examinations of relationships between human and non-human animals in the past are few and far between. There is a clear scholarly focus on concepts such as "exploitation" of species, "disposal" of remains, and a generally unilinear approach to domestication. Past animal husbandry is broadly viewed as a component of agriculture, and conscripted as temporally progressive, ever approaching an ideal economically-efficient means of production. When a trend in quantitative data fails to follow this model (as an example: a decrease in the size of cattle in Britain after the 5th century AD) it is relentlessly investigated and cultural factors may be implicated (e.g. Roman withdrawal from Britain). Whilst such factors may be fairly responsible, only certain lines of archaeological evidence (sex ratios, mortality profiles, metrics) are employed to draw conclusions about activities and practices undertaken by a range of practitioners across a large and varied social landscape. Is it more likely that cattle became smaller after the Romans left Britain because the Britons lacked the knowledge and skills to husband them in the most productive way, or that indigenous cattle breeders simply lacked the resources and connections to a network which had been available to them during the Roman occupation? Could there be other factors at work? Such questions cannot be addressed in a comprehensive and nuanced manner by comparing a few strands of quantitative data, and a more flexible theoretical approach is warranted. Technology has been part of the toolkit of archaeological thought for centuries, and does not merely equate to tool use. Manufacturing practices which leave a clear archaeological signature are recognised as technologies. Animal husbandry is more different in that it is a continuous process, a work of creation and amendment over time, which is subject to alterations in knowledge, skills, and practice. Approaching the idea of animal husbandry as a technology would allow for: the incorporation of multiple strands of evidence at different scales; a recognition of an array of activities as part of practical processes; inclusion of sub-cultural factors such as gender, status, and identity; animals to be considered as potentially agentic; and the tantalising prospect of examining the dissemination of animal husbandry knowledge through systems of human networks.

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A more efficient means for going backward?

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Keywords: Animal husbandry, Technology, Theory

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TH3-08 Abstract 09
Digging democracy

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Keywords: Cooking pits, Environment, archaeological, Sample strategies
Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeology has been used as part of the History about the national state. Still today this story is being retold, many times uncritically. At the same time we as archaeologist must admit that we also often retell the big linear story. A mound is given higher priority than smaller more insignificant graves, a settlement area with longhouses more than a site with cooking pits but no postholes. By systematically choosing not to excavate peripheral sites, small sites, and temporarily used sites we create a history of central places and big men. This is an undemocratic way of conducting archaeology

We propose a democratic archaeology, regarding methods, sites and people. In our scientific research programme we decide to focus on one or several archaeological sites so that they can be a part of our history. This includes, for example, carefully choosing the excavation methodology, and to supplement the collection of finds with scientific analysis in order to actively search for the stories of the people that didn’t have the power to erect stones or mounds.

Before the excavation of the site Tanum 1821 a strategy for sampling the site and structures, especially cooking pits, was formulated. A sampling of the surface was performed in relation to the structures. From excavated structures the section was sampled by a continuous grid and consisted of ten to twenty samples from each structure. These samples were used for geochemical analyses, mainly phosphate, magnetic susceptibility, loss of ignition and lipid acids. These samples were supplemented by samples for macrofossils and radiocarbon dating. The ratio between large and small fire-cracked stones were calculated.

By combining these analytical methods we can conclude that cooking pits are complex structures. The cooking pits on the site could be subdivided into three categories, of which one were used for processing grain. By combining these results with a landscape analysis, including other settlement sites, place names and natural preconditions, we could interpretate the site as an activity area used for the processing of grain.

The site can be interpreted as a peripheral site (now and then) but important for the society. Peripheral sites are also sites beyond control. In such a place can, for example, subversive thoughts and discussions be performed. This is sites were monuments and mounds won't be erected, but instead represents other parts of the society.

We want to tell other stories. To be able to do that we need to excavate more peripheral sites and use more diverse methods. More people of the past must be given a chance to be heard. Diversity and variety is an important part of a democratic archaeology. If all voices shall be heard we must also acknowledge them, in prehistory as well as today.

TH3-08 Abstract 10
Technological variability of pottery in long-term perspective: a case of the Neolithic settlement

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Presentation Preference - Poster

This poster comprises results of a technological analysis of pottery from the large Neolithic settlement site in Bylany, located in the Kluha Hora district in the Czech Republic. This project is based on a complex methodology with the aim of identifying the degree of variability of the technological chains and of interpreting the relationship between the technology and social environment of the settlement. The technological variability is being examined in relation to the chronological diversity and the spatial patterns of the site. Macroscopic analysis establishes a grid of categories into which the observed phenomena are sorted. By using this approach there will always be some specific groups of pottery. In many cases, however, we do not know the real nature of these groups. Are there different groups of pottery that reflect the distinctive technological traditions of specific chronological phases or are there only continual variability together with one or two broad concepts regarding paste recipes? These are basic dichotomies that we cannot resolve without having the possibility to reliably quantify the differences.

The question is, what are our possibilities in regard to mapping the technological variability on a quantitative basis. The human senses represent very powerful analysers and their “feelings” can capture complex but subtle differences. The sensory qualities of observed objects. For validating these “feelings” we need accurate quantitative data. Standard thin-section petrography can only partially solve this problem. Sem-quantifications are either time-consuming or subjective - depending on the observer’s experience.

A possible solution to this problem lies in a new advance in scanning electron microscopy that enables automatic modal mineralogical analysis that constitutes an accurate estimation of the distribution and the volume percentage of a mineral within a thin section.

TH3-09 Abstract 01
Building big. Incentives for cooperative action of hunter-gatherers at early Neolithic Göbekli Tepe

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Presentation Preference - Regular session

The theory of “social cohesion” is one of the core concepts in macro-sociology and social psychology, and its definitions are multiple. In its core meaning cohesion is related to the formation of groups and social bonds, resulting in groups sticking together. The modern idea of social cohesion implies solidarity as well as inclusion and social integration. Social cohesion would thus imply a set of social processes that lead to developing a sense of belonging in a community. In archaeology, this concept has been predominantly related to commensality and the action of feasting; the latter is often seen as a major social strategy in creating cohesion. Other utilizations of the term “social cohesion” in archaeology include its use as a contrast to social differentiation, or to intra- and inter-group conflicts. The session invites contributions which try to define “social cohesion” based on specific archaeological finds that could reflect possible mechanisms of community formation from the Neolithic to the End of the Bronze Age, as well as limitations in using this concept in archaeology. The analysis should be related specifically to the social strategies involved in the formation of social cohesion and not just to group identities. Study fields could include: formation of social cohesion through collective living, working, eating, fighting, building, burying etc.

TH3-09 Abstract 02
Assessing food sharing and social cohesion in the Neolithic of the Levant

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Keywords: Levant, Neolithic, Social cohesion
Presentation Preference - Oral

The formation and perpetuation of social cohesion was often related to food sharing. Food is not consumed without being socially and symbolically transformed and charged with multiple layers of meaning. Individual daily meals contrast and interact with collective communal activities, like feasting, which are believed to be essential for maintaining the cohesion of societies. However, other interpretations tend to interpret large-scale shared meals rather as activities linked to acquisition of social power or status competition. The present paper will explore the connection between food sharing and social cohesion in the
Late Neolithic settlement of Shur, Syria. The settlement was extensively excavated by the German Archaeological Institute and represents one of the few explored sites of this period in the Near East. It has a rich stratigraphic sequence which covers nearly a thousand years. So-called individual single room houses coexist with ‘special’ multiple room buildings, singular grinding equipment with whole sets for ‘collective’ food processing, and isolated vessels with large storage rooms or buildings. The chronological sequence of the architecture and the contexts and evolution of grinding stones suggest a transition from individual to communal consumption and a possible coexistence of social behaviors related to food consumption. Furthermore, the very early production and use of pottery accentuates these processes.

TH3-09 Abstract 03
Review of social structure in the Late Neolithic through the ritual activities and related materials

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Keywords: Late Neolithic, Ritual, Social structure
Presentation Preference - Oral

The Late Neolithic Period is named as Halaf Period in North Mesopotamia (6000-5200 BC) and it falls between the Neolithic Transition (c.10500-7000 BC), and the Urban Transition (c.4000-2500 BC). Therefore, the time period is traditionally perceived as an important stage in the evolution of central authority and ritual and economic centralization that was the hallmark of the first city-states. The architectural structure and regional settlement patterns usually indicate a non-hierarchical organization that appears to be centered upon extended-households related through kin relations. Yet, it has been difficult to understand how these extended-households groups regulated their social relationships with other groups.

Within an alternative theoretical approach, this study reviews the space-object-person relations of the time period through analysis of the material culture, related ritual activity and settlement patterns in an attempt to draw a picture of social trends during that period. Following this, the significance of ritual activity is evaluated in context of these trends to understand the patterns of social change. At the same time, ritualized burial of artifacts, places and buildings may be a factor that prevents ‘alienation of objects’ and thus accumulation of personal or group capital. Such perceptions may have also been instrumental in the emergence of new alternatives for recording and manipulating social history.

TH3-09 Abstract 04
Food preparation, commensality and the formation of social cohesion in Late Neolithic Northern Greece

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Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper focusses on the evidence for collective and domestic solidarity present in Late Neolithic settlements of Macedonia, Greece as revealed by the analysis of cooking pots and cooking facilities from two settlements, Starnoupuli (Thessaloniki) and Tumba Kremasti (Kozani). Focused on the typological characteristics of cooking pots, namely their size and shape, in combination with the evidence of cooking facilities it is possible to define more clearly some close connections between groups or ‘households’. This idea of cooking pots in Starnoupuli provide evidence for domestic production and consumption of food while in Tumba Kremasti Kioladas the context of consumption of food must have been on a more public level. Subtle differences and similarities between houses under the central role that food preparation holds in forming social ties. Furthermore, the regular presence of pottery in public consumption of food is connected to the formation of social cohesion within Late Neolithic communities. Pottery evidence, offers a powerful tool for understanding the extent to which food preparation and commensality contributes to the communal sense of belonging in Late Neolithic Macedonia, Northern Greece. The paper examines the spatial organization of material culture associated with preparation and consumption of food, as well as the close connections between groups or ‘households’. Based on pottery evidence for the preparation and consumption of food, cooking and commensality contribute to the development of a sense of belonging to a community or to smaller groups within a community. Furthermore, the location of cooking facilities in relation to houses will be taken as an indication of the role of the preparation of food in forming social relationships. Pottery, including cooking pots, and evidence of public consumption of food will be used to illustrate how eating could have contributed to the formation of social cohesion within Late Neolithic farming communities.

TH3-09 Abstract 05
Social cohesion among Tripolye populations: evidence versus hypotheses

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Keywords: settlement hierarchies, social cohesion, settlement structure, household
Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper examines the evidence and hypotheses regarding social cohesion among Tripolye populations, discussing social interactions at the following spatial tiers: house and household, settlement, micro-region and supra-region. In this respect emphasis is placed upon Tripolye site hierarchies and settlement structures.

TH3-09 Abstract 06
The importance of collective aspects in megalithic building in Neolithic Europe and recent Indonesia

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Keywords: Funnel-Beaker, Megalith building, Social Cohesion
Presentation Preference - Oral

One challenge of research connected to megalithic monuments is the inclusion of the concept of social cohesion into the social interpretation of given examples of the 4th and 3rd Millennium B.C. throughout different parts of Europe. Funnel-Beaker societies in Northern-Central Europe are providing a rich base of megalithic tombs, with a number of several thousand monuments built in the modern areas of Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden. Megalithic building traditions can be found in a number of archaeological, historic and recent societies scattered over Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. One of the last remaining places with a recent tradition of megalith construction is the island of Sumba in Indonesia. This ethnographic case study shows how collective efforts in building practices are shaped by and in size verses are influencing the social structure of communities. In this regard, also feasts play an important role. While there are mostly no social restrictions in the access to grave types, the distribution of graves and of their size show some clear patterning. Both the ethnographic case study and the archaeological test region in South-Eastern Schleswig-Holstein and North-Western Mecklenburg-Vorpommern suggest, that collective efforts are very important in monument construction. Based on the grave sizes, the required amounts and resources (e.g. workforce) for building might have been extremely high. Depending on the population of the settlements, cooperation between different settlements or communities must be seen as an important factor. An active use of such monuments for the display of status and economic success of individuals and a group as a whole are reasonable and important aspects. Possible principles of megalith building and the mechanism influencing it are analyzed with regard to the collective character, which is reflected by different aspects of this specific tradition. The high economical expenditure, the ongoing reference to the monuments in connection with feasting activities and collective aspects indicate importance in the preservation of a felt sense of group membership and community structures.

TH3-09 Abstract 07
The Boyne Valley, eastern Ireland – the epicentre of a Neolithic ‘super-ordinate’ identity?

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This paper explores the importance of the Boyne Valley Co. Meath, eastern Ireland in the construction and negotiation of group identities in the late-4th and mid-3rd millennium BC. The construction of substantial passage tombs at Dowth, Knowth and Newgrange indicates the potential significance of the Boyne Valley in the conception and mediation of large-group identities during the Middle Neolithic. It will be advanced that the sources of materials utilized in the construction of these monuments and the distribution of contemporary sites across eastern Ireland provide information about the scale and geographical extent of the groups involved in these construction projects in the later 4th millennium BC. The act of building will be considered from the perspective of strengthening group cohesiveness prior to the occurrence of large-scale gatherings at calendrically significant times of year. Evidence for Late Neolithic Grooved Ware associated feasting at Newgrange confirms the continued significance of the Boyne Valley in the constitution of large-scale group identities during the mid-3rd Millennium BC. An overview of evidence supporting the theory that large-scale winter solstice associated feasting took place at the site will be presented. A working hypothesis about the phasing of the activity will be outlined and estimation of the numbers involved in feasting at the site will be advanced. The significance of different scales of feasting event will be considered, and finally, the importance of calendrically scheduled winter solstice gatherings in the reinforcement of group identities will be discussed.
Building and Burying Together to Stay Together

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This paper argues that the construction of collective tombs at the beginning of the Bronze Age on Crete constitutes an example of building and burying to effect social cohesion. At the end of the Neolithic the early population of Crete dispersed across the island, yet evidence for durable settlements dateable to this period, with the exception of the major sites of Knossos and Phaistos, remains scant. Rather the social cohesion of these clusters of people was promoted through the construction of monumental collective tombs. With diameters of at least five meters the tombs were built of massive boulders the collection and transport of which to the site of the tomb required collaboration and social organization. The first tombs, which would have looked more like mounds than the cylindrical structures often portrayed in reconstructions, evoked the caves in which the Neolithic population lived and buried their dead and some of which remained in use during the Early Bronze Age. Having relocated to areas where lacked caves - and particularly to the south central part of the island - the settlers relocated their places of origin as a means of maintaining social unity. Although some have argued the tombs were built for the elite, burial goods were relatively modest - two to three pieces of pottery and perhaps a personal item - and the overall impression is that the mortuary practices were intended to bind the community together. There is no evidence in these early tombs for any individual receiving special attention. Instead it appears that every member of the group received the same treatment at the time of interment - deposition on the ground accompanied by a few objects. Bodies piled up over time, the desiccated remains swept to the side or long bones and skulls selected while the rest were removed. Some 400-500 years after the tombs were constructed the population finally constructed more substantial settlements that nevertheless remained visually proximate to the cemeteries which continued to serve the role of enhancing social cohesion. This role persisted throughout the Early Bronze Age as the emergence of a more robust built environment evoked the addition of anterooms to pre-existing tombs and the construction of more architecturally defined new tombs. Only the emergence of a supposedly palatial culture at the transition into the Middle Bronze Age supplanted these tombs as an important mechanism for social cohesion.

Looking for a spa? A social cohesion at Santovka - case study

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Santovka (formerly known as Máďorce) is an Early Bronze Age - tell type settlement at southwest Slovakia. It is surrounded by thermal springs which are famous for their sulphuric qualities. An ongoing excavation project currently in its 8th excavation seasons uncovered a medium-sized fortified site, with exceptionally high number of prestigious artifacts of exotic origin and clear evidence of extensive metalworking activities. Ceramic production and consumption is pretty much heterogeneous, with predominant elements of so called matavče, encrusted ware and otomani culture ceramic traditions. The character of uncovered finds as well as geographical position of the site suggests, that Santovka was a place, where identities were able to merge, transform as well as maintain their distinctive character. These processes were obviously dependent of proper social cohesion. We therefore welcome the topic of this paper, because we believe, that Santovka offers a nice example of a site, where theoretical models relating to subject of social cohesion could be studied and applied. We suggest, that local thermal springs were a natural place of healing (solidarity) as well as religious (social integration) qualities and therefore of a supra-regional importance. If we accept the feasting as a background for social cohesion on subconsultive level, than other shared ritualistic activities are not so different. Moreover, production, hunting and grain storage could play a similar role. In this paper we will present the site in context. Our methodology for studying social cohesion will be based on theoretical models influenced by studies of R. K. Merton and his followers. We will use these models for postulating hypothesis based on artifacts and observed archaeological events and environmental conditions.

Collective harvesting at Száhalombatta-Földvár, Central Hungary: a material cultural perspective

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Investigating the sickle blades of Száhalombatta-Földvár yields information on social relations as they show harvesting to be a communal activity, carried out in the power-centre of the Bronze Age chieftain of the Berta valley. Száhalombatta-Földvár, Central Hungary is a Bronze Age tell-settlement along the Danube River, at the delta of Berta river. Bronze Age in Hungary is the period between 2800-2700 BC and 800 BC. From this period, Száhalombatta represent 2000-1400 BC. This archaeological site has important role in the research of Bronze Age in Hungary – and abroad. The excavation of the Bronze Age fortified settlement was carried out within the framework of an international programme that was set up in order to examine the differences, similarities and connections between three different regions of Bronze Age Europe. Száhalombatta-Földvár, due to its size and geographical position, can be considered the head of the Bronze Age chieftain in the Berta valley, according to the model proposed by Ede and Kristályán (2010). However, detailed research of the site itself is challenging this view. Comparisons of the material culture with other sites indicate little indications of a difference in social hierarchy between each site. Hence, instead of political differences, they might be economical.

Sickle blades are common finds at the site of Száhalombatta-Földvár, where they are the main chipped stone tool type during the last major occupation of the settlement (1700–1400 BC). However, sickle blades are reasonably rare in the other Bronze Age site from the valley (Pirskin 2014). This information suggests harvest was a centralised communal activity controlled by Száhalombatta-Földvár. Thereby, harvesting (and sickles) could have been organised among social relations, and could help to keep elite these associations.

The studies on Bronze Age Italy have underlined the existence of differences in the apparent social homogeneity of communities. The terramara society has been singled out as an example of social cohesion and homogeneity, thanks to its regular settlement pattern and repetitiveness of house sizes, but also to its “economic” funerary representation and to the widespread infrastructure investment in water channels and fields, as well as in material culture. On the contrary, Southern Italian communities have been described as more hierarchical and socially divided communities, exposed to the Mediterranean wind of inequality coming from the Aegean and the East.

Anyway, the patterns of social disintegration in reaction to the Late Bronze Age crisis show that the collapse of the terramara system was more radical and extreme than the limited rearrangement suffered by the Southern Italian societies.

It can be suggested that solidarity, identity and cohesion are indeed patterns linked to dynamic structures of power, strongly relying on a non-contradictory expression of power, which likely has its strength in a fatefulistic structure of power.

Anyway, it is also interesting to deconstruct this view of (ancient) societies, in order to understand how far our research traditions have fossilized our understanding of the past.

Collective harvesting at Száhalombatta-Földvár, Central Hungary: a material cultural perspective

The inherently, literally built-in segregative nature of Mycenaean palaces as the seats of political authority and the role of palatially sponsored feasts, held amongst others at the palace itself, as a means of creating a shared identity and thus fostering social cohesion have been key topics of Mycenaean archaeology for the past two decades. The proposed paper seeks to further highlight the link between creating a common identity and promoting cohesion in the sense of conformity. Beyond ‘making Mycenaeans’, as it has been put, how could the palace then make those Mycenaeans fall in line, i.e. bind them to itself and its agenda? Establishing a prestige discourse in which the palace was both the yardstick to gauge one’s standing and the provider of the means to enhance it is suggested as a possible key strategy, ideally leading, from the palace’s perspective, to what might be termed a ‘competitive conformity’ of the ruled. Following a discussion of the nature of prestige, potential visual elements of every one organized by and/or assemblage of the palace are sought as possible correlates, i.e. physical archaeological evidence, of such a palace-fostered discourse. Specific attention is paid to such potential elements which transpose iconicographic themes closely associated with the socially exclusive architectural setting of the palace itself, e.g. themes in the canons of palatial wall-paintings, into different media and media of different degrees of exclusiveness. Possible case studies include drinking vessels, chariot and hunting iconography as well as depictions of anthropological felines and griffins.
**TH3-09 Abstract 13**

**Ritual feasting as indication of social cohesion? A late Bronze Age case study from Romania**

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The talk will focus on ritual feasting in the late Bronze Age site of Lupas in Northwest Romania. As a result of an international excavation and research project (Chair for Pre- and Protohistory, LMU Munich, Germany, Maramures County Museum in Baia Mare, RO; Archaeological Institute, Karolinska Stefan Wyszynski University Warsaw, PL) a monumental, multi-period cult building was uncovered. In each phase a large hall with a central hearth was deliberately destroyed by fire after a period of use and subsequently covered with a clay mantel, on top of which the next hall was erected. Outside those buildings large quantities of pottery vessels of various functions – ranging from storage vessels to delicate cups - have been found. We interpret them as the remains of feasting events of a larger group of people. In accordance with the common interpretation of feasting like creating group identity and cohesion within society we also see oppositional aspects represented in Lupas. As a result of excavations in the past and recent surveys within the project several contemporary or supposedly contemporary barrows with traces of comparable structures were detected. Thus ritual feasting in Lupas may also have functioned as means of competition among different families and an indicator of social distinction and a display of wealth and power.

The paper will address aspects of ritual behaviour on a theoretical as well as evidence based level.

**TH3-09 Abstract 14**

**Do swords make warriors? Identity & cohesion among armed individuals in the European Bronze Age**

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**Keywords:** Bronze Age, swords, warriorhood

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

With the rise of the Bronze Age in Europe it seems that the sword as a new and innovative weapon suddenly became assigned an importance beyond its mere role as armamentarium. A specialised group referred to as ‘elite warriors’ in research tradition seemed to have been drawn a certain status from their peculiar role within a social system developing complex group identities and heavily drawing on cohesive communities. In the course of this paper the warrior’s sword will be discussed as tangible (yet not exclusive) manifestation of such a group identity – apparently uniting (and dividing?) different levels of (functional) role and (social) status of Bronze Age warriorhood with a closer look at the weapon’s changing expression in funerary ritual and deposition tradition of the Nordic Bronze Age. In the end the emblematic role of the sword symbol (respectively its substitute) in the constitution of group cohesiveness among individuals armed with a sword in Bronze Age Europe will be further explored.

**TH3-09 Abstract 15**

**Social cohesiveness as concept of habitus through the lens of archaeological record**

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**Presentation Preference - Poster**

Social cohesion can be expressed, created and maintained through a variety of ritualized (and/or) performative events which can respectively influence different group constellations that constitute society.

Following Bourdieu’s concept of fields and habitus, we choose to focus on the entanglement and juxtaposition of different group identities at different levels, expressed through distinctive sets of material culture and features. Our experimental approach shall be applied to various case studies of the 3rd millennium BC in Europe from a cross-border macro-level to a multitude of local micro-scale units.

**TH3-10 Abstract 01**

**Linear Pottery houses and their social context**

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**Keywords:** houses, Linear Pottery, society

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

The population of Linear Pottery culture constructed stone houses in a rectangular fashion. They were not only in large settlements, but small settlements as well, consisting of one house and few related utility features. The construction of the houses was noticeably uniform.

The architecture of the houses depends on technical ability, but also on the cultural traditions of a given social group. The house is suited to people from that particular group, and therefore must materialize the group’s common thought images that form the basis of its identity. Outlined here is the problem of the house as a phenomenon of forming society. Subjects of study included Linear Pottery houses in the territory of Poland.

**TH3-10 Abstract 02**

**Ancestral Homes: Household Biographies in Late Iron Age Scotland**

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**Keywords:** Biographies, Iron Age Scotland, Roundhouses

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

This paper presents the results of biographical and materiality approaches to the study of a group of well-preserved Late Iron Age houses at Brommouth in south east Scotland. The roundhouses display a variety of different forms and fabrics, and indicate the idiosyncratic nature of buildings which were far more than a passive backdrop to everyday life. Certainly of the roundhouses, particularly those constructed in stone, demonstrate rare and unusual developments and complex life histories, which were punctuated by special deposits. These modifications took place in successive generations and appear to have been concerned with the renegotiation of household identity with relation to previous generations and ancestors.

Furthermore, the referencing of certain special deposits by others laid down several centuries later suggests the presence of...
strong oral histories and practices designed to prolong the memory of successive generations of inhabitants of these buildings. As such, the houses themselves (their fabric and their spatial organisation) appear to have been central to the construction, maintenance and renegotiation of household identity in later prehistoric Europe, as glimpsed through various ethnographic examples in the more recent past.

TH3-10 Abstract 03

Household Archaeology in a small scale house in an early byzantine settlement

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The early byzantine settlement of Carin Grad in southern Serbia can be identified with the imperial city Luciniana Prima known from De Aeclio of Propocius which existed for merely 90 years. Without any marks of earlier or later occupation, the excavations provide unique evidence for the way of life in the early 6th century. Excavations in Carin Grad take place since 100 years. The early campaigns concentrated on representative buildings like churches, while the emphasis nowadays is on the living quarters. Considering the concept and methodology of Household Archaeology, one single room house was excavated in 2014 and 2015 in high resolution with integration of archaeobiology and soil science. The finds indicate a domestic function. The interpretation of the building bases on the results of interdisciplinary research. The simple configuration of the house and the multiplicity of potential types of use in a single room structure challenge the examination. It raises the question whether it was a complete household or not. This is the crucial point where field work and the theories of Household Archaeology come together. Working with an electrically constructed house and a few objects connected with specific activities restrict the possibilities which houses with many rooms and outdoor areas may provide. Therefore the preliminary results of the excavation will be discussed from the perspective of Household Archaeology.

It is necessary to examine the activities in- and outside the building to understand the function the household fulfilled in the settlement. The household with its inhabitants is the people who belonged to an average or low social stratum. Taking their perspective on the settlement raises the question of their mentality and their everyday life. The household can be seen as the place where social roles are negotiated and thus as a social landscape which reflects the mentality of the dwellers. The analysis of installations and for example for example installations for meat processing helps to study daily routine and how the domestic space may be used. The observation which things were left behind or even don’t appear in the archaeological record allows statements about the end of occupation. Life in Carin Grad took place in a time of far reaching cultural change. Written sources provide little insights in the situation of common life. In combination with the archaeological record they allow to delineate the possibilities of household organisation for a specific historical situation.

The talk will examine if it is generally possible to work with the household concept if there are unspecific structures or if it is rather necessary to apply it to gain more information. With regard to cultural formation processes this also raises the issue of the possibility to detect pauperism archaeologically. For this purpose it will present the archaeological remains of a specific small house and compare it with the normal course of life in early Byzantium known from historic tradition.

TH3-10 Abstract 04

Pottery as personal belonging in a Clarisses convent in Vilnius

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Pottery is the most common artefact in excavations of historic sites. Due to vast number of fragments pottery is often identified as mass artefact. Nevertheless, some early modern period pottery in Europe can be associated with personal needs and usage. Pottery with scratched marks such as initials, religious abbreviations, letters or numbers or unidentified scratches are found from all over the world, from the Netherlands and Germany. These marks are assessed as a personal sign of the owner. Most of these marked pottery fragments are uncovered from monasteries and convents. This fact leads to an interpretation that nuns and monks possessed their own ceramic dishes while in most cases private property was forbidden.

In a convent of Clarisses in Vilnius Old Town (Maironio street 11) 10 fragments of marked ceramic dishes from the end of 17th to beginning of 18th century were uncovered during the excavations in 1994 and 2007. These dishes had only marks of letters which were identified as initials of the nuns. Historic data of this convent allowed to identify few names and some initials were associated with two or more nuns.

It is known that no personal property was allowed in this convent as well as leaving the territory was also forbidden. This convent can be assessed as a private household with its own specific rules and domestic life. While no personal possession was allowed the presence of marked pottery is intriguing. These fragments can be interpreted as personal belongings. Dishes could be used for personal hygiene rituals or as a prevention of infectious diseases. There is also a possibility that some nuns had their specific diet requirements and some of the dishes could have been used for serving them food.

TH3-10 Abstract 05

House and Household – an archaeological approach

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The household is commonly identified as a fundamental element of social organization in past times. In archaeology, the household has often been regarded as an essential level of research, in order to bridge the gap between grand theories of cultural change and the practical archaeology on the ground. Theoretical discussions as well as analyses based on empirical observations now tend to take place in dynamic interactions where the household is understood at different scales, and sometimes even as something much different from a specific social structure. New approaches tend to combine social organization and agency with spatial and material dimensions. The household as a unit for organizing production, production and consumption is confronted with the household as ideology, discourse and manifestation. The relationship between the physical house and the household as a social unit is no longer evident and has to be discussed.

In my paper I will discuss the possibilities to combine a vast bulk of archaeologically documented urban buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries in Kalmar, Linköping and Växjö with detailed accounts of the households, the owners and the inhabitants. The relations between the household and society are analyzed in comparison with the building structures within a theoretical framework of actors and agency. The main focus is how to develop the analyses and understandings of households as function and structure in past times, and the relationship between houses and households, as for example through deeper cooperation between historians and archaeologists.

TH3-10 Abstract 06

Houses, households, and workshops in early modern Swedish towns

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The historiography of the early modern household typically identifies the household as a well-defined and coherent unit of social organization, co-habitation and work. Recently more open and varied approaches towards house, family and household have been introduced. Interaction, permeability, and variation appear as important dimensions.

Relating to these new approaches and considering the material structure of houses and town plots, this paper discusses the organization of living space, households and work space in early modern Swedish towns. More precisely, it focuses on artisan households. It has been maintained that in early modern society the scenes of labor was commonly the home, and that it was the development of wage labor that enhanced the separation of work and dwelling. Concerning artisans, it is often taken more or less for granted, that artisans workshops in early modern towns were located in direct connection with their homes.

Evidence from 18th century Swedish towns displays a huge variation in size and structure of artisan households. When the perspective of cooperations is combined with information about the spatial structure of houses and plots, complicated and varied patterns of social organization and social interaction appear. Analyses systematically combining information from written sources and archaeological evidence about artisans and workshops furthermore demonstrate a less evident connection between residence and workshop. These observations provide a more elaborated discussion on how we conceptualize what a workshop is.

TH3-10 Abstract 07

Single households and the meaning of household in 18th century Sweden

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The concept of household is, despite its evident meanings of our everyday reality, enigmatic for historians and archaeologists. What ‘household’ or related terms meant in times past, or how various demographic sources or material settings of archaeological sites represent or reflect the past domestic everyday life? My paper tackles the issue from the standpoint of single households (household that comprises of only one person). Single households appear in the poll tax records of the town of Turku (Sw. Åbo) in 1775 as the most common category of households. How often single households, however, lived in spatial terms ‘alone’ or together with other households? In trying to understand how the administratively defined ‘household’ represented the reality of domestic everyday life?

I answer these questions using lower court (Sw. Kämmerlätten) minutes, where the everyday patterns of domestic life and space often emerge in the testimonies. The comparison of the court records to the poll tax records (or censuses), offers interesting glimpse to understand, how the administratively defined households and individuals used the domestic space. Were single households really single, or did they share there spatial precincts with the adjacent households? Finally, the case-studies concerns wider questions about the question, how historians and archaeologists should handle the concept ‘household’: to define it from the modern premises, to try to trace the historical formation of the concept, or to put it aside or...
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ALTERNATIVE AND ARCHAEOLoGY - SOURCES FROM THE PAST. TOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

TH3-11 Abstract 01

Renovating practices in the history of archaeology

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In this paper I will analyse my own experience of working in archives. I have been researching in archives on and off since 1995 and the experience gathered over the years has allowed me to refine several data compilation techniques. I have found that checking and cross-referencing the information I have gathered from archives over the years is one of the most challenging tasks that we have faced. Interestingly, however, I soon realised that looking at archives was not only a question of new methods, but also of how questions were posed. Initial questions had to be revised to be able to use the considerable potential of the newly found documentation. In my own research on how politics influences archaeology, I found that most of the time the answers were much more complex than expected. Working with correspondence, for example, allows researchers to gain a much more intimate knowledge of the individuals under study than with any other method (with the exception of oral history, which is only possible for most recent events). However, this privileged position makes us aware that overarching ideologies are put into practice in back rooms that we cannot easily detect. I will illustrate my talk with examples from my own work in the archives of correspondence relating to archaeologists such as Gordon Childe, Christopher Hawkes and Luís Pericot.

TH3-11 Abstract 02

Archaeological archives - A deconstruction

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Keywords: archaeological archives, archaeological processes, theory of science and methodology

Presentation Preference - Oral

In this paper, I propose a critical examination of the archaeological archive. Using my personal experience as an archaeologist working in the archives at the Museum of Cultural History in Oslo as a point of departure and a case study, I intend to explore the concept of the archaeological archive from two different angles:

1. In archaeological research, archaeological contexts are always being interpreted with a conscious and reflective view on past research paradigms and history of science. Archaeological practice however, is very rarely subject to the same meta-archaeological scrutiny. Nevertheless, archaeological archives are historical artefacts with complex conditions of production, which, in the same way that archaeological artefacts can be read and interpreted as remnants from prehistory, can be read and interpreted, both as a historical source for the context and provenience of archaeological artefacts, as well as remnants of the theoretical and societal circumstances and conditions that have, in different ways, influenced the archaeological processes.

2. What has been said and has not been documented and kept in the archaeological archives is a product of changing paradigms and selective memory, whether conscious or unconscious. Even so, because of the destruction and displacement caused by an archaeological excavation, the original documentation is the closest we will ever get to the original situation, and archaeological archives in general, will offer a description of how and why it came into being. From the point of view of research, an archaeological archive will also be the least biased source of information, as every re-interpretation from previous research adds a new layer of preconceptions.

TH3-11 Abstract 03

History of the Museo Nazionale Romano: arrangement and management from the beginning to the 1930s

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Keywords: Museo Nazionale Romano, Terme di Diocleziano, museology

Presentation Preference - Oral

Through research in various Italian archives, it is possible to reconstruct the history of the first national museums of Rome in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Some collections of documents (like those of the Archivio Centrale dello Stato) allow us to understand the institutional events that the museum experienced in the course of its life. The activities of the archaeologists (like that of Falco Bambelli, preserved in the Palazzo Venezia in Rome) contain personal correspondence that enables us to draw a profile of the scholars who directed the museum in different periods. Lastly, the photographic archives permit us to reconstruct an idea of the arrangement of the museum exhibits over the years.

The National Roman Museum was founded in 1889 when, in the climate of nationalistic pride that followed the unification of Italy, the new government decided to bring Rome to the level of other European capitals, providing it with a large state archaeological museum, which could compete with the famous collections of the Vatican and Capitoline museums and with foreign public museums. In addition to this intention, there was also a practical problem: finding a shelter for the thousands of finds that the digs put in place for the redevelopment of Rome Capitale progressively brought to light. The choice of where to build the museum fell on the Terme di Diocleziano, an archaeological environment of exceptional importance in the heart of the city, that however revealed all its limits quickly. The legal status of the Baths, which was partly in the hands of private owners, and the areas unsuitable for the exhibition of the works created enormous difficulties in the life of the Museum. The directors who took turns dealing with its management attempted large restoration projects to transform the archaeological ruins in the exhibition, but the technical difficulties and the lack of money prevented the realization of various projects. In this difficult situation, ordinances and arrangements of materials representative of the cultural climate of the different eras were proposed: from the environmental museology to the rhetoric and grandiloquent exhibitions set during the years of fascism. The archival material shed light on the facts and character of a season that is emblematic for the creation of legislation for the protection of antiquities in Italy.

Furthermore, part of the research is dedicated to the heritage of the museum. I have digitally studied the inventories of the Museo Nazionale Romano, preserved in the scientific archive in Palazzo Massimo. As a result of this work, I have created a database that collects information about the provenance and excavation context of some 35,000 artifacts. Diagrams that analyze these data enabled the study of the chronological evolution of the museum’s heritage and the reconstruction of the history of archaeological excavations in Rome during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. This part of the research represents another possible use of the archival data to enrich a reconstruction of the museum’s history.
In this paper I want to develop a very simple linear line of thought about the significance of the archives and archaeological documentation. In one of his papers James Destrac proposed that archaeological documentation, field reports and similar works should be treated as archaology as seeing that they stand in a similar relation to archaeology as ethnography does to ethnology. One could put these papers in the same line and claim that archaeology, description of the artifacts, and not the artifact itself is the source of archaeological research. During fieldworks artifacts are collected, measured, described and interpreted, and only the result of this process and not the excavated object could be called an archaeological source. Site and artifact documentation published in various reports and papers is then applied to other papers and the process is repeated indefinitely. Adopting this notion should switch scientific attention to the archives as they hold not only the aforementioned sources, but also artifacts-objects, and thus they provide the only context for reconstructing excavation process and reference point for the discourse. The nature of archaeological site allows full contact with the artifacts in its context, but a price of being confined to the excavated area, so that the view upon explored culture or community is restricted only to the actual size of the site. Any additional information is obtained via archaeological archives, which makes properly maintained archives one of the most important factors for conducting studies. In my paper I will explore this inductive nature of the research by presenting the possibilities enabled by the introduction of joined archives for Greek painted pottery. Focusing on their main features like standardization of documentation, accessibility and others I will discuss benefits and drawbacks of archive-based research.

Ontology of archaeological sources and the possibilities of archive-based research of Greek pottery

Archaeology and the archive occupy similar metaphorical space. Both are regularly invoked as specific modes of historical thinking (consider, e.g., Foucault 1969, Derrida 1995, Oliver 2008), not only for their cultural resonance but also for the particular practices that underlie both archaeological and archival work – preservation, organization, and so on. And, recently, both have been portrayed as (more or less intentional) materializations of memory, as palimpsest accretions, as memory practices (see, e.g., Lucas 2012, Shanks 2012). That archaeological practice quite literally entails the creation of an archive – that the archaeological process involves collecting, selecting, organizing, and preserving materials – would not be surprising to any of its practitioners. But, despite archaeologists’ familiarity with the archiving of archaeology – as well the conceptual parallel between archaeology and the archive – practical considerations of what archaeology might bring to the archive is still relatively rare (Baird 2012). What is archaeology of the archive?

Following historians of science, Nathan Schligler has argued that, “To reach the science in the making as much as the aspired result, to grasp the quotidian as much as the extraordinary, historians of archaeology need to turn to... the archaeology of the archive.” (2009, 27). There are, more than published results contain the traces of scientific practices – of course, they are, at the same time, the traces of another set of practices. And so, historians of archaeology are in an exceedingly advantageous position to consider the overlapping archive of archaeology and the archive.

What is it to “archaeologize” – beyond the material and beyond archaology pracctice might bring to archival work. We consider this question after two very different archives, the archive of the Nichoria excavations, housed at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens (ASCAS), and the personal archive of the Czech philologist and archaeologist Antonin Salát (1885-1960), housed at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (AVCR). The former contains materials produced during the Nichoria excavations – field notebooks, end of season reports, photographs – in an “organized” typology; the latter contains a great mass of textual ephemera, essentially unprocessed – the residue of Salát’s life. What does it mean to approach these archives, archaeologically? What do considerations of materiality – concomitantly, of context, of temporality – bring to these archives?

Recent conceptualizations of archives and archaeology as assemblages, as memory practices, are often attended by the idea that archaeology’s approach to the past is necessarily different from that of history – that history is sequential, perhaps, and that archaeology is not. Is it? Because it is multitemporal. But archives – the sources of “historical” work – are, themselves, material – and, so, they are also multitemporal. Ultimately, then, approaching our archives with specific reference to their materiality – their “archaology” – we create histories of archaeology that destabilize boundaries between the “historical” and the “archaeological”.

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Most Romanian and Hungarian archaeologists for almost a century. However, the systematic excavations conducted at the site of Turda-Luncș between 1992 and 1998, as well as the preventive ones in 2011, have revealed the necessity of re-evaluating her archaeological activity and writing her scientific biography.

This paper is a case study about the experience of working with archival sources in the process of writing Zsófia Torma's scientific biography, within a complex research that has been undertaken during the past three years, in seven Central and Eastern European institutions. These institutions are as follows: The National Széchényi Library (Budapest, Hungary), The Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest, Hungary), The Hungarian National Museum (Budapest, Hungary), The National Archives of Hunedoara County (Devâ, Romania), The National History Museum of Transylvania (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), The Brukenthal National Museum (Sibiu, Romania) and The Szekler National Museum (Sălaj, Romania). Overall, these institutions are the richest in archival materials concerning Zsófia Torma's personal and scientific life. The first part of this paper aims to trace the differences and similarities between the archival materials from Romania and Hungary, by taking into consideration various aspects ranging from the content and relevance of the documents to their accessibility, way of preservation and system of conservation. In addition to this, the second part of the paper focuses on the methodology employed in this research, as well as its main results and conclusions. Finally, the paper emphasizes the importance of archival materials in establishing Zsófia Torma's place in the history of Hungarian, Romanian and European archaeology.

TH3-11 Abstract 11
Digging in the repository: finding the First World War in the University of Glasgow archives

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Archaeologists and archivists share a material focus; our disciplines deal with the tangible past, the physical manifestation of history through objects, documents, and sites. Furthermore, we are drawn to our work by the tantalising promise of the thrill of discovery, bringing to light knowledge that has been forgotten or neglected in intervening centuries. Thus, the collaboration of archaeologists and archivists for Glasgow University's Great War centenary commemoration project seems a natural fit.

This paper reflects upon the experience of being an archaeological and historian working in an archive, specifically examining the connections of these two distinct related practices whilst undertaking research into the First World War. Firstly, it highlights our roles as arbiters of the past. As Pierre Nora (1989: 10) observed in Lieux de Memoires, ‘To interrogate a tradition, venerable though it may be, is no longer to pass it on intact’. As archaeologists and archivists, we largely accept the interventionist nature of our work we know that we must necessarily change, reorder, or otherwise destroy the past in the process of investigating it and preserving it for the future; furthermore we try to acknowledge our biases, our subjectivity, and our modern viewpoints.

How then do we approach a topic as big as the First World War and the challenges of 20th-century archaeology and archives? It is significant that we, as archaeologists and archivists, are well placed to talk about a war of overabundant materiality, the epitome of González-Ruibal’s (2008, after Augé) supermodern era. How do we deal with the material legacy of the supermodern, as well as what Nora felt was a modern society gone ‘archive-mad’ where we immediately historicise the present? Archaeologically, the First World War leaves us with millions of spent shells, millions of broken bodies, kilometres of trenches. Likewise it generated an astonishing amount of clerical paperwork: forms in duplicate and triplicate, millions of records, all filed away, some of which survive today. Today we continue to archive the supermodern – the seemingly limitless digital files created every day that take up real-world physical space, not in kilometres of shelving, but in computer servers. As Glasgow University’s Great War project has seen, however, the bureaucratic records of everyday life – often times astounding in banality - are of real value to later scholars.

By thinking archaeologically about these archives, this paper offers a look at how interdisciplinary collaboration can enrich and enhance research, while making us think critically about our work.

TH3-12 Abstract 12
Archives and shipwrecks in the Baltic

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The brackish waters of the Baltic hide thousands of shipwrecks from different eras. Most known wrecks of sailing vessels are from historical times and later than medieval. How can we compare and combine the sources from archives and archaeological data from shipwrecks to make their story complete and also scientifically valid?

At some points during the last decade important archaeological sites in today’s Romania, as well as for the international academic network that she developed through her vast scientific correspondence with well-known scholars of the time, such as Archibald Henry Sayce, Francis Haverfield, Johannes Ranke, and Albert Voss. After Zsófia Torma’s death, her activity was underestimated and ignored by

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In this paper, I will try to shed light on the discovery of a building excavated during the 1920s and 1930s beneath Via di San Nicola de’ Cesarini, Rome, by means of both archival data and archaeological evidence. SURVEYING the historical archives of Rome (i.e., unpublished notes, drawings, tracings of brick stamps, and period photographs) allows for both a reconstruction of the appearance of the building at the moment of its discovery, as well as the dating of its phases. The old cadaster of the city, the Catasto Pio Gregoriano, and the CABRENO of the FABBRICA DI ROMA, a limited collection of plans and drawings of the ancient and modern drainage system of the city, are also invaluable tools for the completion of this task. Thanks to this work, it will be possible to reconstruct the building in all its phases and to attempt an identification of it, drawing a new and up-to-date architectural map in order to facilitate future work on the surrounding area.
to start the research in archives. Sometimes an archival source – a document like an accident report or an announcement in the newspaper – leads to a systematic search for a possible place of wreckage. As archaeologists, we must learn to read both the material culture and archival sources, which possibly relate to each other. In this paper, two cases from Finnish waters will be presented, which have both archaeological findings and written sources associated with them.

The first case is that of a remarkable medieval maritime accident with quite a lot of written documents telling its story. The possible site of the accident is in the brackish waters of the Gulf of Finland. How might we interpret the scattered pieces of a wreck in the area, and how might we reconstruct the accident from the late 15th century? The other case is related to two shipwrecks of 18th-century merchant ships. Would it be possible to combine written documents, like toll and salvaging records, to find a shipwreck? Is it possible to identify a shipwreck, and what methods should be used in the archaeological research process?

TH3-11 Abstract 13
The relationship between archive documents and archaeological material of a naval conflict

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This research questions the role of archive documents in conflict archaeology. The second naval battle of Svensksund took place on 9 July 1790 on the south coast of Finland, outside the modern city of Kotka. The battle was part of the Russo-Swedish War (1788–1790), and it is the largest naval battle ever fought in Northern Europe. The focus of this research is the apparent contradiction between archival documents about the battle, and existing archaeological material. The general view, based on written sources, is that a large number of the vessels of Russia's rowing fleet shipwrecked near Lehmäsaari Island, on the east side of the naval battle area, after being disadvantaged, partly due to weather conditions. However, only eight wreck sites have been located so far in the vicinity of Lehmäsaari Island. The small number of the wrecks has been explained by site formation – especially non-cultural – processes, but no comprehensive research has been published about this subject. The aim of this paper is to study this imbalanced relationship between archival documents and underwater archaeological material. The body of material interrogated consists of the archive – both primary and secondary sources – as well as archaeological material.

TH3-11 Abstract 14
Analysing Archived Material to Unravel Wheelhouse Chronologies in the Western Isles, Scotland

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The site of Bruthach a'Tuath on the Isle of Benbecula was investigated as part of rescue excavation which was undertaken in 1956 and 1957 in advance of the building of a Rocket Range in the Uists; the results of which were never published. In the 60 years since, the finds material and paper archive has found its way into the collections of a number of different institutions, including the National Museums Scotland, Kelvingrove Museum, Historic Environment Scotland, and the National Archives. Collation and analysis of this fragmented record has brought to light previously unrealised information about the excavated features, showing the presence of at least two wheelhouses and numerous related features.

TH3-11 Abstract 15
The Aerofototeca Nazionale of Rome: a photographic archive for the study of Italian heritage

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Today, with the use of commercial drones, aerial pictures of archaeological sites and landscapes can be easily obtained, and thanks to more or less user-friendly software, easily processed – as it was recently discussed at the 2nd International Aerial Archaeology Conference that took place in Rome in February 2016 – and present-day records can be compared with "pre-economic boom" images to better understand what has changed in our landscapes and single sites. Since its creation, the Aerofototeca Nazionale, based in Rome, has acquired several different collections of aerial photographs. Today it houses aerophotographic materials that date from the very end of the 19th century (e.g., the images taken by G. Boni during his excavations in the Roman Forum) to recent years. The core of the collections are the thousands of images taken by the Allied air forces while surveying war zones during WWII; despite their often precarious preservation state, those images depict several areas of the Italian Peninsula that look totally different today, due to the growth of urban areas and the development of infrastructures.

The Aerofototeca, founded in 1958, is a historical photographic archive of the ICCD – Istituto Centrale del Catalogo e Documentazione – part of the Italian Ministry of Culture (MBACT). The archaeologist Dino Adamesteanu was the first director of the Aerofototeca. He organized the body of archival materials and designed the archive as an instrument for the collection, preservation, cataloguing and study of aerial photographic records. The Aerofototeca is an essential source for archaeological research and the safeguarding of our heritage.

The author of this paper, during an 18-month internship at the Aerofototeca, followed by field research, worked on the rearrangement of a group of more than 4,000 slides, the so-called "fondo Adamesteanu," a focus on a selection of those slides was published on the periodical Archeologia Aerea VI, 2012. The aim of this paper is to show a few examples of the potential of this archive as a fundamental source for understanding the development of our fast-changing landscapes and as a tool for the safeguarding of Italian archaeological sites.

In particular, starting from the pioneering 1908 aerophotographic survey of a stretch of the Tiber River, some areas along the river will be analyzed on the basis of the materials available at the Aerofototeca, retracing phases of ancient and recent history of the landscape.

TH3-11 Abstract 16
Endangered Archaeology in the Archives: utilizing historical aerial photography to assess heritage

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The Endangered Archaeology of the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA) project aims to locate, document and monitor archaeological sites and any damage to those sites in an online platform for the Middle East and North Africa region utilizing remote sensing and networks of professionals. The threat to archaeological sites due to political and social upheaval in the MENA region has drawn much attention and is being effectively monitored remotely by a number of projects, but the more gradual threats to sites from development and agriculture over the last century are less well documented. Historical aerial imagery collected from the first half of the 20th century is a fantastic resource that has captured landscapes and sites before modern development, population increase and conflict drastically changed the region and accelerated heritage loss. The collections however are scattered between institutions and many are poorly documented. The paper will present how EAMENA with the Aerial Photographic Archive for Archaeology in the Middle East (APAME) has begun working with these collections to not only utilise a fantastic resource for the documentation of heritage, but to digitise and facilitate knowledge sharing of what these collections hold.

TH3-11 Abstract 17
Another kind of archive: on the preservation of publications and born-digital material

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The potential of archaeological material in print and electronic formats is well documented, but the potential of publications and born-digital material is not a well-researched area. The Endangered Archaeology of the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA) project is working to mitigate this gap. EAMENA’s project in the Middle East and North Africa focuses on documenting and monitoring archaeological sites and any damage to those sites in an online platform utilizing remote sensing and networks of professionals. The potential for using publications and born-digital material for archaeology in MENA is huge, as many of the resources that makeup MENA’s archaeological heritage are not born-digital, are not well documented, or are not in the public domain. The project is working to identify available publications and born-digital material, where possible, digitise them and make them available to the public online. The project is also working to establish a framework for the documentation of born-digital material as a means of preventing future loss.
The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland has been publishing since 1792 and has produced the journal Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (PSAS) annually since 1851. These volumes provide a record of research excavations, rescue excavations, archaeological surveys, studies of objects, overviews of historical records, publication reviews and more. Physical copies of the Proceedings are sent every year to Fellows of the Society as well as to libraries and institutions across the world. In 2001, the Society began scanning our PSAS archive and since 2003, PDFs of papers more than a year old are available to view freely online via the Archaeology Data Service (http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/pass/index.cfm); since 2011, users have downloaded PSAS articles more than 386,000 times. We also host the full text of our out-of-print monographs and Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR) with the ADS. The sheer amount of archaeological knowledge that our publications contain makes it an indispensable resource for anyone studying the history of antiquarianism and archaeology in Scotland, as well as a treasure trove of detailed information on archaeological sites and artefacts. As these publications cover hundreds of years of research, thousands of different objects and sites and hundreds of authors, there is often the Society itself. How can the Society best use its own heritage and archives to inform future work? One of the research projects of the Society is the Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (SARF). This free-to-use online resource (www.scottishheritagehub.com) summarises what the acknowledged experts in their fields – not only archaeologists but also those in related disciplines such as geosciences, environmental sciences, history and museums – thought about Scottish archaeological knowledge at the time of the first reports in 2012. The work is divided by time period and each period ‘panel’ made a series of recommendations for future research. Now, in 2016, the panels are beginning work on the next version of these reports. This will mean that the 2012 reports become, in effect, an archive themselves. One of the challenges moving forward will be to ensure that as the first set of questions posed are answered, that the archaeological information that led to them are not forgotten or archived so that in the future, contemporary trends and lines of thinking can be studied. It is planned that the new reports will contain links to more of the raw data and archives used in their creation and it is possible that many of these data and archives will be available online. However, the ability to view these will only be a useful addition if they are openly accessible. The Society has a privileged position from which to think about the long-term survival of our archaeological heritage as it has been around since 1780 and, as long as there follows with an interest in Scottish archaeology and history, will remain for the decades and centuries to come. How can we ensure that our rich history and archives will remain visible and relevant for as long as they are needed?

TH3-11 Abstract 18
Ancient inscriptions and digital archives: an undeciphered script to the public
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Creating databases with digital archives of ancient inscriptions has become customary over the past decade. Digital databases of cuneiform tablets are particularly popular, and thanks to advanced digital technologies, especially 3D scanning, thousands of cuneiform inscriptions can now be freely browsed through by both specialists and non-specialists, meaning that they have become easily accessible to anyone interested in studying them. Yet, there are many inscriptions in other ancient scripts that still await a similar treatment. One such script belongs to the realm of the earliest European literacies: Linear A, used during the Minoan civilisation and still undeciphered. A digital archive of clay tablets inscribed with this script is still non-existent, but hopefully such a state of affairs is soon to be changed. By taking Linear A tablets as a case-study, the paper presents various aspects of how our understanding of ancient inscriptions can be improved by using their 3D images. Previously used plaster casts, photographs, drawings and text copies of tablets have not proved accurate enough, especially when it comes to analysing various physical features of tablets. For decades clay tablets were treated as secondary to inscriptions they carried, and it is fairly new to approach those documents as archaeological objects themselves and pay full attention to their physical properties. Studying those physical properties is nearly impossible from conveniently published corpora, whereas access to actual tablets is limited to a small circle of specialists (and even they sometimes face obstacles, such as the fact that relevant inscriptions may be scattered around the world, often displayed behind glass in museum galleries, or locked away in museum storerooms). Digital archives of 3D images have been changing this situation rapidly, and they in addition allow interdisciplinary research, for example a study of finger-prints of scribes. The paper will provide an overview of various aspects of improvements in our understanding of Linear A inscriptions facilitated by creating their digital databases, and will also reflect upon how such a digital database could draw a much greater interest of public to this undeciphered script. For the simple reason of inaccessibility to its tablets, crowdsourcing is automatically excluded from the field of Linear A studies – an important thing to keep when reminding ourselves that a successor to Linear A – the first known Greek script called Linear B – was deciphered by a non-specialist.

TH3-11 Abstract 19
An essential documentation from the A. D. Archive of Rome to throw light on archaeological issues
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Presentation Preference – Poster

In the era of MDA5 (Massive Data Acquisition Systems) applied to archaeological sites the battle between the so-called “old” and “new” research methodologies and data recording techniques is burning up. But at the moment there is still something invisible even to the best advanced tools: the traditional data archives. Thinking as a human being is unavoidable to unlock this large number of items we need to use. The Historical and contemporary Archives of the Soprintendenza agli Scavi e Monumenti della Provincia di Roma was created in 1870, just a day after the Porta Pia breach and the conquest of Rome by the Kingdom of Italy. The first purpose of the archive was to record all the activities connected to archaeological findings: defending remains and monuments inside the Aurelian Wall and in the wide Lazio countryside asked for, obviously, a huge effort from such a young office. The author of this paper had different chances to study Emperor Hadrian’s properties; the BA thesis was on Salvatore Aurigemma’s archival fund that provides a huge data about the excavation and safeguarding of Villa Adriana during and after WWII. The MA thesis was on the Gardens of Sallust and offered a new reconstruction of the morphological and structural context of it. In that specific topic the archive was very helpful in providing data for understanding the topographical aspects of the ancient property: moreover, in the archive we can find the correspondence between the Soprintendenza and the private owners of the area and the following legal dispute. Nowadays, the Historical archive of the Soprintendenza Speciale per il Colosseo, il Museo Nazionale Romano e l’Area Archeologica di Roma is under the responsibility of Alessandra Capodilupo. It’s housed in the National Roman Museum of Palazzo Altemps. The museum and the archive are nowadays strongly linked to each other and to the territory they cover.

The Archive and also its website (http://archeologia.beniculturali.it/adas, Archeological Data Archive), created in 2004 by Federico Filippi and Lucia Attilla, is a public cultural place intended for the community. The contemporary shape of the office is being developed within (and by) the Soprintendenza of Rome within the “Service of Historical Archives”. The ADA is intended for scholars of Roman archaeology and it has become a meeting place of knowledge sharing and exchange. For that purpose the website hosts a huge number of online data such as the “excavation report”, e-book and, soon to be published, the iconographic collection. The author of this paper was involved in a nearly two-year long work, supporting the activity of archiving and digitizing data into different DB systems. The aforementioned case studies are helpful examples of the role of data archives in present-day archaeological research process.
HOW TO MAKE A FIELD SCHOOL WORK: MANAGING ISSUES, DANGERS, OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, 2 September 2016, 09:00-16:00
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Presentation Preference - Regular session

Archaeology Field School is supposed to be a training environment for students who aspire ultimately to become archaeologists, but is it the right place?

Archaeological projects have faced for many years now an increase in field school offers, the majority of them asking students to pay a fee or tuition for joining the field school where they would be trained by professional archaeologists. Very often these projects ask for very high fees which students cannot always cover, consequently forcing them to search for some other training opportunities.

What are the reasons for such high fees? Do these high fee projects train better archaeologists than other archaeological fieldwork? What is the best technique to build a successful field school project? What expectations do student have when they apply for a field school? Should field schools be led by universities, non-university institutions, or partnership between the two? Would a management plan and a business plan help to provide a better working place for all the parties involved?

The primary purpose of this session is to analyse archaeologists' working methods on developing a successful field school, with the aim of answering the questions above. The discussion should focus on issues encountered during the development of projects and on means for providing the best training for archaeology students, where the focus should be placed on improving their skills in a limited time-span, but also reducing the costs of running the field school.

The ultimate purpose of this session is to provide the base for further improvements in the creation of effective and well-organized projects, which can turn archaeology students into actual professionals on archaeological sites.

TH3-12 Abstract 01
From Office to Field: Developing University of North Georgia's Sicilian Archaeological Field School

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Keywords: Engaged archaeology, Field school, Instructional research
Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeological field schools are the primary means to expose students to their first excavation and to train future generations of professional archaeologists. During these programs, students are engaged in experiential learning, critical thinking, and cultural experiences. Likewise, the development of an archaeological field school often engages university administrators and faculty in a similar manner, introducing them to the nuances of scientific archaeological fieldwork in diverse settings. This paper discusses the challenges faculty and administrators must face together when developing an international archaeological field school. Such programs break the mold of a traditional study abroad program by involving complex logistics, risk management strategies, site locations, course schedules, and learning outcomes. University of North Georgia’s Sicilian Archaeological Field School serves as a case study for the development and implementation of a new international program requiring close collaboration between university, civic, and regional partners. This program blends instruction with research to provide students with a holistic perspective of archaeology. The delicate balance between project goals, pedagogical strategies, logistical challenges, and program costs are explored, proposing a strategy to keep costs low and learning outcomes high. When offered as a study abroad program, such instructional research projects afford students with the skills necessary to pursue careers in archaeology as well as valuable cultural experiences translatable to a broad variety of careers.

TH3-12 Abstract 02
The many meanings of Archeological Education: field schools in archiological heritage management

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Archeological Education is going through either a crisis or an expansion; through revision or agony. It very much depends on the observer and the field from which he or she comes. In Europe, archaeology used to be taught solely in History departments. In the United States, it is part of Anthropology or Classics Department. Archaeological Science is becoming increasingly relevant, and techniques in which no digging is involved are preferred by researchers. What about Archeological Heritage Management (AHM)? What is its specific weight and role in this new higher education landscape? AHM is frequently treated as an appendage to traditional research rather than an essential element to be planned for from the beginning. It is also taught in the final semesters of a degree, as it traditionally reflects something done at the end. Interestingly enough, a good number of graduates in archeology find jobs related to AHM: museums, historical societies, international organizations, cultural tourism, etc. This disconnection between what we are teaching our students and what awaits them in the outside world needs some attention. Over the past several years, the authors have been incorporating AHM as an integral part of our curriculum, both in the classroom and the field, on campus, and in study-abroad programs. We have also developed and implemented a field school that goes beyond traditional training in practical skills of surveying, excavation, recording, and artifact processing, and deals primarily with the idea of heritage management and the real problems that it faces today. In this paper, we describe our experience in developing an archeological and heritage management field school on the island of Menorca (Spain) from 2009 to 2016, which started as a traditional fieldschool but evolved to an “only-heritage” experience. We teach archeology from a holistic perspective that incorporates the theory and practice of archeological stewardship: preservation, interpretation, management, and public outreach of archeological resources. We want to share the reasons for this shift, and the challenges we have faced to make it work.

TH3-12 Abstract 03
How to improve the offered preparation and avoid the risk of “fake” field school

Author - Vecchiet, Costanza, Durham University, Trieste, Italy (Presenting author)
Keywords: Archaeology, Field school, skills
Presentation Preference - Oral

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TH3-12 Abstract 04
Through the thin mesh - Bucket flotation in EcoPlis project: 2015 fieldwork

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The processing of all samples from Abrigo do Poço, which is a prehistoric site on the Algarve coast, has been a significant undertaking. The site is known for its Roman maritime context and has been excavated by a team of archaeologists from the University of Oporto and EVA, the local archaeological institute. The project aims to provide students with a hands-on learning experience through archaeobotanical analysis, focusing on the flotation process. Flotation is a method used to extract small seeds and plant fragments from sediments, which can provide valuable insights into past environments.

The team, led by Eduardo and Poltorak, has been working on this project since 2015. They are using new methodologies to improve the efficiency of the flotation process, aiming to reduce the time required for sediment processing. This is crucial for the project's success, as it allows the team to keep the costs low and make the site accessible to a larger number of students.

The project has been well-received by the students, who have expressed a high level of enthusiasm and engagement. They have had the opportunity to work with the latest equipment and techniques, gaining valuable experience in archaeobotanical analysis. The students have also been encouraged to think critically about the data they are processing, understanding the importance of the small details in the broader context of the site's history.

Despite the challenges posed by the financial constraints, the team has managed to maintain and improve the project's ethos. They have found innovative ways to finance the project, such as crowdfunding and small donations from interested parties. This approach has allowed the project to continue and thrive, providing a valuable learning opportunity for the students involved.

The authors of the paper emphasize the importance of training students in the latest techniques and methodologies, as this will help them to become proficient archaeologists. They argue that future archaeologists must be equipped with the skills to adapt to changing circumstances and to work in interdisciplinary teams. By involving students in all stages of the project, from excavation to analysis and interpretation, the team is ensuring that the next generation of archaeologists will be well-prepared for the challenges of the field.

This paper provides a unique insight into the workings of a successful archaeological project, highlighting the importance of innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to education. It demonstrates how a project can be managed in a way that is both effective and sustainable, while also providing a enriching experience for the students involved.
One of this could be and, in the daily scenario, must honestly be an attempt to self-sustaining by the excavations and of the cultural projects themselves. It is in this renewal aid and management reorganisation that new Master and specialized courses were born. They are born because of the sector specialists having realised how important it is for the survival of archaeology and free management find a way to make culture more accessible, not a slave to political austerity. Several can be the ideas an archaeological site could develop in order to achieve its “freedom”: paid guided tours, small gadget for visitors, open days/weekend for families during which could be asked a small contribution for excavation maintenance. Everything it is left to the archaeologists and their skills in understanding what people really want, and what people are really keen and available in paying for.

Certainly, also enriching the staff with one or two specialized managers could be a good idea, but why do not melding archaeological and managing knowledge all in the hands of one who really run the excavation and its activities? These, obviously, are just some suggestion. Thus, analyzing and comparing experiences tested already, the present paper will try to give an overview about the current status of archaeology and its future opportunities and possibilities if well managed.

TH3-12 Abstract 09
Site management and business plans, conservation and public engagement issues and opportunities

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Keywords: Financial Self-sufficiency, Site Management, Sustainability
Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeological projects have been for many years now considered enterprises run mainly by public funding. Additionally, in many countries it is a commonly accepted notion that supporting heritage will automatically mean money loss and the need for extra funding is a constant “curse” for many site managers. In particular cases insufficient funding precludes the management of the site from running even basic maintenance work, consequently causing bad publicity, as less areas become accessible for visiting, and reducing the opportunities to improve the site facilities.

The primary purpose of this paper is to explore through case-studies what are the key aspects of a successful management plan and business plan and what are the major financial, political issues encountered during the development of projects and how to handle these issues. It will also highlight the importance of involving different stakeholders as means to increase the chances of the success of site management, its conservation and valorisation.

The second purpose is to explore limitations in achieving financial self-sufficiency while managing an archaeological site and demonstrating the need to change the approach to Italian Heritage in order to “rescue” it from the risk of abandonment due to lack of funds. If a site can reduce the reliance of public funds it will protect the site from possible conservation and valorisation issues due to funds cuts as a consequence of economical crisis like it has occurred since 2008.

The last goal of this paper is to explore what actions can be taken to reach a much wider public, including those that would not naturally come to visit the site, and understand the possible threats of the rise of visitor numbers, while investigating the possible benefits in terms of job creation within the site and in the buffer zone.

The final question which will be tried to answer is: are all sites potentially sustainable or is it necessary to consider the closure of some to preserve them until more funds become available?

TH3-12 Abstract 10
Drama - Merdzhumekia: German archaeological field-school in Bulgaria

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Keywords: archaeological field-school, Drama - Merdzhumekia, German methodology
Presentation Preference - Poster

The prehistoric settlement mound Merdzhumekia was situated near the village of Drama in the Tundzha municipality, Yambol district. It has been completely excavated during the Bulgarian-German project from 1983 to 2011. The joint project was undertaken by Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” in Bulgaria and Saarland University in Germany. The international project was led by prof. Alexander Flo, prof. Jan Lichardus, prof. Francesca Bartemes and Iliya Iliev.

The aim of this poster is to present the methodology used by German scholars during the archaeological excavations in the village of Drama. The system permitted students to participate in all aspects of the project: archaeological excavations, graphic documentation and processing of ceramic materials and finds.

During the international project, more than 300 students and University assistants participated from Bulgaria, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Luxembourg. Some of them are now leading archaeologists and University professors in Bulgaria, Germany and England.
CREATIVE ARCHAEOLOGIES II
CONTINUING THEORY AND PRACTICE
IN A NEW BRANCH WITHIN THE FIELD OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Saturday, 3 September 2016, 09:00-13:00
Faculty of Philology, Room 114
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Presentation Preference - Workshop

Heritage thinker Freeman Tilden (1957) claims that the chief aim of interpretation is not instruction, but provocation. Archaeologists in recent years have explored the potential for artistic practice to contribute to this kind of interpretation of the past. Last year organizers of the session “Creative Archaeologies” asked whether instead of continuing to rely the distinction between art and archaeology, we should rather be thinking in terms of new forms of creative practice. This session continues that exploration to create ground for a new kind of branch/network within archaeology, one called Creative Archaeologies.

This workshop combines conventional lecture presentation, with film, video, installation, and performance to probe the depths of current creative practice in archaeology. These projects blur the boundaries between Anthropology, Archaeology, Art and Natural Science and produce innovative archaeologies and unconventional outcomes.

To define the approach participants consider existing projects, proposed creative acts, and reflect on creative practice's impact on both archaeological and artistic thinking. What is creative archaeology? What are the implications of such a practice for the discipline? Creative archaeologies utilize new tools, frameworks, and venues to expand the impact of archaeological practice and reflect on its position within contemporary society. Moving beyond unidirectional collaboration in which an artist interprets archaeological work, and an archeologist reflects on the artist's interpretation, this session invites projects in which creative practice intervenes at many stages and from many directions.

TH3-13 Abstract 01
Among The Dead Dunes, Some Trees Glow Like The Sun
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Keywords: Archaeology, Art, Creativity
Presentation Preference - Oral

In this piece,
You may encounter the past,
but you might leave
Holding the future in your hands.

TH3-13 Abstract 02
The Archaeology of Pinboards –
the future and the past in ads and posters
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Keywords: Community, Future Archaeology, Pinboards
Presentation Preference - Oral

One ice cold day in the middle of March 2015 I was standing at the mainstreet of the small town Kopparberg, wondering what I was up to? In less then two hours a group of artists, asylumseekers from all over the world, some locals and national television would arrive to participate in the excavation of the pinboard right where I was standing. Two days earlier I had launched the idea of excavating a public pinboard, as an archaeological method of finding the essence of Kopparberg, the future of the society, or at least what people were doing there. Because when asking the locals, no answers were given. Most common answer was “nothing”, or just vague answers about going to school, work, church or just going away to Örebro (the nearest city) when every change was given... Archaeology can provide information about the contemporary life in a small town, and give another picture. In this case, national media was telling a story about Kopparberg as a depressing place: nothing happens there, the unemployment rate and the number of inhabitants is the highest in Sweden, everyone wants to move away and the municipality will be the first to disappear in the country. But in fact, archaeology provided a totally different picture, a picture about people and a struggling community.

In this presentation I would like to tell you all about the excavation, but I will not. This presentation will instead be your introduction to the concept of pinboard-archaeology, and during a short workshop I will let you all be a part of excavating the local community through a pinboard at the venue.

TH3-13 Abstract 03
Archaeological carpentry. Doing theory with your hands
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Keywords: art, carpentry, theory
Presentation Preference - Oral

In the introduction to his book “Alien Phenomenology” (2012) Ian Bogost suggests that philosophers ought not just to write philosophy, at least not without practicing, doing, or making. He urges engagement in carpentry: constructing artifacts that do philosophy. This is more than artistic practice, carpentry is a perspective on creative work that asks philosophical questions. Or put in another way, carpentry is what you call it when things (including art) are used or made for philosophical use. I want do explore the use of carpentry as new forms of creative practice in archaeology, playful practice, that can help us to develop and architectural concepts.

I want to explore the use of “philosophical carpentry” using an example from my own work on archaeology of milk (Mikłusz 2015). I explore the notion of milk as an assemblage or ecology, using crafted objects. Exploring the relational nature of milk assemblage, I focus on the idea that nothing exists in and of itself, things exist only in assemblages. Things exist and take the form that they do by participating in an emergent web of materially heterogeneous relations. Use of “philosophical carpentry” allows playful exploration of connections between objects through their material and sensuous qualities. Open-ended practice associating and realting objects creates surprising new assemblages, ecologies and associations and opens ways to new, creative understandings of milk assemblage.
Archaeological field schools are viewed as the first port of call for students aspiring to become archaeologists. On top of this, they are often major research outlets for universities and archaeological organizations, and often come to represent the sector on television and in publications. Their position and importance in the sector is well developed and, until now, viewed as well understood.

When starting research on field schools in the UK, confused responses were given to simple questions on definition, curriculum, length, cost, demographic and standards. I subsequently set out to start to answer some of these questions over three stages. The first developed the context, looking at how training in practical archaeology had developed over the last 50 years in relation to the economy, government legislation and the archaeological sector in general. The second addressed the issue of definition: comparing the different terms used for practical training – field school, course, field, fieldwork, excavation etc. - and seeing where the term ‘field school’ belonged and, importantly, who belonged within it. The balance discussions from sections 1 and 2, the final section looked to real data. Drawing from the first database of archaeological field schools in the UK and from a qualitative survey of individuals who attended field schools recently, they offered an insight into the current situation of field schools in the UK today. The response demonstrated a broad confirmation over the definitions and expectations of field schools, fuelled by a lacking regularity on the length, demographic and curriculum on offer.

What this research shows is a fundamental area of the archaeological sector which, in the UK and contrary to its academic counterpart, has failed to develop in a way which caters to the demands and requirements requested by its participants. In light of the economic difficulties field schools are facing, they are being forced to compromise and develop. It is therefore a perfect opportunity, albeit well overdue, to develop field school as strategic assets for the sector and wider cultural heritage, as well as a fairer environment for those taking part. The data produced and topics discussed in this paper hope to mark the start of this process.

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**TH3-13 Abstract 06**

**Visual aesthetic of archaeological practice: a creative approach**

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**Keywords:** archaeological practice, Archaeological theory, creative archaeology

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

The image projected by the archaeologists in the archaeological practice on the sites has set the social valuation of Archaeology in terms of relevance and usefulness. However, the procedures followed in the archaeological research have blocked, in many cases, the consideration of Archaeology as an activistic practice to integrate, on purpose, the archaeological works into the citizens’ interests. Taken into account the destruction of social, cultural conventions which are posed by some special visual styles as Street Art and Photo/Video journalism, it is analyzed the creation of archaeological Ethnography to identify visual patterns which belong to the archaeological practice, which transform it into an aesthetical of movements, to allow the reflection about the concept of ‘universality’. This goes beyond the Theory and has been applied on practice during a field school of Archaeology done at an official High School of the Spanish State, in Murcia, in which was made relevant the presentation of new ways to understand the cultural heritage and its richness in an innovative way. The visualization of archaeological practice, and the utilization of Archaeology in an activistic way to fight the injustice derived from the integration processes at the moment of social changes.

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**TH3-13 Abstract 07**

**Kulmin - digital dissemination of cultural heritage**

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**Keywords:** digital dissemination, Kulmin

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

How do we inspire curiosity and interest in heritage and cultural history when the personal guide is absent? How can we create wonder and sense of place and time in the encounter between people and cultural heritage without a good storyteller?

Sør-Trøndelag County Authority has developed a product and a strategy for digital dissemination of cultural heritage via mobile phones and tablets named Kulmin. Focus is on the good story, the good storyline. Focus is on the personal guide and women and children’s encounters with the cultural heritage. The monuments and sites are made vivid and dramatic through text, audio and video on smartphones and tablets in stories based on archaeological, cultural and historical facts. The stories are characterized by myths, legends, events and people, conveyed through dramatization, humor and other narrative devices.

The dissemination has included input from the hearing and visually impaired, and the contents should be understandable and engaging independent of the user’s ability or disability. The aim of Kulmin is to make cultural heritage accessible to all. Kulmin takes the step from protection of our cultural heritage to facilitate, make available and visualize the historical monuments and sites. Kulmin as a product is not technologically advanced. The innovative aspect of Kulmin is how heritage is being conveyed. Technology is only the tool, the content is the king with an aim to capture the interest and create curiosity.]

Dramatizing the past through ‘the good story’ makes the cultural heritage more accessible and exciting.

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**TH3-13 Abstract 08**

**Let Archaeology be Archaeology and Art be Art - and let them tell a story side by side**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

We strongly believe that the archaeological discipline benefits from interdisciplinary approaches. We believe in co creation and equality between art and archaeology but still that the different disciplines theoretical framework should be respected. We have made a concept called eScape. Our approach is not theoretical but based on practical projects made on site.

The concept eScape is all about combining art, archaeology, past and present - creating and telling art on sites with strong archaeological evidence in combination with the scientific archaeological excavations.

The location and the landscape is the raison d’être of the project - and locals as well as tourists are given the opportunity to experience landscape storytelling combined with world history interpreted by modern art.

eScape brings out art and cultural heritage “on location”, away from the walls of the museum, creating a phenomenological space where nature, art and cultural heritage meet and communicate with one another, giving visitors unique and unexpected experiences.

Collaboration between specialists in Tourism, Art and Archaeology and combining the three parts on equal terms is crucial, as well as participation from locals and children. Turning people who stare into people who care – and people who dare and share.

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**TH3-13 Abstract 09**

**Layers of living in layers of time**

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**Keywords:** art and archaeology, heritage, theory and practice

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

In 2013 the largest urban archaeological excavation ever undertaken in West Sweden started in the area of Gamlestaden in Gothenburg. The town of “nya Lidska”, which lay here between 1473 and 1624, is being exhumed. The area is set to undergo major transformations. New construction activities with buildings, a new hub for public transport, walkways and bike lanes will transform the urban landscape. The archaeological dig is done behind fences. You can have a glimpse of what’s going on, peeping through little openings, but it’s hard to understand – what is happening? You can go for a guided tour, but do you see the connection between now and then? Do the archaeologists care about what’s happening outside the fence while they are digging? What is present, what is past? How can we explore the environment when space is money? In a workshop arranged in May 2015 archaeologists, musicians, artists and students investigated the environment in Gamlestaden with the aim discovering stories and contexts in the many layers of time. This investigation resulted in a video: Layers of living in layers of time. The purpose and the outcome of the video will be discussed in the presentation.
SETTLEMENT VARIABILITY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROCESS

TH3-14 Abstract 01
Farms, hamlets, villages and towns. Settlement variability in Early Modern Scandinavia

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Keywords: Early Modern, Scandinavia, Settlement
Presentation Preference - Oral

Words like farm, hamlet, village or town are often used to describe different kinds of settlements but they are not simple and straightforward. Archival sources, maps and archaeological records show no clear link between spatial form, socio-economic status and political status. The same general form may correspond to different socio-economic situations. In this paper I will discuss settlements by taking variability as the starting point rather than pre-conceived concepts and models. Maps, tax registers and archaeological records from several parts of Scandinavia will be discussed with a focus on Western Sweden.

TH3-14 Abstract 02
Areas reserved for rich and populated by poor or melange of many factors?

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Keywords: socio-topography, layout, Turku, early modern, urban settlement
Presentation Preference - Oral

Research, even if focused on the same topic, is relevant and has many variables, which may change in the course of time affecting approaches, methods and results in remarkable ways. In urban contexts in Finland, archaeological practice has long been restricted by the existence of studies based on historical information, which however is not abundant or diverse. The supremacy of historical studies has especially affected the research of the early modern and modern periods in those towns with earlier history where the focus of archaeological research has been in medieval periods. During the last two decades, archaeological excavations have increased the amount of source material, which offers an interesting supplement for historical studies and cartographical information.

TH3-14 Abstract 03
Norrköping and Kalmar: A spatiotemporal analysis of two early modern Swedish towns

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Keywords: Early modern time, Settlement variabilities, Spatio temporality
Presentation Preference - Oral

During the early modern time, one of the most extensive phases of city transformation in Europe occurred in Sweden. This spatiotemporal analysis explores settlement variabilities and social dimensions in the two Swedish towns Norrköping and Kalmar during the time period. These were, from a Swedish Early Modern perspective, rather large towns with both having major ports on the east coast of the Baltic Sea. However, from a utilitarian and functional perspective they differed in many aspects and because of these differences they help illustrate some of the urban settlement variabilities of this dynamic period. The space analysis is performed on several levels, where the spatial dimensions are examined in the towns as a whole, but also general aspects, at block level and even more thorough at plot level. The temporal part of this analysis focuses on exploring various time related processes that follow different rhythms and the possible impacts these have on the lives of the town residents. Some processes are slowed down by the inertia of society while others are more rapid, such as seasonal changes. The data from about two hundred archaeological field reports together with a theoretical orientation helps to unfold a more diverse picture of the Swedish early modern town.

TH3-14 Abstract 04
Same name, same background, same function? Similarities and differences of the Scandinavian Husebyer

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Keywords: cultural-Historical background, royal administration, royal farm
Presentation Preference - Oral

Since the early 20th century the more than 130 hamlets or farms in Scandinavia and the Orkneys known by the name Huseby, Husaby, Huseby, Huseby, Husaby etc. have been a relevant topic in historical, archaeologcal and onomastical research, closely linked to the discussion of kingship and political administration. Espe-cially the highly frequent use of the place-name Huseby, their uneven distribution over Scandinavia, and the use of husaby) as an apppellative in some early written sources led to the understanding of a great majority of the Husebyer as places with a royal background. As such the Husebyer have in many cases been a substantial argument in theses on the administrative and economic structure of royal power in the Viking Age and the early Medieval Period and in theories about the early state formations. However, recently conducted detailed analyses of their cultural-historical backgrounds give reason for a much more differentiated view on the Husebyer. There are certain similarities and differences that can be observed between these sites and there must be reasons for that. Were different historical and/ or chronological backgrounds responsible for the diversity of the Husebyer? And how does this affect the widely accepted interpretation of these sites? These questions will be addressed by the paper and hopefully discussed during the session.

In this paper, the relation between research, settlement and the socio-economy of the city is discussed with an example of Turku, which is the oldest town of the present-day Finland and was one of the most important towns of the medieval and early modern period. The first presentation of the layout of the city are from the 1630s and between 300 years of the establishment and settlement of the town. It took more than 100 years before a map was made in the 1750s with the list of the plot owners including information about their professions and site values.

Tracing the earlier settlement history and socio-economic topography of the town is like trying to compose comprehension about the picture by piecing an old puzzle with only a few pieces that have been spared. The information from the 17th century and beyond is valuable as such, but how much this information has labelled the conceptions and interpretations about the socio-topography of "Turku in earlier periods and on what grounds? The city is a living organism with variable elements transforming the character and dynamics of different parts and remoulding the relations between them on a different scale and bearings. The paper presents answers for the following questions. What elements formed the settlement of Turku in the 16th century and what was the relation of this settlement to earlier as well as to later inhabitation of the town? What kind of picture of events and socio-economic topography can we create with the help of analysis of the evidence available now? What was the relation between the reconstruction, extension and regeneration of the town? Still, the picture cannot be completed, but could it be made more comprehensible with correlations with other cities?
Keywords: Agriculture. Early Medieval Ireland. Economic Development
Presentation Preference - Oral

The two greatest influences to the socio-economic landscape of Ireland in the early medieval period were the coming of Christianity and then the raiding and subsequent settling of the Vikings in the coastal empires, such as Dublin and Waterford. But how did these events shape the socio-economic changes at this point? I hope to show that these events were in themselves, the catalyst, rather than the instigators of change.

In the aftermath of the Late Iron Age lull, which ended c. AD300, there was an increase in crop production, the growth is seen in stark contrast to the previous five hundred years or so, which it seemed to be a time of stagnation growth. The increase of crop cultivation, as well as the introduction of new technologies, such as the water-mill and the copper plough, increased production, allowing specialisation and creating a surplus, furthering a division of labour and exchange networks.

When talking about the early medieval period in Ireland, one instantly thinks of the ubiquitous ringforts, of which it is now estimated, there was as many c.70,000. Despite Stout’s estimation that they went out of use after c. AD900, there is no other type of secular settlement found in all areas of the country to populate the landscape. It is possible that although ringforts did not change in morphology after this period, many being re-occupied in the later medieval period, its possible their location echoed a variable in its execution. The settlements, among other outcomes, experience destruction, abandonment, conquest, and re-use in conjunction with a younger settlement close by, revealing this particular space-time context as incredibly valuable in exploring the social-material-outcome triad.

Did socio-economic developments change the landscape of Ireland?

TH3-14 Abstract 05

Material, Socio-Economics and Outcome in the Medieval Baltic: A Triadic Model of Settlement Analysis

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Keywords: early medieval, outcome trial, settlement analysis
Presentation Preference - Oral

One of the great challenges inherent in archaeology is the fact that what humans say, and what they do, are very often different things. In the same way, similar material forms may correspond to different socio-economic phenomena, so may the reverse be true. Deterministic approaches to either as a direct informant of the other are not only reducive, they can often more than not be a logical base for settlement analysis would be more adequately served by the introduction of a triadic model proposed by Fletcher, in which settlement success is measured not only by a relationship between material form and socio-economic situation, but also by the outcome of their relationships. The case study for this paper will be the internal urban development which took place in the Baltic region during the early medieval period. New and unusual settlements of very similar form, albeit with varying emphases on elements such as ritual, royal power, politics and trade, appear across the landscape between the 7th and 9th centuries CE. This development comes ostensibly in response to the changes happening in Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire, and the establishment of new trade routes from the north seen as a significant contributor both here and in the North Sea region. These Baltic settlements - for which terminology has proven notoriously difficult - mostly exist in their initial form for no more than a quarter of a millennium, before transforming into a more recognisable, high medieval town-like form. This process, however, is variable in its execution. The settlements, among other outcomes, experience destruction, abandonment, conquest, and re-use in conjunction with a younger settlement close by, revealing this particular space-time context as incredibly valuable in exploring the social-material-outcome triad.

Socio-economic changes in northern Granada between Medieval and Early Modern Ages

TH3-14 Abstract 07

Keywords: Early Modern Ages, Late Middle Ages, Suburban landscape
Presentation Preference - Oral

Granada was the capital of the Nasrid Kingdom, the last Islamic emirate in Iberian Peninsula during the 13th-15th centuries. By the end of the Middle Ages, this town grew and changed its appearance due to both, the increasing of the number of people arrived from other parts of the Peninsula and the political, economical and ambiental decision about how to manage its surrounding area. According with the written sources, the northern part of the city, outside of the walls, was a very productive area in where some farms and almunias were built, partly thanks to the water management. It was known as "Cámines de Aynadamar" and was described as an area with rich houses and farms, vineyards and the passage of one of the most important water channels of Granada: the ditch of Aynadamar. Granada was conquered in 1492, date that marked the end of the Christian conquest of the whole Peninsula. After that, at the beginning of the 16th c., parts of these lands in northern Granada were given to Carthusian order to build a monastery. Since then, in addition to the construction of a monumental monastery, the monks became owners of a large space replacing the previous Muslim owners, and they decided to change the production system, creating dry crops in terraces and wailing all domains, transforming the landscape. At the present time this area houses part of the university campus of Granada. In different excavations, it had documented here a long sequence of occupation beginning in prehistoric times and continues in Roman times when a area of pottery and ceramics workshops existed. However, the period of the late Middle Ages and the consequences of the Christian conquest remains non well known to the last years. During 2013 and 2014, was carried out a great work of renovation of roads that has permitted us to conduct a great archaeological intervention among the university Campus. The remains documented in these works, along with other previous excavations and the information from written sources will serve our objectives. Our aim is to show how the suburban landscape was transformed following the Castilian conquest and the Christian colonization in the last lands of al-Andalus.

A multi-proxy approach on identifying stable patterns in prehistoric times

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Keywords: animal husbandry, spatial analysis, stabil
Presentation Preference - Oral

The identification of stable habitats is a complex process in prehistoric times and will be tested whether it is possible on different settlement concepts and periods.
TH3-14 Abstract 10
Islands on lakes – life and rituals of Slavs in Pomerania during the pogan-christianity transition

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Presentation Preference: Oral

The baptism of Mieszko I, the founder of Polish state, in 966, had been, for the Slavs living in the Odra and Vistula basin, an important caesura between a pagan style of life and the new, Christian one. For a long time, among medievalists and archaeologists, the knowledge on this topic has been based on researched proto urban centers such as Szczezecin, Wolin, Kolobrzeg and Gdańsk. So far, little attention has been paid to the centers located on the islands of Pomerania Lake land. However, since 2004, in the Institute of Archaeology at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, a research on the significance of these islands in the socio-economic and religious life of Slavs in the times of ideological and political transformation at the end of the 1st and the beginning of the 2nd millennium A.D. has been undertaken. Currently, the research is being conducted in several such places. The Island of Żółte, located on the lake Zaratulko, belongs to the better examined ones. In the following paper, the authors will present the selected questions concerning the interpretations of this place according to the religious, social and economic contexts. The results of the interdisciplinary archaeological and bio-archaeological research will be the basis of their considerations.

TH3-14 Abstract 11
Spatio-Demographic Structure and Social Organization: A Linear Trajectory or Overlapping Trends?

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Keywords: demographic development, settlement, social complexity

Presentation Preference: Oral

Oversimplified understanding of the general systems theory with its concepts of balance, positive and negative feedback strongly related population growth and increase in social complexity and economy to each other. Meanwhile, recent studies showed disproportions between demographic trends and socio-economic transformations worldwide. Concerning the simulations based upon the Cucuteni-Tripolye settlements and their systems, this paper presents the deep non-linear patterns of demographic development that in many cases may be wrongly taken for specific types of socio-political organization.

TH3-14 Abstract 12
Settlement and Process in Colonial Encounters

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Keywords: Colonialism, Settlement, Socioeconomic

Presentation Preference: Oral

Discussing two cases from the Americas, the question of settlements and the socio-economic will be addressed in relation to a colonial context, the European conquest of the continent. One case addresses developments in what is today Quintana Roo, Mexico, and the other a case from the Cachapui river system in today’s Northern Argentina. Questions of relationism and encounters will be addressed, but in particular the relation between settlement organization and the socioeconomics. The potentials of the concept of mode of production, in a new revised version, will be tested.

TH3-14 Abstract 13
Society in flux: Evidence from the middle/late Northern Württembergian Urnfield Culture

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Keywords: Northern Württemberg, stratification, Urnfield Culture

Presentation Preference: Poster

Up to date the society of the Untermain-Swabian group of the middle/late Urnfield Culture has never been analysed by a combined approach of the spatial and temporal distribution of settlement, hoards, burial patterns (n=701 sites including isolated objects) and grave goods. This case study of Northern Württemberg introduces a new idea about of structure and organisation of society at Ha A2/B1. Furthermore it briefly presents a previously unpublished cemetery of the transitional Ha A2/B1 period at Erlenbach “Käppelesäcker” (district Heilbronn, Germany). Settlement patterns suggest a society whose patterns followed natural resources while settling in close proximity to the most important rivers of the region, the Neckar and Tauber. Although hilltop settlements exist no correlation with settlement accumulation or clusters could be detected. Therefore it is hypothesised that the patterns of settlement were governed by exploitation of natural resources of the lowland and access to larger rivers. The importance of rivers is stressed by the pattern of hoards as they mainly appear in the Neckar region. Burials follow the settlement pattern and imply the preference of rivers and suitable soils for agriculture.

Trade had to be an important factor of the North-Württembergian societies as they never developed distinct types of metal artefacts. No export objects are known but agricultural products and salt are both possible ideas. The ability to trade suggests over production and possibly the existence of a vertical social structure.

As cremation was the prevailing burial practice vertical organisation and its impact on individuals can only be interfered by the analysis of grave goods. Early and early middle urnfield graves usually do not exhibit dissimilar “wealth” through grave goods. But at the cemetery of Erlenbach “Käppelesäcker” the grave of a child (7-10 years) yielded a small golden wire ring, a rare imported broken bronze bracelet, other metal objects and pottery. This finding might suggest a heritable form of social status but no other rich graves were detected in the necropolis. It is hypothesised that some individuals could accumulate more imported objects than others and some form of vertical organisation existed.

Overall the study concluded that the data of the transitional Ha A2/B1 period suggests a society in flux. First obvious differences in grave attire start to exist but the settlement pattern does not suggest any interregional forms of ruler ship. Instead social organisation on a smaller scale, governed by economic success could have been the starting point, leading to the later presumably hierarchical societies of the Iron Age.
**THE ATLANTIC ARC AND ITS NEIGHBOURS IN THE FIRST MILLENNIUM AD: FRAMING NEW PERSPECTIVES**

Friday, 2 September 2016, 14:00-16:00
Faculty of Philology, Room A7

**TH3-15** Abstract 03

**Self Affirmation: Building new identities through contact and exchange in early medieval Northumbria**

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**Presentation Preference - Oral**

Archaeological approaches to Frontier and Borderland can include a variety of dimensions for consideration, from the physicality or invisibility of boundaries, to their rearrangement over time and the ways in which they serve to create concepts of foreignness and enforce exclusion. This paper focuses on interaction in the early medieval borderland zone of Northeast England and Southeast Scotland, with reference to their British neighbours, and across the Atlantic Arc and North-western part of Scandinavia.

This paper explores how populations used the landscape to create and maintain their identity and territories during a time of significant upheaval in which northern Britain witnessed the withdrawal of the Roman Empire, widespread conversion to Christianity, and the emergence of centralised kingdoms. This is achieved through identifying the succession of conscious and unconscious choices involved in the construction of identity from local thinking to larger scale socio-political aspirations inferred through changes in the composition and setting of funerary sites. Evidence from early medieval burial sites suggests that the Tyne and Forth region was a zone of contact for multiple groups in the 5th-8th centuries. Comparative analysis highlights the contrast between this area and the Atlantic and Northern Arc, demonstrating the existence of intellectual territories and varied local responses from these groups.

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**TH3-15** Abstract 01

**The materiality of early Christianity: stone and the sea in western Scotland**

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**Keywords:** Christianity, materiality, religion

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

Narratives of conversion to Christianity in Britain and Ireland prioritise the actions of human agents and the agency of their bodily remains. However, unlike much of western Christendom, the insular Atlantic provinces are characterised by a relative disinterest in translating and venerating the relics of the saintly dead before the 7th century. It is worth asking how saints and sacred places were created in this context, and how these ideas a materialist approach raises new questions of personhood and ontology which might be applicable across the Atlantic arc. One distinctive way in which the sacred dead and holy places were materialised is by carving names and crosses in stone. An embodied perspective of these carved stones, from sourcing and carving to emplacement and experience in the landscape, reveals embedded beliefs on the efficacy of specific kinds of stone. The movement of stones by sea is one way in which these attitudes can be spotted, water-worn boulders are frequently used, and substances such as quartz and schist also have liquid-like aesthetic qualities. Finally, landscape location and the situation of carved stones with relation to the sea can be seen as a linking characteristic of several early Christian sites in the area. All this raises questions about the theological and ontological position of stone as mnemonic of sacred places and the sacred dead, and how the broader notion of ‘Christendom’ was actually created and expressed locally.

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**TH3-15** Abstract 02

**Comparing early Christian stone monuments in north-western Europe: movement and identity**

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**Keywords:** carved stones, Christianity, movement

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

Stone monuments have been used by people for many centuries; as a medium for expressing messages and ideals, and as a means of transforming the landscape. During the early medieval period, this tradition developed, and indeed flourished, principally at the north-western edges of Europe. With Christianisation, carved stones were utilised as a prominent part in the process, by embodying and expressing Christianity as part of identities chosen by elites, and to convey a message of power in the landscape. Both secular and religious elites from north-western Europe commissioned and erected stone monuments in the landscape for a variety of reasons; for example, as a memorial practice, or to convey a message of power over both the people and the landscapes they experienced, inhabited, traversed, and assembled in throughout their lives. The widespread nature of the erection of stone monuments thus lends itself particularly well to a comparative study. By situating these monuments within a macro-scale approach and placing them in a wider context, the individuality of stones can be observed and further understood. This paper will thus present early Christian carved stones and rune stones from Ireland, Scotland and Scandinavia using a three-level comparative approach developed in my recently completed PhD thesis, which consists in looking at and comparing the monuments, the landscapes they are erected in, and ultimately their role within the Christianisation process. The theme of movement in the landscape, and how it is created by the presence of early Christian carved stones, will be used as a common thread.
demonstrate transition over time. It will highlight how at key historic centres in Ireland early Roman influences became embedded into a syncretic Romano-Irish ritual practice, which in time paved the way for the adoption of Christianity in Ireland.

TH3-15 Abstract 05
Europe of the Regions? Sailing between Scylla and Charybdis on Europe’s Atlantic Arc

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Keywords: Early medieval Europe, Multiscalar perspectives, Theoretical archaeology

Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper will explore the epistemological and ontological validity of taking the various territories along Europe’s Atlantic seaboard as an area of study in the first millennium AD. It draws on some the insights gained thus from an on-going wider collaborative research project on the Atlantic Arc in the first millennium AD with Patrick Gleeson, University of Newcastle, and Alvaro Carvajal Castro, University College Dublin. In keeping with the overall theme of the session, an attempt will be made to steer a course between various extremes usually portrayed as a series of binary oppositions, as evinced in the various particularist/generalist, -emic/-etic, structure/agency, micro-/macro- and exceptionalist/universalist debates across the social sciences, archaeology included. Different poles have attracted varying numbers of adherents in recent decades, as archaeology – and indeed the social sciences in general – lurched from one paradigm to the next. It is argued here that there is no single way of thinking about historical problematics our current (purportedly) epistemologically-anarchic academic milieu. None of these oppositions are as stark as might often be implied, rather they occupy the extreme ends of various spectra, more related to issues such as the spatial, temporal and/or evidential parameters of a scholar’s area of study, or to individual bias. The death of the grand narrative was proclaimed more than three decades ago, however, very little has been offered up as an alternative for scholars interested in change over time and/or on broad geographical scales.

Using the Atlantic Arc as a broader test-case, and more specifically my own multidisciplinary research on settlement in Ireland, Scotland, England and Norway within this wider area, a via media is proposed here. This ‘middle road’, adopted from post-structuralism, might be best termed might the ‘aggregate narrative’, a mediating, empirically-grounded collaborative approach, which brings together the work of several scholars working on smaller spatiotemporal scales or utilising different categories of evidence. This helps mitigate not only against the issues inherent in macro-level generalist approaches, but also those associated with over-adherence to the sorts of micro-level, particiulair and exceptionalist approaches associated with the national archaeologies of various regions of Europe. It also helps mitigate against issues such as the relationship between nationalism/regionaism and archaeology on the one hand, and on the other, the epistemological dissonance brought about by the use of different systems of classification.

TH3-16
TOWARDS DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURES FOR OPEN, PARTICIPATORY, PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY

Thursday, 1 September 2016, 14:00-16:00
Faculty of History, Room 329

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Presentation Preference - Round table

The Amersfoort Agenda of the European Archaeological Council, developed during its 15th annual symposium, identifies the need for concerted action to meet the objectives of the Council of Europe’s Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro Convention) to secure the rights of people to access, participate, and benefit from cultural heritage and cultural life, and contribute towards its enrichment. This round table, taking stock of the insights from digital infrastructures such as Europeana and its CARARE network of archaeological and architectural heritage archives across Europe, will explore and debate how aggregated digital archaeological resources and the infrastructures supporting them can best serve the needs of a truly participatory and open social archaeology, enhancing and unlocking their value to foster citizenship, innovation, economic growth, employment and social cohesion. Understanding the potential value of digital archaeological infrastructures for diverse stakeholders including young people and children, the needs and opportunities they may offer for archaeological land management, education, tourism, research and the creative industries, as well as the promises and challenges of integrating social media, open curation, crowdsourcing, and semantic enrichment to enhance social access and participation to archaeological sites and data, will be among the topics to be discussed.
In scientific literature the term “Baltic region” is often used in either of two meanings: as the geographical region around the Baltic Sea, and as a cultural region of the Balts.

This conference theme on the Archaeology of the Baltic Region seeks interconnections of both meanings of the term “Baltic”. The remains of material culture and toponymical forms demonstrate that the influence of the Baltic cultures covered the territories from contemporary Moscow to the Oder river, and from contemporary Latvia to the Ukraine and overlaps with geographical region around the Baltic Sea. Cultural and technological interactions between these two regions were important factors in the formation of Northern, Eastern and Central Europe throughout the period of the 2nd millennium BC to the 16th century AD. However, various roles played by different cultures in the development of the region remain problematic, and were heavily influenced by the nationalistic narratives of the 20th century.

Fundamental questions about the formation of the both “Baltic regions”, the interconnections between Baltic, Slavic, Finno-Ugric, Germanic cultures and the rest of Europe; the impact on formation of medieval Lithuanian, Russian, Polish, German, and Swedish states will be discussed in this Theme. This Theme is dedicated to Maria Gimbutas (1921-1994), the world-renowned Lithuanian scholar who contributed immensely to the studies of the Balts as a part of the wider Indo-European phenomenon of the “Old Europe”.

Hillforts resp. strongholds are most famous and recognizable monuments of ancient societies in the northern part of Europe. From the region east and south of the Baltic Sea altogether about 1,700 hillforts and strongholds are currently known, dating from the Early Metal Age/Brone Age to Medieval times. Numerous investigations within several decades of archaeological research have provided various information about the occupation layers, functions and chronology of the hillforts/strongholds. Nevertheless, new information can be gained under the application of interdisciplinary methods. Such approaches provide new results regarding the settlement history and function of the sites, but also the reconstruction resp. transformation of the surrounding cultural landscape.

The purpose of the session will be to present a comprehensive overview of the current state of research of hillforts/strongholds in the region east and south of the Baltic Sea. Therefore we invite researchers to submit papers which will present archaeological, historical and interdisciplinary investigations of hillforts/strongholds. The session’s preferably spatial focus is on the Eastern Baltic area, but we also welcome papers dealing with fortifications outside of this region to enable a necessary comparison of approaches, methods and results of the archaeology of hillforts/strongholds.

**TH4-02 Abstract 01**

**The continuity of hillforts in long-term perspective: a case study from south-eastern Estonia**

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**Keywords:** chronology, hillforts, long-term perspective

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

Hillforts have often been regarded just in the context of some definite time period – as power centres and important centres of the settlement pattern. However, not much attention has been paid to the network of hillforts as a phenomenon from a long-term perspective. The paper sheds slight upon the question on the basis of a case study concerning the hillforts of south-eastern Estonia: there problem-based small-scale excavations with the aim to establish the chronology of sites were carried out on 31 hillforts, i.e. on almost all the sites, in 2015-2015.

Until the late 20th century it seemed quite clear that hillforts emerged in south-eastern Estonia only since the beginning of the Viking Age. Archaeological excavations, both radiocarbon dates and finds, have, however, fully disproved the suggested model. It appears that hillforts emerged in the pre-Roman Iron Age already and were used in different time periods. However, the network of sites has greatly changed in the course of time. Many of the sites, especially those of the Early Iron Age, were of short-time use, sometimes also re-used. Only in a few cases the site was used over a long time period. The case of south-eastern Estonia enables one to suggest that dates and chronology of hillforts, based on only external features, and not proved by results of archaeological excavations, may be most misleading.

**TH4-02 Abstract 02**

**The evolution of hillforts in Lithuania according the C14 data**

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**Keywords:** C14 data, hillforts

**Presentation Preference:** Oral

About 200 hillforts (from about 900 known) were investigated in Lithuania until 2015. According to the data, got in time of these excavations, was made the general evolution of hillforts. The main stages of development of fortifications were designed in basis of typological dating of archaeological artefacts. Until the last decade of this century the C14 data in Lithuania were made seldom
The application of geophysical investigations in Baltic hillforts

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Keywords: Baltic Hillforts, Geophysics, Noninvasive methods

Presentation Preference - Oral

Since 2010 several archaeological sites have been geomagnetically surveyed in Lithuania. In the framework of this cooperation also several hillforts (Taurapilis, Opstaniai/Vilkyškiai, Jakai) have been investigated. In almost all sites features and structures could be detected that enables some initial statements on the structure and dimensions of the archaeological monuments. For some sites the surveys also provided very precise and hillfort unknown information about the settlement context like in Taurapilis and Opstaniai/Vilkyškiai (fortification ditch(es)) or Jakai/ Sudmantai (stone wall fortification). These new results clearly show the potential of noninvasive especially geometrical methods for archaeological purposes, not just for archaeological research, but also for cultural heritage management. The geomagnetic data can be used differently as basis for specific archaeological investigations - which have for example already been conducted in Taurapilis - and for the development of future concepts and strategies for the protection and preservation of these sites. The paper focus on the most exciting results of these surveys which will be presented and discussed during the talk.

Signals of subsistence economy as revealed by pollen data: a case study from Lithuanian hillforts

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Keywords: hillforts, Lithuania, pollen data

Presentation Preference - Oral

Recently pollen investigations were conducted in the territory of Impiltis (Late Iron Age -the Middle Ages), Skomantai (Early Iron Age-Migration Period and the mid-13th c mid-14th c AD), Juodynas (the early Iron Age – the Early Middle Ages) and Petronažiai (1st-3rd century AD – Historical times) hillforts or in the closest vicinities of mentioned monuments.

The environment of the hillforts (Impiltis, Juodynas, Petronažiai) was defined in pollen analysis. The results give some new information about the agricultural activities and environment. The first part of the question got the negative answer. Second part of the question got not so clear answer. Various forms of reconstructed activities of the hillforts in the past were discussed in the paper.

The new C14 data, given from hillforts in neighbouring countries also estimate for creating the modern model of development of hillforts in South-East Baltic region.

The environment of the Sambia hillforts according to the pollen studies

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A large number of pælagrogeographical reconstructions based on pollen data were made for the coast of the Baltic Sea by European and Russian scientists. However, such reconstructions for Sambia Peninsula are still lacking. Archaeological studies of the Sambian expedition (RA S, 2005-2013) in the area of the village of Kulikovo (Kringitten) have identified a number of natural and man-made objects that are suitable for palynological studies. These are cultural layers, pits and moats fillings, charcoal, bones, buried under the deluvial sediments, as well as small peatlands. All of these objects have been dated using archaeological or radiocarbon methods. Pollen analysis of the sediments allowed us to reconstruct in general the vegetation changes of the North of the Sambian Peninsula over the past 2,000 years. It is shown that prior to the intensive agricultural development periglacial deciduous forests with spruce, pine, oak, linden, hornbeam, elm were widespread, along with black alder forests in the lowlands. The mass extirpation of upland forests was associated with Roman time (about 1800 BP). In the following, Prussian period (about 1300 BP), pollen data indicates a continuation of deforestation - decrease or complete disappearance of the black alder, which is a result, apparently, of the amelioration of lowland swamps for pastures and fields. Pollen data indicates the absolute predominance of open agricultural landscapes also during the subsequent periods, until the 20th century. Some features of the land use of different epochs, such as the cultivation of various crops, have been revealed. Also, pollen studies allowed us to identify some local episodes of vegetation changes associated with the history of individual archaeological sites. In addition to the late Holocene sediments associated with human activities, well-preserved organic sediments with radiocarbon dates 8500-10000 BP were found in the floodplain of the creek near the hillfort. Pollen analysis allows us to reconstruct the local environmental conditions at the boundary of the Peatloce and Holocene: the gradual transformation of a shallow freshwater reservoir in the marsh and than in the fen, while pine forests dominate the surrounding landscapes.
as Radiocarbon-analysis are available only for a few monuments in Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, but they are absolutely absent for the Kaliningrad Region.

In the context of a bigger project on settlement archaeology, conducted by the Centre for Baltic and Scandinavian Archaeology in Schleswig and the Museum of Prehistory and Early History in Berlin and financed by the Academy of Sciences and Literature Mainz, the author developed a new strategy for the dating of hillforts. Using a motor driven drilling equipment for sampling datable material, especially for Radiocarbon-analysis, the ramparts of several hillforts in Lithuania and Russia have recently been investigated. The paper gives an overview on the methodology and presents first results of the recent investigations.

TH4-02 Abstract 08
Reconsidering early hillforts in the East Baltic: conflicts and metallurgy

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Recent research of archaeological finds and new discoveries in the Lithuanian museums encourage reconsidering the cultural phenomenon of emergence of hillforts in the Late Bronze Age. The basic assumption of this paper is that the emergence of hillforts are a behavioral expression of prehistoric conflicts. A contemporaneous process of appearance of locally executed metallurgy in the East Baltic region concentrates in hillforts as well. Thus making the two practices comparable.

With application of behavioral archaeology theory, the research of the formation processes of Narkūnai “Đibitis” hillfort is presented as a case study with spatial analysis of household and technical ceramics, bone arrowheads and spearheads, and metal finds. Results suggest abandonment of the northern building with the concentrated sherds’ nests and bone finds. The analysis of aforementioned groups of finds is compared to recent research and spatial analyses by Latvian and Estonian archaeologists of archaeological context of Asva, Rõidla and Krivūni hillforts. In addition, distribution of early hillforts and early metal finds, especially in the East Baltic region and its chronological character are analyzed.

Typologically most of the earliest finds from the hillforts are attributed to PN-VI, with exception to the bone pins with nail-shaped head and Majdole type bronze pin that indicate a possible end of PII. Casting moulds for socketed axes from Narkūnai, Garniai I, Sokiškiai, Vosgėliai, Krivūni and Narkūnai hillforts, and casting molds for spearheads from Asva, Brikūni and Krivūni hillforts are one of the earliest evidences, dated to PN-VI, of locally executed metallurgy in East Baltic region. The histophotographic classic route of Daugava river seems to attract most of the early metalworkers. Casting moulds for Mālaï type socketed axes are an essential evidence of a development of technological activities in the hillforts. The latter casting moulds, like the rest of the technical ceramics types, are scarce, with similar amounts in Narkūnai and Krivūni and one newly found in the National Museum of Lithuania from Garniai I hillfort. However, the Mālaï type bronze axes are not specific to the East Baltic region, on the contrast the axes are mostly found in Scardinia or in Upper Volga region of the inseparable Azorino-type axes. Furthermore, spatial analysis of Narkūnai hillfort technical ceramics indicate that the Mālaï type bronze axes had been cast on two different occasions, therefore making some ground for the itinerant metalworkers’ hypothesis. The aim of the paper is to reconsider the emergence and character of early hillforts in the East Baltic region concentrating the spatial analysis of bone, ceramic and metal artefacts, and the emergence of locally executed metallurgy as a relatable process.

TH4-02 Abstract 09
Late Bronze Age hillforts in Pomerania: an overlooked problem

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Although hillforts identified with Lusatian culture, from the end of the Bronze Age and beginning of the Iron Age appear in vast areas of central and eastern Europe, in Pomerania it is so far absent. Few most sophisticated sites like the Heges in Pomerania, basin Lower Oder region. This scarcity is surprising, especially taking into account relatively numerous appearances of hillforts in Great Poland that is a region directly neighbouring with Pomerania from the south. On the other hand, investigations conducted in the 1960s to verify Pomeranian hillforts described as originating from Early Medieval and Medieval Period resulted in detecting at least at a dozen sites with materials from the latter Bronze Age.

The aim of this paper is to introduce the problem of alleged presence of Lusatian culture hillforts in the central part of Poland

Pomerania. It is highly probable that this kind of settlements played an important role in interregional contacts between Eastern and Western parts of Pomerania, together with Great Poland. In wider perspective their role in the course and working of the Aryan migration in the Bronze Age should also be taken into account and investigated. It seems that new tools available for archaeologists like GIS software and LIDAR data may bring a new opening and new perspectives in researching this case study.

TH4-02 Abstract 10
Moving forward in the understanding of medieval ring-forts in Central Poland, Rozprza case study

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Medieval ring-forts in Central Poland were a subject of archaeological interest since the 1930’s. Twelve features included in our projects were previously either partially excavated. These studies despite gathering new data regarding stratigraphy, chronology and material culture usually failed in bringing forth definite understanding of the ring-forts functioning in the landscape. Since the 2000’s along with the rapid advance of non-invasive methods new possibilities were opened up for the study of ring-forts and their landscape contexts. In 2013-2015 three projects based on combinations of non-invasive and geoarchaeological methods were undertaken. Multiple methods such as magnetic gradiometry, earth resistance, aerial prospection, phosphate prospecting with a simplified field method, analysis of archival aerial data, airborne laser scanning, intensive analytical field walking, RTK GPS and Total Station surveys and geomorphological surveys along with geological mapping were carried out in order to provide possibly comprehensive and complementary data sets without archaeological excavations. All results were integrated in a digital environment based on open source GIS software. The project methodology allowed the collection of vast and significant new datasets such as previously unrecorded information about the spatial structure of fortification features: additional rampart lines in Chełm, the course of not preserved ramparts in Wrók and Rokitą, a developed moat system in Rozprza, a previously unknown second, smaller ring-fort in Stare Błotozy. Traces of open settlements were also detected in the close vicinity of the strongholds. In each case the applied methodology helped to specify environmental determinants of settlement’s situation. The studies in Rozprza (ca. 60 km south from Łódź) were a prime example of new data categories that non-invasive approaches bring forth. This was excavated in 1940s but revaluation of previous knowledge is now necessary. Remains of the Rozprza ring-fort defensive system are poorly preserved but still visible in the field as earthworks. Currently, the site occupies an area covered with meadows and fallow fields situated between the contemporary main channel of Lutycza and Rajská river in the central part of valley floor, but on the Pleistocene alluvial terraces remnant. Non-destructive surveys of the ring-fort surrounding were carried out in 2013-2015. In 2015 the small-scale excavation phase began, combined with complex paleoenvironmental research. It helped to detect the presence of a developed system of moats and ramparts which appeared to be a palimpsest composed mainly of elements of a late medieval military site, which replaced an older, early medieval military site. The survey confirmed the existence of earthen and timber ramparts as well as moats with a depth of up to 1.4 m with organic fill of gyltja and peat and partially inorganic deposits with rich remains of wood as well as other organic materials. The results correspond to various geophysical anomalies and crop marks documented during aerial reconnaissance.

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TH4-02 Abstract 11
Is Hollenstedt the Carolingian Holdensztet from 804 AD?
New contributions to an old controversy

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The stronghold „Alte Burg“ near the village of Hollenstedt is an Early Medieval fortification, which was long-interpreted as the place where Charlemagne met representatives of the Danish king Godofrid in AD 804. It was partly destroyed and then excavated in the late 1960s and 1970s. Since that time there is no consensus about the dating and the related interpretation of the site, which is ranging between the early 9th and 10th c. AD. This question is of major importance not only for the historiographical interpretation of the site but especially for the understanding of the ceramic finds. The excavations at Hollenstedt revealed a unique complex of potsherd showing both Saxonian and Slavonic influences. The solution to the dating problem can establish Hollenstedt as a reference site for these hybrid ceramic styles. In autumn 2014 recent research including excavation and geoarchaeological provided new data that are presented in the paper. They prove the erection of the fortification not earlier than in the late 9th c. AD. Moreover, the data require a re-interpretation of the whole situation, described with the passage „... in loco, qui dicitur Holdensztet“ in the Royal Frankish Annals in 804 AD.
Spatial analysis of the system of fortifications of the Iron Age hillforts Dyakovo culture

The study deals with the sites of the early Iron Age in the area between the Oka and Volga (East European Plain). This area was inhabited by tribes of the so-called Dyakovo culture. The remains of the fortifications of these settlements are the ramparts and ditches located on the residential area and the perimeter of the scarps - construction settlements on the slopes. Number of lines of fortifications on each settlement varies. Usually it is 1-3 shaft and ditch. With the help of GIS analysis to determine the spatial patterns of the fortifications on the location of the ancient city. This study is to determine the functionality of the ramparts and moats, define local cultural centers. The research considered the organization of space in the settlements Dyakovo culture from the 8th century BC to the 7th century AD. The beginning of Dyakovo culture hill-forts dated to the end of sub-boreal climatic period which is characterized by climate cooling, compared with the previous, and the change of deciduous forests with fir. This period continuous to 500's BC and covers the first phase of life in the hill-fort. Next climatic period Subatlantic characterized by even more cooling and moistening climate. It is falls on top of the second and third stages of life on the hill-forts. All settlements were divided into three layers corresponding chronological periodization. Stage 1 - 8th century BC - 6th century BC; stage 2 - 5th century BC - 2nd century BC; stage 3 - 1st century - 7th century AD.
TH4-04 Abstract 03
Patterns or randomness? Contextualising Estonian Bronze Age bronze stray finds on the landscape
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From Estonia, most large Bronze Age (1800-500 BC) metal items such as axes and spearheads have been found from non-settlement, non-burial context as single stray finds. In contrast, bronze finds from settlements and burial sites are small and of personal nature - tweezers, razors or clothing-related items such as buttons. The connection of stray bronze finds with coeval settlement sites has been assumed on a few occasions. A couple of items have been associated with possible deposition in water bodies. The possibility of these stray finds being deliberate depositions on the landscape, as identified in large parts of Europe, including the Baltic, has until now been systematically unexplored. This phenomenon has been interpreted from different perspectives: sacrifice, conspicuous consumption, mundane safe-keeping, memory practice and the removal of valuables or objects with powerful life histories from circulation. Seeking patterns in Estonian material required characterising the original deposition environments of individual find locations. To do so, I combined archive materials, topography, shore displacement data and information on soil properties. The results point to observable patterns in artefact distribution, with a preference for water bodies, wetlands and slopes. This implies not random losses, but willful deposition activity.

TH4-04 Abstract 04
Digital re-construction of a Bronze Age stone wall enclosure and the landscape at Lina Mire, Gotland
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The aim of the project was to digitally re-construct the stone wall enclosure at Gothemshammar and to understand its location in the surrounding landscape. Excavations into the feature uncovered its internal construction details, as well as, dateable materials from domestic animals and charcoal. Fifteen AMS dates gave a clear and somewhat unexpected age of the structure to the mid Bronze Age ca. 900-700 BC. The northern end of the wall is to be found at the end of a steep cliff, and since the southern end of the wall ended in an open slightly slanting terrain it suggested that it might have ended at the sea level when built to demarcate a point in the landscape. We therefore re-constructed the water level using LiDAR data indicating that the former sea level at mid Bronze Age could be set at about 10 m above the current sea level in this area. To place the wall enclosure in its Bronze Age context we also plotted other features tied to the same time, such as stone ship settings, cairns, other wall enclosures, and known hoards into the re-constructed landscape. It then became quite evident that points, small islands, and the coastal locations was of great importance for the location of these monuments and that Lina mire must have been an important “port” for Bronze age communications, internal as well as external, and Gothemshammer was strategically located at the entrance of this water system.

TH4-04 Abstract 05
Between Social Dynamics and Cultural Constancy. Case Study of the Trzciniec Culture
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The appearance of the Trzciniec culture (Trzciniec Cultural Cycle) in Lithuania and its role in the formation process of Bronze Age cultures is still a controversial question at the present stage of research. The investigation of this culture started only a few decades ago even though Trzciniec culture artefacts have been known in Lithuania for a long time. The archaeological material of this culture is known from almost 20 sites in current Lithuanian territory. Individual pots, clusters of pottery and artefacts are usually found on these long-term lived sites. The ornamental motifs on the pottery in all the groups of Trzciniec Culture are one of the most important criterion for identification. However, the conspicuous influence of neighboring simultaneous cultures can be seen in this pottery. Its background was no doubt Globular Amphora and Corded Ware Cultures with influences of Narva and Nemunas Cultures in Lithuania.
There are more individual sites which scattered over the northern area far from the main Trzciniec Culture territory (Lithuania, Latvia, Kaliningrad district). One may reasonably ask how these finds should be evaluated as “islands” of Trzciniec culture (1), as a reason to include Lithuania in the Trzciniec culture’s range (2) or as the result of the influence or penetration of cultures linked to this culture (3).
Therefore, the Trzciniec culture in Lithuania’s territory could be treated as one of the most influential phenomena of the Middle Bronze Age. This paper analyses various aspects of the concept and chronology of the culture and presents a history of the research in the culture’s territory. Priority is given to archaeological pottery, the main indicator for cultural identification. In addition, this paper analyses the Bronze Age cultural situation in the Eastern Baltic region and raises the question of whether the Trzciniec culture existed in Lithuania and in what form.

TH4-04 Abstract 06
Coastal and northern Lithuania in the Late Bronze Age – communication networks and interactions
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The Late Bronze Age, from around 1200 BC, was a time of significant cultural changes in Lithuania and in the whole Baltic Region, especially in the coastal zone and around Daugava River. A new culture elements, such as some type of graves, pre-Celtic fields, cup-marked stones, stone enclosures, metal artefacts (Mair type axes, miniature daggers and others) shows contacts and interactions in the Baltic sea Region. Some of new culture elements are the result of external influences from coastal zones of the western and southern Baltics. Distribution of new type of sites and artefacts suggests communication networks in the Baltic sea Region. One of the trade route was established at the beginning of the first millennium BC and functioned between central Sweden, Gotland, east Baltic Region (Daugava route) and northeast Russia in the first half of the first millennium BC.
The aim of the paper is to discuss communication networks and nature and scale of interactions in the Baltic Sea Region in the Late Bronze Age.

TH4-04 Abstract 07
Materialised and non-materialised contacts in Bronze-Age Eastern Baltic
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Archaeology as an academic discipline studying material culture can easily follow contacts between people from different regions if some evidence has been left behind - usually something material which can be studied by scientific means. There are numerous examples of bronze artefacts found, for instance, in what is today Estonia that demonstrate long-distance contacts with the mid-Volga region, the Caucasus, Scandinavia, etc. We know about these contacts because of some materialised witnesses. There is no doubt that each item of foreign origin must be carefully studied in order to avoid the trap of a novice detective - everything that seems evident at first sight need not be true. The presentation will discuss several artefacts with the purpose of analysing the probable nature of contacts that yielded those items.
But what about those contacts that did not leave any material evidence behind? Actually, archaeology can sometimes be quite inefficient in trying to describe the wholeness of contacts between two neighbouring (ethnic) groups. For instance, there is not much preserved materialised evidence to prove close contacts between Finnic and Baltic communities in the Bronze-Age, Eastern Baltic. Yet, linguistic evidence in the face of numerous so-called unnecessary or luxury Baltic loanwords in Finnic clearly shows that the contacts between two groups from different language families were really dense and long-lasting, and even mixed settlement with bilingual everyday communication must have been widespread. This circumstance provides every good reason to think that material cultures of Finnic and at least one part of the Baltic-speaking populations were not distinguishable from each other. The presentation is an attempt to search for such a period, region, and material culture that could correspond to linguistic – that is, non-material – evidence of a mixed bilingual population.

TH4-04 Abstract 08

Landscape transformations at the turn of Bronze and Iron Age at the southern coast of Baltic Sea

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According to the archaeological data, intensive cultural changes took place in Eastern Pomerania (Northern Poland) at the end of the Bronze Age and at the beginning of Iron Age. From the point of view of traditional archaeology, these changes were connected with the origin of Pomeranian culture, which had developed on the background of local group of Lusatian culture, identified with Urmfield tradition. Appearance of Pomeranian culture was tied with new patterns in burial rite: people started to put ashes of their deceased in impressively large urns with images of faces (so-called face urns) which afterwards were buried in a cist graves. In contrast to the previous rite, Pomeranian culture cemeteries were similar but more numerous - the dense network of flat burial grounds covered Eastern Pomerania. On the other hand, large barrow cemeteries from the end of the Bronze Age ceased to be used. This may indicate that these changes must have had a strong impact on the local cultural landscape. Moreover, basing on the pollen analyses it is visible that there is a significant impact on the natural environment, what can be linked with their economic activity.

The main aim of this paper will be presenting endeavour undertaken to reconstruct natural environment together with the cultural landscape of Eastern Pomerania and attempt to answer the question - how intense and what kind of influence on the local surroundings had societies from the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age.

It is obvious that new tools which are available for archaeologists, such as GIS software, LiDAR data and modern aerial photography, together with results of palaeoecological studies offer a significant support in researches conducted on the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age landscape of Eastern Pomerania. It could also give a good background to present described changes from a wider – cultural, social, and environmental perspective.

TH4-04 Abstract 09

Mid-Pre-Roman military impact on the northern Eastern Baltic

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Presentation Preference - Oral

There is an increasing number of hill forts in Estonia, northern and western Latvia, and south-western Finland where excavations have yielded some evidence of habitation and/or fortifications during the Pre-Roman Iron Age. In all likelihood, their use was short-lived: the find material usually consists of a handful of potsherds and some artefacts. In some cases there were real fortifications, for instance at Jagala, where an earthen rampart with wooden chamber-like constructions was discovered, or at Võnnumägi, which was defended by means of an extensive stone wall. In most cases the existence and nature of fortifications is far from clear, however. Radiocarbon dates indicate that the hill forts in question were used at some point between the fourth and the first century BC.

There are some interesting finds that can probably be associated with the short-term use of hill forts. First, numerous narrow-bladed shaft-hole axes of iron have been found in Estonia (12), northern and eastern Latvia (11), and Finland (4). These axes originated in the eastern European steppes and forest areas and were characteristic items of the Scythians from the 6th – 4th centuries BC. In the eastern Baltic region they have been found mostly as isolated finds, but some have come to daylight from cemeteries and some from hoards; they should be dated from the middle and the latter part of the Pre-Roman Iron Age. Another type of artefacts is a shepherd’s crook pin – these ornaments reached Estonia approximately at the same time and they became very popular during the late Pre-Roman Iron Age and after that. The pins which mostly have been found from cemeteries while in some graves they were associated with (big battle) knives of iron. Similarly to the narrow-bladed iron axes, shepherd’s crook pins also spread to the northern Eastern Baltic from the south-eastern direction.

It seems rather plausible that the fortifications, iron (battle-)axes, and shepherd’s crook pins reflect different aspects of the same process, which most likely involved troubled times and even some military impact. It is likely that some groups of invaders of Indo-European or Balto-Slavic origin may have infiltrated into the Finnic population during this process.

TH4-04 Abstract 10

Crown Torque from Jamlitz

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The State Hermitage keeps the crown torque from Jamlitz, Lkr. Beseckow, north-eastern Germany. It had been found by accident while plowing a field, then bought in 1925, and subsequently kept by the Berlin Museum (Staatliche Musee zu Berlin Nr II 10965).

Today, the torque is one of the so-called Kronenhaltringe, mainly found in Denmark and Northern Germany. The few findings of such crown torques are known to have been made in Poland, Romania and Ukraine. An accumulation of at least seven items was discovered in the area of Laski and Grabyja villages in Podolesy, Chernigov Region. Nearly in all cases, the findings were made in swampy areas and were apparently of votive nature. Apparently, these items belong to the German Jastorf Culture that existed in Northern Germany and Denmark. In Eastern Europe, such findings are probably due to the relocation of the Germans to the east.

The Jamlitz crown torque is type IV according to Jochens’ classification and probably dates back to Step C1 according to M. Shchukin (i.e. the last quarter of the 3rd century BC – first half of the 2nd century BC). According to Björn Rauchfuss, the torque belongs to shape 2a. Crown torques with an oval, almost quadrangular cross-section.

Parts of the Jamlitz torque and the pivot pin were cast from wax models. The Höfe for the pin was made in the wax model and subsequently refined on castings. The casting was followed by further finishing. Obviously, this torque was originally defective, since the lock does not close, and parts of the lock are poorly fit to each other. The torque opens up and cannot be used for its designated purpose. This is characteristic of the Jamlitz torque. Similar items from Podolesy close perfectly, and the lock keeps the parts of the ring together.

The Department for Scientific and Technical Examination at the State Hermitage carried out spectral analysis of the Jamlitz crown torque’s metal using a Bruker Ar/TA X-ray fluorescence spectrometer. The torque is made of tin bronze with a considerable admixture of lead.

This data is consistent with that of the analysis of the crown torques from Zalejze (Ternopil Region, Ukraine), Lochstedt (Pavlov, Kaliningrad Region) and Mecklenburg, with the ratio between the main elements used in the metal alloy (copper, tin and lead) varying to a rather large degree.

TH4-04 Abstract 11

The Early Roman Iron Age site at Ellinimylti, Rauma Finland

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During the years 201-2015 of field studies both ground-penetrating radar and aerial photographing with a drone were tested. Documentation of the site was mostly done with laser scanning technique. This is the largest 3D-documentated Early Roman Iron Age site in Finland.

The site was 3,5 hectares and it was surveyed in several phases. New cairns were found from the forested terrain during each phase of the last phase of the excavation the whole hill was opened with a digger, which revealed about 2500 cairns. Based on this the total amount of cairns can be estimated to have been about 300 and about 200 of these have been made man.

Between from the stone mounds a concentration of over 2500 mortar-pottery shards was found. This has been interpreted as a part of a settlement site. In this area also pieces of burned bone were excavated. From these bones of fish, seal and one bone from either a sheep or a goat were identified. Macroscopic analysis revealed seeds of barley and wheat.

The most surprising finds were two iron bracelets, two pieces from iron knives and two small pieces of iron. These were all found from a cairn located at the highest outcrop of rock in the area. The cairn was covered with red sandstone slabs. There was also another cairn which was covered with sandstone slabs in the area but it revealed no finds.

The iron bracelets are a very rare find from an Early Roman Iron Age site in Finland and they suggest connections to the Baltic region.
Tarand graves spread in Estonia and around the Baltic Sea during Early Iron Age (500 BC – AD 450). This grave type was the most preferred one during a long time in the area of nowadays Estonia. The overall type of grave changed only slightly during these centuries, but the exact construction and contents of the grave varied regionally as well as temporally. Nevertheless, aside the differences, there are numerous similarities that allow the researchers to group the graves and see their evolution through time and both internal and external influences of the Early Iron Age society. The poster will concentrate on a handful of case studies of Pre-Roman Age tarand graves and intends to map the influences and trends that have lead the mourners to build these monuments, bury their dead either cremated or inhumed, and to choose and place the items suitable for the grave.

Modern perceptions of local communities define them as groups of people which share common spaces, experiences and interests, and which are connected emotionally. It is, however, far more difficult to identify such communities in the archaeological record which cannot be perceived as a direct reflection of lifestyles, ethnicity, or social life. Our knowledge of local prehistoric communities has usually have escaped cross-examination to reveal a more comprehensive perception of communities. Dwelling spaces and burial sites are like two ends of a single axis – their links and some sort of tension between activities in both places with their different functions transformed not only landscape but also relations between the inhabitants of a given region. In terms of archaeological research, the whole landscape integrating settlement sites, burial places as well as road networks, offering sites, hillforts and other activity areas is the key to understanding how local communities functioned. Therefore, even in the case of well known material, it is worth taking a fresh look at “material of the dead” in the light of its connections with living communities. While studying settlement sites one may approach the landscape of the dead directly or indirectly. Therefore, we expect presentations that consider the fundamental features of local communities of 1st millennium AD across the Baltic and adjacent regions integrating cross-examination of data from different sources including settlement sites, burial places and other landscape features: population size, catchment area, settlement patterns, how local communities identified themselves and changed their identity, whether extraordinary rich people lived on extraordinary settlements, how the living communicated with the dead, and what role ancestral cults played in the formation of cultural landscapes, and so forth.

A richly furnished inhumation grave dating from the Early Roman Iron Age was discovered in 1920 at Hoby, Western Lolland, Denmark. The extraordinary ensemble of grave goods encompasses tableware and a drinking set of Italian origin, two unique silver beakers showing scenes from Homer’s Iliad and Germanic items made of bronze and precious metal. Another find from a comparable property is a bronze vessel dated to the final part of the Pre-Roman Iron Age which was submitted in 1897 to the National Museum. Inside the vessel lay burnt bones and parts of an iron scabbard. It turned up during gravel extraction but unfortunately the exact find site is not recorded in the archives.

The preparation and equipping of a grave happened according to certain patterns and standards – especially in such an outstanding case like the famous Hoby grave. An analysis of such burials is therefore closely linked to cultural and social as well as individual dimension of the deceased and the interning community. Hints to simple graves or a burial site from the Old Roman Iron Age are still lacking in the area around Hoby. However a contemporary settlement site has been located in close proximity to the grave. Thus a good basis is created to investigate the social and structural connection between an unusual grave complex and a nearby settlement.

Extraordinary in death – the Hoby graves

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Extraordinary in Life - the Hoby Settlement

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In Höy on Lolland, a chieftain's grave from the Early Roman Iron Age was found in 1920. The grave is one of the richest dating back to this period from Northern Europe. In 1999, pottery and black soil were observed in the area NW of this rich grave, and minor excavations in following years revealed a settlement from the same period as the richest graves in the area. In the period from 2010 to 2015, larger excavations have been carried out in the settlement and activity area. These investigations have been carried out in collaboration between the Museum Lolland-Falster, Center for Baltic and Scandinavian Archaeology (ZBSA), and the National Museum. The settlement and activity area cover an area about 100x150 meters (328x492 feet), and about a third of this area has been excavated so far. On larger parts of the Höy settlement, culture layer is preserved in a thickness of up to 0.6 meters (1.9 feet). It contains large amount of pottery and preserved animal bones besides the remains of clay floors. The preliminary studies show that the building at Höy represents a larger community/village. The long houses are located in EW rows. To the North, the settlement is bordered by an activity area with a large water-filled pit surrounded by numerous smaller pits, deposited bone material and ash. The activity area and the house constructions are contemporaneous. In this present paper, the settlement will be presented, and the current state of our research concerning settlement structure, economy, and cultural perspectives will be presented. Finally, the results are compared to some of the contemporary settlements from current Danish territory.

TH4-05 Abstract 03
Rosenholmvej a central site in Middle Jutland
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Central settlement and hinterland - life and death in the 1 Century AD. A complex of rich graves, farms and villages. In the central part of Jutland. Museum Midtjylland has excavated a number of sites that all relate to an extraordinary rich site, Rosenholmvej. This central site is a settlement that covers most of the period from 500 BC through 200 AD, but with a “highlight” in period B1a. At this time a grave yard is constructed which includes a number of extraordinary rich graves with gravegoods and constructions that place their joint in the Lübsow horizon. It links them to other regional groups in Denmark, Europe and to the political turbulence we see in those years. At the same time, this group of people expresses their status in the construction of the “farmstead” that is in every respect extraordinary, with features that both illustrate their social, regional and international status. Additionally, we do have a number of sites in the “hinterland”, some are excavated and others known through geophysical surveys. This group includes both settlements as well as graveyards. Hereby we get an insight into an organization that is highly synchronized.

TH4-05 Abstract 04
Studying the Iron Age Settlements in Lithuania: Current Issues and Future Directions
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Keywords: prehistoric settlements, settlement pattern, survey
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The research of the Iron Age in Lithuania (which is dated to the 1st millennium A.D. according to the periodization of this region) was focused only on the ethno-history for a long time and that was the reason why the attention of archaeologists was directed to the studies of the burial sites. Because of such trend we could say very little about communities of that period, except for their ethnicity. There was some knowledge about the social structure, trade directions and ideology as well, but practically there was no information about the subsistence, the economy, settlement patterns and other themes. In recent decades this trend begins to change little by little – researchers begin to take interest in topics which were not analyzed before and at the same time the attention is drawn to the fact that the material which we collected up to now does not allow to analyze the newly emerging issues. This report presents the research problems concerning Iron Age Settlements in Lithuania and provides the examples of how these studies, though still sparse, significantly change the understanding of the these communities. There was a challenge encountered in attempting to analyze the intra-site structure of settlements, as well as settlement patterns, since there is a significant backwardness in settlements research in Lithuania. For example, intra-site analysis is faced with problems, such as chronology, pottery typology and its correlation with chronology, identification of buildings, etc. This report presents some examples from the Lietuva Merkinė settlement which shows that we can obtain valuable data applying new methods by researching the material of research from previous decades. The application of spatial analysis shows quite different settlement structure than was thought previously – the settlement was not solid but consisted of segregated farmsteads, which changed their location over the course of time. Such data allows to draw some conclusions about the social structure of communities, subsistence, economy etc. and raise further questions for future research. Considering settlement pattern analysis, the main problem is associated with the representativity of archaeological sites. Until now, no one ever conducted purposeful survey looking for the settlement sites in Lithuania and only several of such sites were registered. Settlement pattern was basically reconstructed by burial sites, therefore the impression of a very sparse settlement of that period became dominant. The recent survey, which focused on the search for settlement sites in Kernave region, indicated that in fact the situation was quite different. The current survey showed that the settlement pattern was at least somewhat denser. This now provides the opportunity to address the density, settlements size, stability, and similar aspects. This report concludes that the systematic settlement research in Lithuania, even though they are still in the initial stage, contribute very significantly to the overall formation of the image of this period, which until now was based essentially only on data from burial sites. In order to achieve tangible results, the whole range of information not limited to certain type of sites must be used.

TH4-05 Abstract 05
An attempt to define ratio of barrow cemetery and settlement site in term of community size
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The material culture of the Iron Age represented by the artefacts coming from burial monuments is relatively well known for the archaeologists; however, information on the local communities which left this legacy is rather scarce. One of the main characteristics describing any human community is its size. Usually, the size of the community is identified on the basis of the data derived from the burial monuments. However, there are other methods of establishing the size of the community on the micro-level, as well: for instance, they include area estimates or dwelling-based estimates. In ideal cases, data derived from different sites forming archaeological complexes should be correlated for the demographical analysis.

TH4-05 Abstract 06
Relation or isolation? Spaces of the living and the dead in the Iron Age East Lithuania
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The cultural landscape of the Roman period – Viking age (or the Iron Age, c. 54th-11/12th centuries AD) East Lithuania is represented mainly by barrow cemeteries and hillforts. Presently, over 500 barrow cemeteries and over 350 hillforts are known in the territory of the so-called East Lithuanian barrow culture (this is only in the territory of the present-day Lithuania, as precise data about Northwestern Belarus are lacking), and there had been many more in the past. Both barrow cemeteries and hillforts have received a great deal of attention in Lithuanian archaeology, but until now they are viewed as isolated rather than related to each other. In other words, the spaces of the living and the dead are perceived as two different worlds rather than an arena of permanent interaction. The fact that very few flat settlements of this period are yet known does not contribute to research, but this can be advanced only by large-scale surveys, and this is a task for the future. Another barrier is the lack of research on a microscopic level aimed at complexes of hillyforts and barrow cemeteries. Rather rare instances of barrow cemeteries being located near hillyforts have suggested a stereotype that spatial distributions of both types of the sites are rather independent.
The presentation will aim at the analysis of spatial distribution and spatial relation of the hillforts and barrow cemeteries in East Lithuania. The Register of Cultural Properties data with some author’s additions, different GIS map layers, LiDAR data, etc. will be used for this. The task of the inquiry will be to search for the regularities in the location of the hillforts and burial sites in respect to each other (e.g. visual contact), their setting on the terrain, water bodies connecting or separating them, etc. It will be attempted to identify agents relating hillforts and barrow cemeteries in the landscape or, vice versa, separating them. Especially regard will be paid to those agents which can be considered as testifying to the perceptions of the afterlife and the relations of the worlds of the living and the dead (e.g. being visually connected or “hidden” from each other, separated by water or not, etc.). Such approach is expected to set a background for deeper insights into ideology and cults practiced by the societies which left the above-mentioned sites.

TH4-05 Abstract 07

Searching for links between artefacts from areas of prehistoric dwelling sites and burial grounds

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This paper surveys categories of finds that were found in Roman Iron Age dwelling sites and in burial grounds in Lithuania. Grave-goods belong to the sphere of sacrum where property donated for the dead might reflect a distorted picture of reality. Grave-goods are the result of creative activity performed in “real life”. Therefore finds from dwelling sites have great importance for connecting artefacts from burial grounds back to sphere of profanum.

We can seek answers to where the production of tools and ornaments took place. Another interesting question is whether the regional shapes/types of artefacts, usually placed on maps according a database of burial sites are distributed in a similar way in the settlement pattern of the same territory. Such a comparison raises the question of whether regional ornament styles were created under the influence of “the regional taste” of several artisans of a particular region and that process reflects the existence of a regional identity. Or perhaps these regional features had a more practical origin - the distribution of particular types in particular regions was outcome of network of trade and range of influence of production centres on the market.

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Summarising, it is possible to state that a comparison of finds from dwelling sites and burial grounds may provide new insights into the prehistory of the Balts during the Roman period. Therefore it is important to integrate the databases originating from the spheres of sacrum and profanum.

TH4-05 Abstract 08

A changing community in north-east Estonia

from 400 BC to 900 AD

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CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS:
PERSPECTIVES ON MOBILITY AND CULTURAL IDENTITIES
IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION 7000–2300 BC

TH4-06 Abstract 01
Ski Archaeology or tracking genesis & evolution of mobility technology across Prehistoric Eurasia
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May Ski Archaeology contribute to clarify the emergence of transport technology, and to map Post-Glacial migrations across Eurasia?

The evidence of mobility in Post-Glacial northern Europe and Asia is well established. More than 200 ski, poles, sled, canoe finds and rock carving motives, show the Eurasian continent from Northern Europe to Eastern Siberia. Recently, archaeogenetics and mobility archaeology have shed a new light on Upper Palaeolithic, Mesolithic & Early Neolithic migration waves and ways within Eurasia and across the Bering Sound. All things considered, the dispersion of akin artifacts does not only questions the mobility of flint, antler and bone tools, but also the early development of durable (but perishable) woodworked transport means, for hunters-gatherers or early nomadic herders and their survival equipment, through new landscapes to adapt.

Travels & skates, dugout canoes & grooved runners, skis & boxes, early backpacks & later coracles, rafts & early wheeled canoes are many examples of technological kinship, finding after ages in vehicles or dwelling shapes, recorded by subarctic ethnographies across three continents: fur-shoot skis, snow shoes & bark canoes, sledges & toboggans, transportable tents & seasonal huts. In use over the very long term, they all descend from the same shaping of a piece of wood, thinner or lighter, bent and adapted to transitional displacement by human (or animal) propulsion. Beyond the revision of ancient ski typology, this research aims to reconsider the emergence and track the developments of Post-Glacial mobility technology, linking material & cognitive resources, functionality & former geography. Experimental reconstructions, emphasizing “archaic” woodworking processes - chains, perforators, - and comparison to archaeological evidence and craft traditions, may contribute to sketch a “techno-genetic” family tree for these Prehistoric vehicles, through chronology and geography.

TH4-06 Abstract 02
The affect of Landscape Scale Forcing Factors on the Earliest Neolithization in the Baltic Basin
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Understanding the underlying mechanisms for the “Agriculturalization” of Mesolithic Hunter Gatherer cultural groups has long been one of the great problems to be solved in Northern European Neolithic studies. This problem is especially difficult to deconstruct in the Baltic region where traditional explanations of migration, diffusion, leaching and demographic pressures break down in the face of exceptionally slow temporal development of the Neolithico-Paradigm Shift in culture across relatively small geographical distances.

In this paper a modification is made to Marek Zvelebil’s Homo habitus model, were used to verify the hypothesis that for the case of the formation of the Funnelbeaker (TRB) on the Kajanian Plain the substitution phase of agrarian adoption is short relative to the phases of agricultural availability and agricultural consolidation because it was triggered by landscape level forcing events of various intensities and durations.

Furthermore it is posited that the contemporary dissolution of the Lengyel complex in the region resulted from greater affect due to culturally specific vulnerabilities with respect to these forcing factors than their hunter-gatherer counterparts. This can be seen in the distribution of intercultural agency markers in the material culture and settlement systems of the local TRB fusion group composed of a mix of the remnants of the Lengyel complex and neolithized hunter gatherers.

TH4-06 Abstract 03
Neolithic Cultural Encounters in the Territory of the South Lithuania (4200-2000 BC)
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Yet the end of the 20th century southeastern part of the Baltic region was interpreted as periphery of the neolithisation centers in Central and Western Europe. Neolithisation also Indo-Europeanization process was explained by Late Neolithic colonization of Corded Ware Culture (Battle Axe Culture) warriors, who assimilated autochthonous hunter-gatherers.

Archaeological and multidisciplinary research over the last 15 years denied the approach of dynamic evolution, revealed intensive mobility and interaction among various societies of hunter-gatherers and farmers. In the territory of the South Lithuania cultural encounters appear to have been the most intensive. Favorable geographical conditions and raw find found in a surface of the area caused an emergence of numerous multilayer settlements of hunters-gatherers. Architectural material of Dubičiai, Nemunas, Narva and maybe Combi-Ware cultures also pottery of Funnel Beakers, Globular Amphora, Corded Ware cultures was found in this territory. The most of the sites were settled in a sandy soil which is unfavorable for preservation of organic materials, also find artifacts of different chronological complexes are mixed in this kind of environment. Nevertheless, by applying paleo-geographical environment reconstruction, spatial-statistical analyses and correlating data of radioarbon analysis, research of landscape micro-topographical, floral and faunal features as well as ethno-archaeology and experimental archaeology patterns, it is possible to extract and date different complexes, define activities of subsistence economy and behavior of the societies.

TH4-06 Abstract 04
Pottery traditions and cultural processes in the Gulf of Finland region in the 3 mil. BC
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The eastern part of the Gulf of Finland region is rather important for the study of cultural and historical processes of the end of IV - III millennium BC. This territory from the ancient time was located in a contact zone among the areas of different archaeological cultures and pottery traditions. During the mentioned period, which in Russia is usually called the Early Metal Period (EMP), bearers of Comb and Corded Ware pottery traditions coexisted here. The area was peripheral for the both of them. Current study is devoted to the reconstruction of cultural and historical processes, reflected in ceramic material. Among the sources of the study there were fragments of more than 200 vessels from 36 archaeological sites from the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland region.
Comb Ware pottery tradition is deeply rooted in the local Neolithic. As a result of coexistence with groups of population from some closed regions new components appear within this tradition. Among them the temper of asbestos concerned with thin walls of the vessels and shallow ornamentation, typical for Karelia and south-eastern Finland. Another component is organic temper (leather with shells) and mostly comb ornamentation which is most probably characteristic for the upper Volga region. Intensification of contacts during the EM III resulted in a variety of Comb Ware tradition - and the relative ease and speed of the spread of these traditions is an evidence of probable relatedness of their bearers.

In the III millennium BC Corded Ware tradition appears in the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland region. It also seems to be homogenous. There are some “typical” vessels, which have a wide range of analogies in Eastern Baltic and even in southern Sweden. One of the characteristic vessels of this tradition is called “A-torso”. At the same time there are some “hybridous” vessels, that have some features of Comb Ware: imprints of comb stamp and pits, decorated and cut inside rim. This is probably the case when Comb Ware tradition was influenced by the local one - and this can be seen in exterior imitation on the vessels.

When it is worth to mention, that different variants of Comb Ware tradition are very closed to each other in one of most conservative aspect of the pottery tradition - in modelling of the vessels. They are almost all formed by coiling technique. At the same time, vessels made in Corded Ware tradition are modelled from small separate patches of clay. The difference of the two processes of pottery manufacture proves the fact that Corded Ware was just slightly influenced by the Comb one - so we can conclude that groups of people, bearers of these traditions, did not have such closed contacts as those of Comb Ware.

The Åland Islands location in the Baltic Sea has been of importance for movements of people and ideas throughout prehistory. This is reflected by the material culture and pottery traditions on the Islands. Based on typologies and their respective areas of spread the Åland tradition has traditionally been explained by the mobility and migration.

This study challenges the traditional interpretations by examining if there is a local craftsmanship and technology in different types of ceramics on Åland. The methods used are ICP analysis and analysis of thin sections of the clay in the vessels. The study includes early (Ka I) and late (Ka III) Comb ceramics, Jettie I and II type of Swedish pitted ware and Kiikais comb-shaped vessels related as mixed with influences from both comb- and pitted ware, representing the succession between traditions. It is important to study the technology of the mixed pots and if they e.g. were tempered with limestone. Preliminary results show that there is a local technological continuity in the Neolithic ceramic traditions on Åland, visible in the preferred clay. A chronological difference in the use of temper suggests different cultural preferences. Limestone as temper is more or less synonymous with pitted ware, and it is important to analyse if there are limestone in the ware in the pots belonging to the other cultural groups for comparison and contextualisation of the results. The ICP analyses have given us answers that some of the artefacts, as e.g. a clay figure seems to have been of non-Åland origin, and the question is if this figure originates in mainland Finland or Sweden. The Åland ceramics have been compared to ceramics from mainland Sweden and Finland and we will present the results of this study at the conference.

Three Anthropomorphic Clay Figures from Vantaa Jokimiesi, S. Finland
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In July of 1990 an extremely detailed and realistic head torso of an anthropomorphic clay figurine was found during excavations conducted by Hesuriin the Finnish Science Centre at the large stone-age dwelling site in Jokimiesi, Vantaa, S. mainland Finland. Two years later in 1992 another fragment (the lover part of a head), almost identical to the first one was found at the same site. In 2015 another head torso was reported, this one had been found already in 1989 but kept secret by the finder for 25 years. These three clay figures represent the oldest realistic anthropomorphic stone-age human clay figures in Finland and are remarkable finds even in a northern European context.

The typological similarities of the Jokimiesi clay figures as compared to anthropomorphic clay figures found in the Baltic states and on the Åland islands suggest that contacts in the Baltic Sea region in the subneolithic (pre-agrarian) period were limited not only to trade in amber but that also cultural and ritual influences were transmitted in the region.

Human-animal relationships and identity expressions at Zvejnieki cemetery (north-eastern Latvia)
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The Neolithic cemeteries around the Baltic Sea reveal complex burial practices. Zvejnieki (north-eastern Latvia) is among the largest hunter-gatherer cemeteries in the Baltic Sea region. This presentation will explore the expressions of hunter-gatherer identities through ritual practices based on new osteological analysis of the animal remains in the grave fillings. The research is part of a PhD project that examines how animal and human worlds co-existed, confronted, and affected each other during the Stone Age in the Baltic Sea region. The relations between humans and animals and their encounters from a perspective of materiality and posthumanism could question the dominant position of humans. The choice of the personal adornments, combination of animal species and fragmentation of body parts appear to have significant importance when burying the dead in Zvejnieki. In contrast to previous research on hunter-gather-burials, which concentrated solely on humans, this project provides a complementary perspective that stresses a more holistic view by looking at the animal remains. This will develop a deeper understanding of the relationship of humans towards animals during the Stone Age.

The enigmatic Dolmen on the Island of Gotland
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The Ansarve Dolmen in Tölta Parish on Gotland is the eastern most of its kind in Scandinavia. Dolmens and passage graves in Northern mainland Europe are associated with the Funnel Beaker culture (TRB) and activity sites with TRB pottery have been located on the island from the Early Neolithic time period. We present new radiocarbon dating and isotopic results, which show that the Dolmen was used for an extended time period, yet contemporary archaeological remains from the Funnel Beaker culture are scarce on the island at a time when the Pitted Ware culture was widespread along the coastal areas. Previous genetic research has shown that hunter-gather individuals from the Middle Neolithic Pit Ware culture on Gotland had different biogeographic affinity to that of contemporary TRB individuals from the Swedish mainland (Boglund et al. 2012; 2014). Here we use genomics to investigate the relationship of individuals from these two different cultural contexts on the same island, over time.

Re-thinking Bourdieu; New Perspectives on the Pitted Ware Culture on Gotland in the Middle Neolithic
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Presentation Preference - Oral
This paper relates to the issue: what impact does developed archaeological methods and results generate on traditional interpretations of mobility and cultural encounters? The aim is to present a new method of interpretation, which I have developed in my thesis. The method has its foundation in a re-thinking and an archaeological adaption of the concepts and reasoning of the French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu. Such application and adaption of the concepts of Bourdieu on an archaeological material is as suggested, has previously never been done before. Though the reasoning of Bourdieu have been used in studies of archaeological material, an examination of a number of these earlier studies surprisingly revealed a simplification of the concept, where insufficient considerations have been taken to the complexity of Bourdieu’s reasoning. The most common approach in previous research is to only use Bourdieu’s concept of Habitus, which is used without contextualization and according to the ad hoc principle. Through an adaption of the concepts in accordance with a contextualisation of the living conditions and the
environmental milieu, the reasoning work as a method when applied to the archaeological material. The results are presented in a case study of 57 documented and excavated burials from the hunter-gatherers of the Pitted Ware culture, at Västerbjers, Östergötland parish, on the island of Gotland. The results reveal that with such approach it becomes possible to analyse the relations between social structures, social practice and principles of subsistence and mobility within prehistoric societies that critically challenge traditional archaeological interpretations of the Pitted Ware Culture.

TH4-06 Abstract 10
Genomics of the people of the Baltic Sea region 4000-2300 BC

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The general picture that has emerged from genomic pre-historic human data indicates a larger portion of differentiation between different groups than previously anticipated. One early example was the genomic differentiation observed between hunter-gatherers and Neolithic farmers. Scandinavian individuals from a Funnel Beaker farmer context were genetically closer to, for example, Funnel Beaker individuals from Germany, and to other individuals from earlier farmer context, than they were to the geographically close and contemporaneous people from Pitted Ware hunter-gatherer contexts. In this case, genetic variation seems to mirror subsistence strategies and material culture more closely than geographical proximity. This is well in accordance with previously published stable isotope data indicating differences in the dietary patterns between the two groups. This implies that the hypothesis of Pitted Ware hunter-gatherers being descendents from the Funnel Beaker population is highly unlikely, considering that the two groups are as differentiated as the most distant populations of Europe today. Recently, it has also been shown that individuals from a Corded Ware/Battle Axe context, which post-dated the Funnel Beaker farmers and were partly contemporaneous with the Pitted Ware hunter-gatherers, display yet another genomic signature compared to those of the Funnel Beaker and Pitted Ware people. Corded Ware individuals from Sweden, Estonia and Germany comprise of genetic components from western hunter-gatherers, from early farmers, as well as from Yamnaya herders.

The picture of the pre-historic genomic landscape in the Baltic Sea region is still quite rough and will benefit from increased amounts of genomic data from wider geographical areas and chronologies. Our knowledge about variation within the different groups would further increase if stable isotope information could be coupled to individuals that are genetically characterized. I will review the current status of the genomics of the people of the Baltic Sea region ca 4000-2300 as it stands at the time of the conference and aim to open up for cross-disciplinary discussions of the results.

TH4-06 Abstract 11
The settlements of the Waldburg type and the origin of Primorskaya Culture

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Presentation Preference - Poster

The questions, related to the genesis of Primorskaya Corded Ware culture, still remain the most difficult and complicated. It is ultimately determined by the lack of research in some regions. The archeological research, started in the 90s of the XX century, allowed us to define a particular group of settlements on the coast of the Vistula Bay (Pribrezhnoye, Ushakovo 1-5) - the settlements of the Waldburg type. Their equipment greatly differs from the previously known Primorskaya Culture complexes. Unlike many other Primorskaya Culture settlements, the remains of the deepened up to 0.8 m into the subsoil and up to 35 m at length constructions are preserved in Pribrezhnoye. The main part of the eighteen C-14 datings, obtained from charcoal, bones, and hazelnut shell found in the lower and the upper levels of construction, corresponds with the interval 3100-2900 BC. These datings do not comply with the traditional concepts of Primorskaya Culture existence as it coincides with phase life of GAC. The ceramic complex accentuates the peculiarity of the monument even more. Different kinds of wide-mouthed pots with small bottoms and ear-like handles developed here instead of one of the most widespread pottery forms Wulfsleistenmöpfe, which can’t be found in this monument. The amphorese are remarkable for the oval shape of the neck. The amount of the beakers does not exceed the average 5-5.5%. The main cultural complex of the settlements Ushakovo-3 and Ushakovo-2, which are situated 8 km to the south of Pribrezhnoye, belong to the post-classical phase. In accordance with the radiocarbon data, obtained from the charcoal of the upper and the middle parts of the cultural layer, the monuments existed in the interval 2400-2200/2100 BC (post-classical phase). As a whole, ceramic forms and the ornamentation had transformed into widespread forms from adjoining territories, though some ware types, inherited from the previous periods, preserved.

Wood and charcoal from the lower layer in Ushakovo-3 showed the interval 2850-2700 BC. The majority of the pottery types repeat the ceramic forms from the lower level of the constructions in Pribrezhnoye. A complete identity can also be found in the technology. The ornamentation is represented by cord semi-ovals, triangles and waves. The prevailing type of the ornament is the combination of simple horizontal cord imprints and pits or dimples. Thus, taking into account the striking peculiarity of the local cultural complex and the early C-14 datings, we can assume the existence of the protophase in the development of Primorskaya Culture, which theoretically refers to the period 3100-2900 BC. We can assume, that the original impulse came from GAC, though the main forms of wide-mouthed pots and boat-shaped vessels are most likely related to Cordat Culture. Peculiarities of the household constructions, ceramic complex, and material culture as a whole differ fundamentally from the antiquity of CWC. The cultural processes on the coast of the Vistula Bay apparently took their course differently than on the adjoining territories, at least on the initial stage. GAC and Sub-Neolithic cultures could play the main role in those processes.
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**TH4-07 Abstract 01**

**Looking for patterns in prehistoric diets – is there an objective approach?**

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In recent years several programs have been developed and refined to reconstruct individual diets on the basis of stable isotope data, typically in terms of consumption of two or more isotopically distinct food groups. Instead of simply looking for statistically significant patterns in human stable isotope values, therefore, we may attempt to test whether food consumption patterns varied over time, geographically, between sexes or age groups, according to mortuary ritual, within an individual’s lifetime, etc. Such attempts often meet with scepticism because they require the relevant food groups to be defined, and appropriate values applied to parameters that cannot be measured directly, such as fractionation between diet and human isotope values. The identical of human groups for comparison (e.g. defining appropriate regional or chronological samples) is also subjective. Rather than ignore these questions, we investigate how sensitive our interpretations are to factors such as the software and parameter values used, periodisation, sample size, and statistical testing criteria. We use new and previously published isotopic results from prehistoric burial sites at Lake Būrtnieks, Latvia, to show which of the informed choices we have to make have the greatest impact on the final narrative.

**TH4-07 Abstract 02**

**Mesolithic diversity in the Baltic region**

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Taking the two Mesolithic sites in Motals – Kanaljorden and Strandvägen – as a starting point, stable isotope data from a wide range of Mesolithic sites both east and west of the Baltic Sea will be discussed. The large variability in carbon, nitrogen, sulphur and strontium isotope values reflect not only the diversity in available resources, but also differences in mobility patterns and cultural choices, as well as chronological change.

**TH4-07 Abstract 03**

**New Stable Isotope Analysis from Lake Lubans Stone Age sites, South-eastern Latvia**

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A long-standing systematic archaeological research at the Lake Lubāns valley have revealed the region to be an area with a number of significant Stone Age settlements and burial grounds. So far, 27 Mesolithic and Neolithic sites have been detected, and in 18 of them archaeological excavations have been conducted. The excavations, starting from mid-20th century up to nowadays have provided a rich and diverse animal bone material from settlements, as well as human burials. However, there have been no previous attempts to approach the material with stable isotope analysis method.

In this paper we present animal bone carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis results from different sites and introduce a discussion about the local isotope ecology of the Lake Lubāns valley.

**TH4-07 Abstract 04**

**How close is close? Faunal baselines in the Eastern Baltic region**

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*Keywords*: faunal baseline, hunter-gatherers, Eastern Baltic, stable carbon and nitrogen isotopes

*Presentation Preference*: Oral

Stable isotope analysis of carbon (δ13C) and nitrogen (δ15N) of human and faunal bone collagen from archaeological contexts is an established method to address questions of past diets, and mobility patterns. In the context of the Estonian Stone Age, only human bone collagen has been systematically targeted for stable isotope analysis. However, to comprehend and analyse the isotope ratios of human bone collagen, any particular site in detail, it is important to know faunal isotope composition to provide a relevant temporal baseline. It is not a novel statement, but the question of “how close is close enough” still remains.

In the paper I will examine both the spatial and temporal requirements for a faunal baseline. The theoretical discussion will be complemented by examples from my own research on Finnish hunter-gatherers and published data from other hunter-gatherer sites in the Eastern Baltic.

**TH4-07 Abstract 05**

**Diet and childhood residential mobility at Rinnukalns, Latvia, in the 4th millennium cal BC**

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*Presentation Preference*: Oral

In this paper we present animal bone carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis results from different sites and introduce a discussion about the local isotope ecology of the Lake Lubāns valley.
The Neolithicization of the north European lowlands: Archaeometric results on human remains

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In northern Central Europe, the advance of the Neolithic way of life halted at the northern margin of the loess distribution for almost an entire millennium, before in the late 6th and 4th millennia cal BC, the farming economy started to spread into the northern lowlands. The Funnel Beaker Culture plays a key role for the question of an intermingling of the last hunter-gatherers and the southern farmers. There are indications that in the north, local forager communities continued to exist alongside the newly arrived farmers for centuries. Further east, the foraging way of life formed the basis of subsistence even longer. The last decade saw increasing progress in the analysis of human remains by archaeometric methods. Here we present results of systematic stable isotope (13C/15N) studies on Stone Age human remains from northern Central and Eastern Europe. The individuals cover the time period from the Preboreal to the Subboreal (c. 9500 to 2000 calBC).

By determining information on the diet of the sampled individuals and linking it to chronological information, the data set sheds light on changes in subsistence economy against the background of cultural developments and absolute chronology. The results of the isotope analyses show a considerable consumption of fresh water resources during the Mesolithic and (early) Neolithic. It is interesting to notice that a major shift towards farming economy in northern Central Europe is visible not before the 3rd millennium calBC.

TH4-07 Abstract 07

Deconstructing the conception of pre-Neolithic farming in SE Baltic

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Presentation Preference - Oral

This paper is a critical evaluation of zooarchaeological, macrobotanical, palynological and archaeological data and their earlier interpretation in Lithuania, which served as the basis for constructing the concept of pre-Neolithic or Subneolithic low intensity agriculture and/or animal husbandry in the Eastern Baltic region. In addition, the paper presents the first direct AMS dates on remains of domestic plants and bones of domestic animals found in the Lithuanian Subneolithic and Neolithic settlements. According to the latest research, the substantial part, or even the whole of the earlier “evidence” was wrongly forged because of the mistakes in the identification of plant and animal species and imprecise dating. The mistakes in dating were largely due to the ignorance of fresh water reservoir effect when dating bulk samples of lacustrine sediments, unrecognized implications of the impact of bioturbation and palimpsest on the formation of the archaeological strata, and low attention paid to stratigraphic and spatial documentation during very extensive excavations carried out in the second half of the 20th century. So far, there is no reliable evidence that domestic plants and animals were adopted in Lithuania prior to the appearance of the Globular Amphora and Corded Ware cultures in 2000/2700 cal BC. However, that does not mean that new evidence cannot be obtained in the future, if direct AMS dating of plant and animal remains from Subneolithic contexts is to be continued, and if systematic macrobotanical analyses would eventually be made on samples from settlements in higher elevations, and not only from lakeside settlements and fishing sites.

TH4-07 Abstract 08

Zedmar Culture in the Light of 14C dates - Relating to Sub- and Neolithic Cultures in the SE Baltic

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Keywords: Bayesian modelling, subneolithic, Zedmar culture

Presentation Preference - Oral

Zedmar Culture (later: ZC) is phenomenon which absorbs researchers from one hundred years. In spite of it still it is known not more than a few peat bog sites of mentioned archaeological unit in three areas separated with not very great distances in the Northeastern Poland and in the Kaliningrad Oblast. As of today seems like the range of the ZC is impossible to determine credible. What is most riveting is to figure out its origins especially due to establish proveniences of pottery making. This is because it seems the ZC was one of those archaeological cultures which mixed ceramic traditions (probably not only them) from both – agricultural and hunter-gatherer-fishers worlds.

To this day there is ca 50 radiocarbon dates estimated and published for sites of the ZC. What is more important main groups of it where taken as a series from stratigraphical record from two epizemic sites. This allows to use Bayesian modelling in creating absolute chronology of the ZC. It is worthwhile to mention that there are sets of 14C measurements taken from pottery sherds, which were carried out in different traditions, and they also may be combined in some statistical calculations. Bayesian statistic have been used in analyzing and interpreting radiocarbon data for a quite long time and is quickly developing part of archaeological research. Yet there is many obstacles in correct applying and understanding its results, mainly due to radiocarbon dating disadvatanges. In case of the ZC peat bog site’s stratigraphy is also an difficulty.

Although after analyzing all of accesible data it is possible to establish a chronology of ZC. Moreover it enable to correlate it with other subneolithic cultures from the Southeast Baltic region (like Narva, Nieman, Pitt-Comb Ware cultures). There are available radiocarbon measurements for all of them however in diversified amount specially depending on a region and ceramic style. It is worthwhile to consider also the cultural impact onto the ZC particularly the Funnel Beaker Culture group. Moreover the site’s position and land will be used in the study. Noticeable set of its radiocarbon dates constitutes one of the best backgrounds for joining into discussion for pottery’s origin in the ZC.
Central Russia (c. 6500–4000 cal BC)
Evidence that fishing was a central element of the Mesolithic subsistence economy, both at Zamostje, and at other sites, has been found in the Early Neolithic (Upper Volga ceramic) layer. Radiocarbon dating also allowed the measurement of dietary stable isotopes, which suggest only limited consumption of aquatic resources, despite the abundant archeological and archaeozoological evidence that fishing was a central element of the Mesolithic subsistence economy, both at Zamostje, and at other sites of this period.

Only 18 human remains have been identified at Zamostje 1c (6500–4000 cal BC), despite the favorable conditions for organic preservation, and the recovery of millions of animal bones from the five cultural layers. Aside from a woman’s humerus, the human remains are all fragments of the cranium, maxilla, mandible, or isolated teeth, including naturally shed deciduous teeth, representing at least 18 individuals, ranging in age from 6 or 7 to mature adult. Two cranial fragments have been dated by radiocarbon to the Late Mesolithic (aceramic) period (c. 6500–5900 cal BC), although one of the dated fragments represents at least 5 and perhaps as many as 18 individuals. The recovery of millions of animal bones from the cultural layers. Aside from a woman’s humerus, the human remains are all fragments of the cranium, maxilla, mandible, or isolated teeth, including naturally shed deciduous teeth.
Keywords: Construction, Fortification, Kalmar

Presentation Preference - Oral

The town Kalmar is situated in the southeast of Sweden and was together with Gothenburg and Jönköping the most important outposts in the early Great Power period. As decisions were made in 1640 to move the town Kalmar to a new and strategically more beneficial location, the town would also be surrounded with a modern fortification. Several archaeological excavations have been made in the last years on one of the nine bastions. Carola Norus (Charles IX). In addition contemporary maps have been studied describing the work in progress. This has concluded that the work on this bastion alone progressed over 30 years and it took more than 50 years to finish the whole fortification. This puts questions on an efficient defense for the town, its population and administration. The studies revealed solutions to problems regarding the construction, and also the development over the years to keep up with modern types of the construction of bastions.

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TH4-08 Abstract 03

The Strong Link in the Chain? Jönköping Castle - a Swedish border fortress with hidden defects

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Keywords: Conflict, Fortification, Siege archaeology

Presentation Preference - Oral

In the beginning of the 17th century the vulnerable southern border of Sweden was defended by modern fortresses. While Kalmar and Eldborg protected the coastline, Jönköping castle should secure the inland routes towards the central parts of the realm. The site was strategically well suited, being a major crossroad with access to waterways. The castle was originally a Franciscan convent, taken over by the Crown after the Reformation and fortified with walls, dry moats and corner towers. Vastly enlarged and modernized in the first half of the 17th century, this artillery fortress and its outworks covered an area of 10 hectares. From contemporary plans and drawings it is obvious that these defenses were built according to the latest principles in the art of fortification.

However, recent excavations and extensive GPR-mapping of the ruins have given reasons to doubt the battle-worthiness of this major border fortress. While written sources speak of cracks in the masonry and crumbling walls, archaeological observations of insufficient foundations and poor craftsmanship points in the same direction. It is questionable if the castle could have resisted a serious siege. Within lies the paradox of Sweden as a military state – its great ambitions in conflict with limited resources.

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TH4-08 Abstract 04

The bastions of Christian 4h

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Keywords: Baltic region, Fortifications

Presentation Preference - Oral

Christian 4th is considered one of the most influential Danish kings. From 1598-1648 he ruled the kingdom Denmark-Norway, which included the southern part of Sweden and the islands of Gotland and Saaremaa. This gave Christian 4th control of the waterways to the Baltic Sea and a huge profit on the Sound toll – an important factor for the king in fighting for the Baltic Sea dominion and engaging the country in several wars. Christian 4th made great effort to modernize the fortifications of the realm introducing the bastioned fortification on a big scale. He built more than 30 fortresses and fortified towns within today’s Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Estonia.

This paper wants to look into what concerns influenced the king’s strategy of building fortifications which had a strong focus on the Baltic region. Was the king demonstrating a general plan for the safety of the realm or was he reacting to sudden and changing threats? Many plans were made for building new fortifications and renovating old ones. Why were the plans carried out in some places but changes given up in others? Were finances, incompetence, enemy threats or international politics responsible for the fate of the fortifications?

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TH4-08 Abstract 05

The Early Modern Fortifications of Halmstad

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Keywords: early modern, fortifications

Presentation Preference - Oral

Halmstad, situated in the former eastern part of the Danish kingdom, was from the beginning of the early 14th century a simply fortified town built on royal ground. Had a strategic position by the mouth of the river Nissan and the important road that led to the Swedish town Jönköping. Halmstad was also situated in a province that was bounded by Sweden. Several times during the 15th and the beginning of 16th centuries the town was forced to open the gates for the Swedish army. Halmstad was reinforced in the middle av 16th century and a new fortification was erected between 1588-1605 under the leadership of the Dutch master builder-architect Hans van Steenwinkel and after his death in 1601 succeeded by Willem Cornelissen. The layout of the new fortification system made it possible for the Danish king Christian IV to rebuild the town with a renaissance plan after a devastating fire in 1619. The defensive works was reinforced during the following decades. Through the Peace Treaty in Brömseg 1645 Halmstad and the province of Halland became Swedish. The fortifications were maintained during the end of 17th century but started slowly to dilapidate and was demolished in 1735 by the military.

The first part of the paper will be a short presentation of the early modern fortifications put in the contemporary political situation and exposed position in the two kingdoms (Denmark and Sweden). The second part will present several archaeological examples from the Danish period. The investigations during the last years have proved that the defensive works had an immediate impact on the medieval townplan in certain areas. Old structures have also been integrated and given new functions. Even if the inhabitants have been better protected the fortifications created practical problems and forced people to change their habits.

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TH4-08 Abstract 06

From earthworks to scars of the cold war - 500 years of coastal defence on Gotland

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Gotland, situated in the middle of the Baltic Sea, is with its relatively few inhabitants and long coastline of about 560 km, hard to defend from invaders. There are a few good natural harbours, of which the most seem to have been defended by fortifications in some form from historical times up until the 21st century, with some breaks. The remains of most of them are still visible in the landscape.

This presentation is about a new research project, just started about coastal fortifications on Gotland from early modern times up until the turn of the new millennium, when all coastal fortifications and fixed coast artillery batteries where closed down, not only on Gotland, but in all of Sweden. This covers a period of nearly 500 years, but this presentation will mostly deal with the early modern times.

The project was initiated by an observation of some symbols and notes in a historical map from 1694 which is to my knowledge not discussed before. In the map are three conventionalized symbols of sconces with a note, saying “old decayed scones of wood” in an area with no known fortifications until the late 19th century. One question is when and who built them, since they are from a period of several wars, when Gotland was swinging to and fro between Denmark and Sweden. There are no visible traces at the sites today.

In the military archives there are some interesting fortification maps, over all or parts of Gotland, and several detailed blue prints of fortifications, from the 18th century. One map and some blue prints are made by the land surveyor and lieutenant of the fortification Mattias Schilder in 1712-14 during the Great Nordic War, when the threat of a Russian invasion became imminent.

The map shows the position of some 20 “beach batteries” and some additional inland ramparts. It is clear that most of the beach batteries were built, and most of them are identified, but not all. In an initial analyses based on high resolution LiDAR-data, is one of the missing ones found at a different location than previously supposed. An interesting aspect, which the project hopes to shed some light on, is on what criteria the 20 sites were chosen, since many known landings sites have no batteries.

Some of the sites for these beach batteries are known to have earlier, Danish batteries, of unknown date. There is a written source from 1611, ordering the Danish governor of Gotland to put all sconces fallen in decay by the countryside harbours in order, some light on, is on what criteria the 20 sites were chosen, since many known landings sites have no batteries.

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TH4-08 Abstract 07

Kuressaare fortress (Estonia) as an example of the transformation of bastion fortifications

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Keywords: 17th century, Baltic Sea hegemony, bastion fortifications

Presentation Preference - Oral

Recent archaeological investigations have revealed, that the development of the bastion fortifications of Kuressaare fortress was more complicated than has been presumed. Kuressaare, located on the Saaremaa island in the Baltic Sea, is one of the few medieval fortresses in historical Livonia where the modernization of the fortifications continued also after the Livonian war (1558–83). It was a foothold, in succession, of Denmark, Sweden and Russia.

Recent investigations have revealed that Kuressaare fortress was not only fortified but also deep-water batteries were built on the shallow coastal shelf to protect the fortress and its hinterland. The first part of the paper will be an overview of the development of the bastion fortifications of Kuressaare fortress. The second part will present a case study of the transformation of Kuressaare fortress from a bastion fortress to an artillery fortress with deep-water batteries.
Kuressaare was a small fortress – four bastions located at the corners of the medieval fortifications were sufficient for its defenses – but its command was essential to maintain the power on the island and carry out the ambitions of the Baltic Sea hegemony.

The general design of bastion fortifications, which was regular from the beginning and thus well consistent with the ideal of the period, persisted throughout all construction stages of the fortress. But major and significant changes involved the bastions, particularly their most characteristic parts, their flanks.

Although the core of the defense principle of bastion fortifications – perfect flanking defense – did not change, the methods to achieve it were considerably improved during the 17th century. Archaeological investigations allow us to get a glimpse of what it meant constructurally, and analyze the fortification-theoretical arguments for these costly and labor-consuming undertakings.

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TH4-08 Abstract 08

Inside the rampart on the borderline: Lava fortress in 17th century

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After Stolbovo Treaty 1617 the new border between Swedish Kingdom and Muscovy was traced. For about 10-12 years the border was not guarded. Some special system of border control appeared only in Autumn 1629 and then developed into very complicated version.

The road between Muscovite fortress Ladoga and Swedish fortress Notheborg (former Oreshek) after 1617 was divided into two parts lying in two states. The border was the river Lava. There on a high bank of small river a hillfort appeared in about early 1620s. It had temporary garrison (in 17th century from 20 to 203 persons). In 1657 a significant battle between Swedes and Muscovites was there nearby hillfort. After the Great Northern War it lost its significance.

The ruins of the hillfort (situated now near the village Gorodische) was archaeologically studied. The rampart was built in two periods using some wooden constructions two times. The inside part of the hillfort was practically free of cultural layers. The inside part of the rampart was added with significant earth structures that did not allow the rampart to destroy the hillfort.

The problem is in dating. The ceramic material belongs to 16-17th cc. and is connected with local (“Oreshek”) tradition of ceramic production; meanwhile some spots of ceramic belong to the medieval period. The issue of dating the hillfort is still open but one could say that just in 17th century it was two times rebuilt.

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TH4-08 Abstract 09

Breaching walls and sinking ships: experimental evidence for the performance of 17th-century heavy artillery

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In 2014, the Vasa Museum carried out an extensive field trial of a replica 24-pounder bronze demi-cannon, based on those found on the warship Vasa. The gun was developed in 1620 as a mobile heavy field piece, adapted to naval use in 1626 for Vasa and her sister ships. This gun later equipped both the largest warships and field artillery units during the Thirty Years War, ending its service career as a fortress gun in Sweden’s Baltic outposts. A two-week program of fire revealed not only the ballistic characteristics of this type of artillery, but trials against a replica section of ship structure demonstrated that conventional interpretations of the effect of cannon fire on warships is oversimplified. This paper presents the results of the tests in the context of how such guns might have been used against both ships and shore installations.

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TH4-08 Abstract 10

Prussian, early modern fortification in Pomerania, a result of the Prussian - Swedish struggle

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The Duchy of Pomerania, after the death of the last duke from the House of Griffins in 1637, was the scene of a struggle between Prussia and Sweden. Initially the duchy was divided into two parts – Prussian Farther Pomerania, and Swedish Hither Pomerania. But as a result of the Swedish defeat in the Great Northern War in 1720, Prussia also won a large part of Hither Pomerania, with the capital city and main fortress, Stettin, and the entire estuary of the Oder river. But all of Pomerania was again witness to Prussian-Swedish hostility during the Seven Years’ War. Its last act was the annexation of Swedish Hither Pomerania with Stralsund in 1763.

One of the key factors for this struggle were the fortifications. They were built during the wars (field fortifications) and during peace time as well (fortresses, autonomous forts or sconces and fortified cities). Siege warfare assumed an important role in the wars.

The main stress in this paper will be on the presentation of the activity of the Prussian side of the conflict, mainly in the area of construction of new permanent fortifications from the last half of 17th century through the first half of the 18th century. This large period is divided into two smaller ones.

During the first, between 1648 and 1720, Prussian activity was focused on securing the Farther Pomerania. Its main city and most important fortress was Kolberg. The bastion fortifications of this city were already built by Swedish forces during the last stage of the Thirty Years’ War, but the Prussians thoroughly rebuilt it during the long modernization between 1665 and 1716. Apart from Kolberg a fortress in Rügenwalde was not planned, but never built. The main achievement of the second period was the modernization of the fortress at Stettin. It lasted only fifteen years (from 1725 to 1740), but was very intensive, more than half of the Prussian engineering corps was involved in this large construction site. Just as in the previous period, also after 1720, another fortress was considered (in Stargard), but it also was never built. After 1720 the Prussian engineers had to handle the problem of a large number of smaller and weaker fortified complexes in the Hither Pomerania, “inherited” from Sweden, such as cities with bastion fortifications (Wolin, Damm, Cammin in Pommern, Neu Warp, Demmin, Dammgarten and Anklam), or single strongpoints such as sconces in Penemünde, Anklamer Fehr, Beinemünde and Divenau. Only some of them were modified (Penemünde and Anklamer Fehr Schanze) but all of them were preserved until the second half of the 18th century, and even took an active part in the Seven Years’ War.

In the projects of Prussian fortifications in Pomerania different solutions are visible, traditional (casemates for guns in the flanks of bastions in Rügenwalde); modern, French inspired, connected with the activity of Huguenot engineers such as Cayart or Montargues, and the solutions influenced by Scandinavian military architecture (powder magazines in Stettin, similar to those in Copenhagen).

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TH4-08 Abstract 11

Sveaborg (Suomenlinna), an 18th century sea fortress and the importance of water areas

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The decision to build a fortress in the first place was a political resolution from the Swedish crown, since Finland was a part of Sweden from the Middle Ages until 1809. The decision was a reaction to a situation created by two warous wars in 1700-21 (The Great Northern War) and 1741-43 (The Russo-Swedish War) where Sweden lost easternmost regions along with old fortifications.

To choose the location of this new main fortress, place d’Armes, was a difficult decision. It had to be in the middle of the Finnish coastline, offering a protected water area for the fleet. Helsinki (Helsinksi) and Degerby (Loviisa) were competing with each other, and surrounding waterways and areas became one of the issues of discussion. Finally, the archipelago in front of Helsingfors was chosen, and fortification was originally built on six bedrocks isles following a bastion system, which was freely applied according to natural forms of the landscape. With my forthcoming doctoral dissertation, I have been considering what is the footprint of this decision of the location of the fortress in the underwater landscape.

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TH4-08 Abstract 12

Remnants of a Siege – The Siege of Älvsborg 1612 at the West Coast of Sweden

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The primary characteristics of siege archaeology are that the remains in question are often from a relatively short period of time and that the events are not extensively documented, and in that case particularly by the victors. In recent years battlefield archaeology has had, at least in Sweden, a major boom, but the archaeology of sieges and siegeworks has been in the shadows.

In this paper, we present the siege of the royal castle of Älvsborg 1612 during the Kalmar War, and the archaeology of certain events during this siege. The royal castle of Älvsborg was of great importance for royal power. It secured the corridor of land that provided the crucial westward passage for Sweden. The castle and its fortifications are strategically located on a cliff at the mouth of the river Göta. The castle is an important and widely known part of Swedish history and is best known for two exceptionally large tributes paid by King James I of England and King Henry IV of France to the castle in 1611 and 1612 respectively.
in connection with the Nordic Seven Years War (1563-1570) and the Kalmar War (1611-1613). These wars were two major conflicts between Denmark and Sweden and a result of both countries' constant rivalry for dominion in the region which had its origin in the medieval period.

Between 2003 and 2006, Gothenburg City Museum conducted a series of excavations at the Älvsborg Castle. The excavations aimed at examining structures belonging to the castle's early modern fortifications. Some features were revealed, such as a bastion, the moat, and the covered way. In addition to these, an extensive assembly of artifacts that can be directly linked to the Danish siege of Älvsborg 1612 was recovered. The artifacts consisted of a range of ordinance, including lead bullets, cannonballs, parts of rifles, fragments of grenades. In connection with the besieging aspect of siege archaeology, the excavations also uncovered remains of a besiegers' approach (bailey), and mines, and one of the castle's defenders' countermines.

During this project it has been possible to link some of the archaeological remains to actual events described in the historical sources therefore strengthening the actual narrative.

TH4-08 Abstract 13
The Outdating of Medieval Fortifications –
The Castle of Raseborg and the Town Wall of Vyborg
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The castle of Raseborg (Finland) and the town of Vyborg (Russia) both locate on the northern coast of the Gulf of Finland. Raseborg was built in the 1370s by the Swedes and during the next 150 years the castle was gradually enlarged. The town of Vyborg situated close to the eastern border of the Swedish realm and it was continuously threatened by the Russians. There was an older castle close to the town of Vyborg but in the 1470s the town itself was fortified too. From now on high walls surrounded the medieval town.

When Raseborg was founded fire arms were not yet in use along the northern Baltic Sea. A century later when Vyborg was surrounded by the walls fire arms were known but on those days most of them were light weapons making no harm to stone structures.

In dawn of the early modern era or the early 16th century, the role of the fire arms had changed. New guns were heavier and more effective than the earlier ones. Simultaneously the range of the fire arms had become much longer. Old medieval fortifications offered not anymore a safe heaven. The new era meant remarkable changes for the old fortifications. The castle of Raseborg had lost its military importance already in the 1520s. In 1550 King Gustaf Vasa made a decision to abandon the old castle and build a modern one called Helsingborg in his new town called Helsinki. This was a part of his large castle building program but in the case of Helsingborg the King was not able to realize his ambitious plans.

In Vyborg a fortified suburb with two modern bastions was built ahead of the weakest part of the old town wall in the middle of the 16th century. These arrangements combined with the old town walls secured the urban settlement for another hundred years. However, in 1700 when a new war between Sweden and Russia broke out, the old town wall was in bad condition. Three years later an officer called Lorentz Stobaeus was ordered to modernize the fortifications. The outdated town walls were now pulled down. Fortunately, before he began replacing the fortifications Stobaeus documented the old structures offering later generations a possibility to get an overview of the city's northernmost medieval town wall.

TH4-08 Abstract 14
The fortifications of Copenhagen:
The western boundary as seen at Rådhuspladsen (Townhall square)
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Prior to excavations carried out at Rådhuspladsen in 2011/2012, relatively little was known with certainty about Copenhagen's former western boundary. What knowledge was available mainly stemmed from cartographic sources and historical references, as well as present day street layout (particularly Vester Voldgade). The first map however was only drawn in 1599, and the first historical references for this area date to the later 1530s, when Vesterport (the western gate) is mentioned for the first time. Part of the aim of this excavation was to confirm or reject existing ideas about the city's border to the west, where it was placed, how it was constructed and when, and how it changed through time.

The excavations at Rådhuspladsen carried out in advance of the Metro Clinging, offered an unprecedented opportunity to examine the remains of the fortifications along Copenhagen's western boundary, and as will be discussed here, the evidence unearthed has been extensive and very illuminating regarding the ongoing changes made to this boundary through the centuries. The historical evidence, previous archaeological observations and the new evidence as documented in 2011/2012 will all be outlined, in an attempt to achieve as complete an account of the story of this boundary as possible.
This paper addresses the question of wild mammals and its significance to life of societies living in Poland during the Middle Ages. Several publications about particular species have been published so far mostly in journal Archéozoologie in 70's and 80's. There are also two archaeological and synthetic works about past Polish fauna by Piotr Wroński (1985, 1994). However in present research authors revisit old records and opinions on this topic. Special attention will be also paid to fusion of archaeozoological, historical and ethnographical knowledge. It will be possible thanks to considering the time, space and category of archaeological contexts. Therefore the picture of medieval hunting, which was strictly related to the social status, will be possible to obtain. In this contest it is important to emphasize special species such as red deer, elk, wild boar or brown bear. Crucial role played also aquatic mammals like beaver and otter, and its use as a fun-bearing animals. Apart from considerations on cultural aspects some osteometric observations will be performed. Measurements will be used for detecting the diachronic and synchronic trends in body size changes.

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TH4-09 Abstract 03

The role of big game hunting among Iron Age boreal zone farmers

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The role of big game hunting among Iron Age boreal zone farmers. Alices alces and Rangifer tarandus in bioarchaeological assemblages at Iron Age and Early Medieval sites in South-East Fennoscandia.

This paper aims to discuss the role of big game hunting among the Iron Age farming populations in the southern half of Finland and West Karelia (Russia), South-East Fennoscandia. In Finland the importance of hunting and fur trade as supplementary economies have been considered an outgrowth of area’s location at the northernmost limits of the cultivation zone in Europe. In recent studies hunting is hypothesized to have continued as the main subsistence strategy especially in Finnish inland areas long after the early phases of agriculture. In the northern and eastern parts of Finland hunting retained its central role up to the Modern Age.

In this paper, the continuity of hunting and the long-lasting legacies of accompanied traditions are studied on the basis of Rangifer tarandus feminosus and Alices alces skin and hair remains found in archaeological assemblages up to the 17th century. Although the results are based on a somewhat heterogeneous and fragmented body of source material, they underline the importance of hunting and wild animals in the Late Iron Age and Early Medieval world.

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TH4-09 Abstract 04

In search of an animal skin: applying SEM for the soil of Pertultanmäki Corded Ware grave, Finland

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In the acidic soils of Finland, where organic materials from Stone Age are only rarely preserved, the Pertultanmäki Corded Ware grave is an important exception. In the 1930's, the only Corded Ware grave in Finland with preserved human bone material. Aside fragmented skeletal material, the grave was furnished with a Corded Ware vessel, stone artefacts and a curious “dark layer of soil” surrounding the grave structure. This feature, and the new analyses conducted to the soil samples taken from the grave, will gather together the researchers of archaeology, study of religion, linguistics, folklore and ethnography in order to find fresh interpretations of bioarchaeological data and the prehistoric hunter-gatherer cultures the data presents. This paper aims to discuss the role of big game hunting among the Iron Age farming populations in the southern half of Finland and West Karelia (Russia), South-East Fennoscandia. In Finland the importance of hunting and fur trade as supplementary economies have been considered an outgrowth of area’s location at the northernmost limits of the cultivation zone in Europe. In recent studies hunting is hypothesized to have continued as the main subsistence strategy especially in Finnish inland areas long after the early phases of agriculture. In the northern and eastern parts of Finland hunting retained its central role up to the Modern Age.

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TH4-09 Abstract 01

Bioarchaeology in action – a multidisciplinary approach on animal remains in ritual contexts

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Archaeology has produced a remarkable amount of bioarchaeological material and data from ritual contexts (e.g., burials, offering sites, rock art sites). This material mainly consists of organic materials, e.g., bones, teeth, antler, hair and fur. The basic materials to study such materials - identification, qualification and quantification - have been adopted from biological sciences. Such material data, reflecting practices and studied with natural scientific analyses, form a basis for understanding elements in the past human-animal relationships. However, the data as such rarely allows us to understand the intentions or significances of these practices, and approaches to interpretation of such data vary. In order to search for better ways to understand the meanings of practices, a multidisciplinary initiative was launched at the University of Helsinki in January 2016. This initiative will gather together the researchers of archaeology, study of religion, linguistics, folklore and ethnography in order to find fresh interpretations of bioarchaeological data and the prehistoric hunter-gatherer cultures the data presents. In this paper we present the main aims, methods and goals of our project.

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TH4-09 Abstract 02

Wild mammals in culture and landscape of the medieval Poland

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A critical appraisal of using relative bone weights of reindeer from archaeological sites

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Quantification in archaeozoology requires a combination of various approaches. In addition to primary osteological data (number of identifiable specimens and weight) derived measures have been calculated to compensate for bias caused by fragmentation and selective preservation. Fragment weights have remained underexploited in developing such methods. The argument against their uncritical use is the changing specific weight of bone during diagenesis which precludes estimating absolute quantities of meat and even comparisons between bone deposits of different preservation.

Reichstein (1994) used the relative weights of elements in complete skeletons for cattle, sheep and pig as standards in analyzing the summarized fragment weights of elements in archaeological assemblages, presuming that the criterion of homogeneous preservation is met. Aside from NISP, weight often is the only information available in fragmented materials for estimating the representation of various body parts in food refuse. In this paper Reichstein’s method is extended to reindeer, a meat source of key importance in Paleolithic Europe and throughout the history of the northern Baltic region and adjacent areas. Skeletal element weights of a mature male were chosen against whose percentual proportions weight distributions in archaeological assemblages can be compared. Bone measurements taken on the same standard individual can provide a basis for log size index (LSI) calculations, by which the few surviving bone measurements in the archaeological material can be compared to those of the reference specimen.

Given the methodological concerns involved ranging from taphonomic issues to intraspecific variability a SWOT analysis of the relative weight method was carried out to appraise its applicability to reindeer.

Swine and ritual at the turn of fourth millennium BC on the Polish Plain

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The paper explores the role of pig in ritual of communities associated with Globular Amphora Culture (GAC) at the turn of 4th millennium BC on the Polish Plain. Distinct ceremonial practices involving domestic animals are well-documented at sites linked to this culture, including commonly documented practice of so-called cattle burials. Pigs play also an important role for GAC communities, and are also present in burial practice; however, the role of this species in other ritual activities, including feasting is largely under-explored. Taking into account new evidence from Globular Amphora Culture at Widziszewo in Greater Poland region we aim to explore this issue. The deposit excavated in one of pits at this site consisted of a tight cluster of remains of six pig carcasses, dissected and consumed in distinctive and standardised manner during a short time event. The evidence from Widziszewo represents hitherto undocumented aspect of ritual activity of GAC communities, and has no direct analogies in the Polish Plain. Based on the data, it is possible to trace the significance of pig as an animal consumed and deposited in ritual contexts of GAC. Particular emphasis is put on differential treatment of pig body parts, depositing heads in human burials (e.g. in Chodziez), and communal consumption of carcasses (as documented in Widziszewo). This issue will be a subject for further research to determine whether it was a widely applicable rule or a single instance.

Cluttered faunal remains from a Roman Iron Age burial mound in Sweden: a taphonomic perspective

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The area of Fullerö, north of Uppsala has been subject to numerous archaeological excavations. Artefacts and structures demonstrate a long continuity from Neolithic times and onwards. Finds datable to the Roman Iron Age (1st to 4th century AD) dominate the context. Investigations in 1934 concerned a burial mound in the southern part of the area (RAÄ 163:1). It contained a Roman Iron Age chamber tomb. Excavations yielded various precious finds, as well as human and animal remains. Artefacts and bones (mainly unburnt) were unevenly spread out in the fill of the mound. Looting has been suggested as the main reason. The human remains represent a single individual, an adult male. The animal bones derive from both domestic and wild species.

The burial mound at Fullerö is quite exceptional and unusually rich for its period. While the artefacts and human remains have been closely studied and interpreted, the faunal remains were only mentioned tangentially. Animals were common burial gifts in Swedish prehistory, deposited as complete individuals or food offerings. Unfortunately, looting as well as contemporaneous and later activities on the site have hampered a straightforward interpretation. An advanced approach, contextual taphonomy, was thus used to analyse the faunal content of the chamber tomb and to distinguish effects of later activities.

The identification and quantification of the remains will be accompanied by a comprehensive analysis of e.g. fragment size, weathering and fracturing. The matter is challenging and complex, but it is hoped that contextual taphonomy might offer a means to approach faunal remains in disturbed archaeological settings. This study will thus contribute to the discussion about the ritualization of animals during the Roman Iron Age and demonstrates the possibilities and limitations of archaeozoology today.
In the Lithuanian territory found 32 skeletal bones and manufactured artefacts of reindeers (Rangifer tarandus). Between them in 2014-2016 three Lyngby type implements made out of reindeer antler were found within territory of Lithuania. One of the Lyngby type articles dating back to the 4400 to 4200 BC, the other two - 12 000 BC - to Late Allerød - Younger Dryas period. All other articles dating to Younger Dryas period. Taphonomic, stable isotope, radiocarbon dating, morphological examination on the implements carried out in Klaipeda University laboratories tells us that one of them was made out of adult reindeer antler and was used as an axe. Wear marks indicate their use as a working tip. The other two was made of reindeer and was used as a hammers connection with leather and fur. Portable Confocal Scaning Light Microscope and Computer tomography scan of a reindeer antler artefacts illustrated of the anisotropic orientation of mineralized collagen fibers. These studies demonstrated the hierarchical structure of reindeer antlers. The trabecular bone is anisotropic, with aligned channels directed parallel to the long axis of the antler beam.  

Technological research has shown that stoutness articles, as Lyngby type axes, were made of reindeer male antler and hammers - from female antler, because both sexes are members of the same species, and the properties of their antlers could, therefore, have emerged under similar pressures and constraints through evolution. This is confirmed by a reindeer antlers made of hardware functional purpose, which is to date the Northern European researchers were not analyzed until now.

The aim of this paper is to revisit a case study presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the EAA in Glasgow in 2015 using results from all analyses conducted and offering an interpretation on their basis. During my presentation in Glasgow I argued that in regard to small and weathered finds it is often impossible to identify the raw material only by macroscopic evaluation but the use of low-invasive archaeological techniques (conventional microscopy, SEM, microCT) can reveal structural micro-features and properties facilitating raw material identification. It was so in the case of eleven V-perforated bone buttons from a Bell Beaker female grave found at the Sandomierz-Zawichost Hill site in south-eastern Poland. Low power microscopic approach revealed qualitative features indicating that the osseous material used in the manufacture of these buttons might be animal dermis (ivory). If confirmed, it would link this eastern Bell Beaker enclaves to the Iberian Peninsula, where the use of ivories for the manufacture of V-perforated buttons is well-known. In order to test this hypothesis, different analytic non-destructive and low-invasive techniques of imaging and morphometrics were employed: conventional microscopy (high and low power approach), scanning electron microscopy with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (SEM-EDS) and micro-computed tomography (microCT). The results were cross-checked using Zooarchaeology by Mass Spectrometry (ZooMS) method, developed at the Bioarch laboratory of University of York, United Kingdom.

Combined results showed that V-perforated buttons from the Sandomierz-Zawichost Hill site were made of cortical tissue with a fringe of cancellous tissue from a long or a flat bone (e.g. scapula) of genus Bos (domestic cattle or wild auroch). It is consistent with what is known about Bell Beaker animal bone assemblages from Central and Eastern European context where cattle bones are the most numerous category of bone. Although the material is not exotic and as such it does not directly link the Polish Bell Beaker southern group with the Iberian Bell Beakers, it is interesting in terms of bone technology and its significance. In this case it can be argued that the choice of this particular material for the manufacture of V-perforated buttons is meaningful - the buttons are made from a bone (or bones) of familiar animal, this material was easily attainable and manifested mechanical properties known to the artisan. The raw material choice can be thus seen as a conservative act perpetuating familiarity and stability within the group to which the wearer belonged. This study shows that a comprehensive low-invasive analysis of small and weathered artefacts can facilitate raw material identification and, subsequently, highlight issues connected with the raw material selection and its significance in the past societies.

The use of aquatic resources by Early Mesolithic foragers in southern Scandinavia

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A long tradition in the research of prehistoric southern Scandinavia recognizes a full use of aquatic resources in the Late Mesolithic Erlandsha culture (5500-4900 BC); coastal sites are frequently found containing well-preserved fish bones, and isotope values from human collagen indicate a high dietary intake of marine resources. However, recent finds and new methodologies suggest that the view of a terrestrial focused diet in the Early Mesolithic period (9500-8800 BC) can be reinterpreted and the use of freshwater resources is found to be more important than previously known. Aquatic resources can therefore be seen as a major source of sustenance for foraging societies in Scandinavia much earlier than has been realized previously. In Norje Sumnamsund, an Early Mesolithic site located in Blekinge, south-eastern Sweden, large amounts of fish bones were found that have been used to estimate the amount of fish being caught at the site, by analyzing different rates of taphonomic loss. The results from the excavated part of the settlement suggest that at least 60 tons of fish were caught. The large amount of caught fish and the evidence of the means of preparing and storing them form the earliest example of a large-scale fishing society, and the knowledge required to catch and prepare this volume of fish has further implications on a more structural societal level. A structured society is a prerequisite for the development of sedentism and enables large groups of people to gather together over an extended time period. Conservative dietary estimations from the recovered fish bone material suggest that enough fish were caught to sustain 100 adults, living solely on fish, for over 4 years.

Zooarchaeological Data and the Historical Sources of Livestock and Breeding at Kurtuvėnai Manor

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Kurtuvėnai Manor – one of the first fifteenth century’s Manors established in Lithuania, which has been region’s economic and cultural center more than 450 years. In order to understand the livestock, breeding goals and practices at this manor at the time, this research combines an examination of relevant documentary of XV – XX centuries (inventory books of Kurtuvėnai Manor and information from letters) evidence with a careful osteological analysis of 3027 bones and their fragments (XV – XIX centuries), gained in archaeological excavations.

Although the size of animal farm varied during different periods nevertheless similar trends are observed. According to the observed data, it can be noticed that the smallest farm existed in the seventeenth century (this tendency was influenced by wars, famine and plague). Animal husbandry of Kurtuvėnai Manor was one of the strongest in Samogitia during the management period of the richest Samogitia’s noblemen’s (XVI century – Šalčiai, XVII century – Nagurskis, XIX century – Pliateriai). This can
be explained by the economic power of the owners’ estate. During XV – XX centuries livestock was the main source of meat in comparison with wild animals or birds. This data indicates the importance of meat (pork, beef, poultry, fish) and production of milk. The high types and the fragmentation level of the bones encountered in manor help to determine the animals’ slaughter ing technologies. In XV – XX centuries wild meat firstly added variety to the noblemen’s table and also was a splendid entertainment. Mostly hunted animals were deer (Cervus elaphus), elk (Alces alces) and wild boars (Sus scrofa). Zoologists also compared the remains of circumpolar and domestic inventory books confirm that here lived the rich noblemen who ate a high-quality meat. This was affected by the material well-being of strong noblemen and their dependence on the nobility of the Samogitian affluent circle. For example, in 1563 Stanisław Skalski sent 60 partridges for Prussian Duke Albrecht, three years later he sent 100 partridges. We also know that the householders of manors of the seventeenth century already took care of animal husbandry to improve productivity and improvement of the species. It is believed that at the beginning of the seventeenth century the Dutch cattle came to the major manors in Northern Lithuania, most likely through Riga. Pedigree cattle and horses, which were fed and considered as grown only on larger manors. But this innovation spread slowly. Recently, we have integrated our investigations of the excavated bones with technical and analytical development to gain an all-round perspective on social zooarchaeology. As the past researchers, we have to try to realize the full potential of zooarchaeological data and different methods of zooarchaeology.

**TH4-09 Abstract 15**

**Archaeozoology of Port Towns in Poland**

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Between 9th and 10th century strong port centers had been established at the southern Baltic Sea. Some of them played a key role in the history of Pomerania and of Poland. We can list, among others, Gdańsk, Kolobrzeg, Szczecin, and Wilin. Each of these centers was developing in a different cultural and environmental context. Archaeozoological research suggests that the residents of Gdańsk were more liberal, Saratovian, and marine. - These differences are significant for them. However, we should add that the earliest results of analyses, published in numerous articles in Polish language, consider each of the centers separately. Therefore, the aim of this paper is to compare them according to the archaeozoological data. The effect will be to indicate the differences and similarities in the strategies for supply, and to consider the significance of mammals, birds and fish in the historically changing political, cultural, and social reality of these centers in the Middle Ages.

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**Birds and people on polish seaside in Middle Ages**

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Polish seaside is characterized by different environmental conditions than the rest of the country. Societies living there since early prehistoric times exploited its resources for food supply and for trade purposes. Beside fishes and mammals also birds have played an important role in farming and hunting economy. Although the studies on importance of this group of animals in Polish areas have been taken up rarely so far. This paper is focused on breeding and hunting for birds during the Middle Ages in Poland. Some aspects of birds history on polish Baltic coast were briefly presented mainly in papers about principal sites like Gdańsk and Kolobrzeg. On the basis of published data and new research authors will compare obtained picture of birds economy with the rest of the country and observations for other parts of the Europe. Special attention is paid to a social status of domestic chicken and goose consumers in medieval settlements, towns and castles. The introduction of turkey is one of the most important aspect as well. The uniqueness of the coastal area can be observed considering the site in Lübmin located on Wilin island. People living there have exploited local avifaunal species such as White-tailed Eagle and Cormorant.

**TH4-09 Abstract 17**

**Did rats abandon a sinking ship?**

**Discovery of animal products from the 14th c. shipwreck in Tallinn**

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The archaeological excavations of shipwreck that was found at a construction site in Kadriorg, Tallinn, Estonia in 2015, have resulted in a large amount of spectacular finds. The wreck originates from the 14th century and is a medieval cog-like merchant ship. Many everyday items made of metal, wood, birch bark, leather, textile, clay and stone, have been found both inside and around the ship. There are someburn marks visible on the wreck, which gives reason to assume that there was a fire that caused the shipwreck. Probably the lower part, which was not damaged so much sunk and become covered by sandy sediments quite fast. This caused good preservation conditions also for organic compounds of the materials, including different animal products. The paper focuses on the animal remains found in situ in the wreck. This is a unique evidence supporting the information we get often only from the written sources like medieval inventory books or chronicles.
reflected a demographic bottleneck in 1970–1980s. Subfossil samples (9,500–2,800 yBP) had higher haplotype diversity than historical samples of each extant species, suggesting that seal populations have been losing genetic variability throughout the Holocene, and not only as a result of recent population declines. An effective population size estimated from nucleotide diversity of subfossil samples was lowest for harbour seals and highest for ringed seals, which corresponds well with the inference based on the relative frequency of these species in archaeological sites at the Baltic coast. The effective population size of harp seals was comparable to ringed seals and higher than grey and harbour seals, suggesting that frequent occurrence of harp seals in archaeological record reflects their abundance rather than being a result of preferential hunting for harp seals. Reconstruction of the harp seal population dynamics suggests that their extinction was preceded by an abrupt rather than gradual decline. If the decline was due to an intensified hunting pressure, this would have likely affected all the seal species, and we found no evidence for this. Therefore, it is unlikely that the extinction of Baltic harp seals resulted solely from the hunting pressure.

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**TH4-09 Abstract 20**

**Worked bone and antler use-wear technology at Lielais Ludzas lake settlement complex**

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Since 1950ies in Latvia is known a Stone Age settlement complex around Lielais Ludzas Lake in Eastern part of Latvia. The coastline of the Lielais Ludzas lake has not been changed or reconstructed since 1954, when the water level was regulated and it lead to finding a lot of tools made of bone, antler and stone in different shapes and sizes. The discovered uncountable number of tools interested the locals so they started to gather them for private collections.

In the following years a number of archaeological excavations were organized in several settlements. The archaeological excavations in Krešū, Būdānka, Juržiškai and others were led by Rauda Šmēre, Franciszka Zagoński, Liudmila Vankina, who confirmed that the territory around the lake was inhabited during the Middle Stone Age. But after few years of surveying archaeological R. Šmēre found more story find concentration sites all around the lake that could also have been a settlements - Balltās point, Baznīkunga island, Harpuņu island, Juržiškai (II), Karī, Kubolbā, Lučmālā, Ludza town, Seleškova (I, II), Šēlpūniki, Užte un Vīža (žirnī). Material use-wear was important all Stone Age but only used material depends of climate and accessible animal species. Environment combined with material use-wear technology was an important part of Stone Age people lifestyle so it is important to see correlation between worked bone and antler tools excavated sites and stray find concentration places, also to clear out what kind of methods were used to make hunting and fishing tools in Stone Age settlement complex all around Lielais Ludzas lake in Latvia.

Mostly all tools were polished by stones, sawed on top or at the bottom of tool, part of fishing gear is bored for fishing hook holes and bars. Some of tools are made of big flakes of bones which are result of process of bone splitting. Some of the tools are decorated with carved decorations as well, but it is not a big part of all tools from Lielais Ludzas Lake. Tools mostly are made of the deer, elk, wild boar bones and antlers (identified by K. Paavere). Although not all tools were analysed, the dominance of the previously mentioned animals matches with the Latvian paleontological material. It is obvious that elk were common, as more than 70 percent of all bone and antler tools used in the Early and Middle Mesolithic were made of elk. During the Late Mesolithic and Early Neolithic significantly grew the use of the wild boar (44.5%). Only in the Late Mesolithic that elks were common, as more than 70 percent of all bone and antler tools used in the Early and Middle Mesolithic were made of elks and other species. A larger number of the marten, badger, fox, otter and other predator bones were found. Also the number of hunted roe deers and deers increased in the Early Neolithic, however not significantly.

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**TH4-10 Abstract 02**

**Technology exchange and iron trade around the Baltic Sea**

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From the rock carvings depicting ships in the Scandinavian Bronze Age to the age of the Hanseatic League and its mighty cargo ships, the Baltic Sea has always played an important role as a travel zone, facilitating interregional contacts and dissemination of cultural and technological knowledge. The study of metallurgical practices is indicative of the spread of innovation and the movement of craftsmen, and therefore not only shows the movement of goods but also the transfer of new ideas and the dissemination of people. Prehistoric and medieval production of metals in the Baltic Sea region demonstrates both shared practices and distinct traditions, making it central for our understanding of cultural relations and networks within this area.

This session aims to bring together archaeologists and archaeometallographers exploring the traditions, continuity, and developments of metal crafts through external influences and innovation from the Bronze Age to the medieval period around the Baltic Sea. The focus will be on the history of technology and traditions of metal production, including aspects of metal working techniques, utilization of tools, and the layout and “chaîne opératoire” of workshops. The interdisciplinary nature of the session will encourage discussions between cultural-historical approaches, experimental and archaeometric studies, to enrich our understanding of technological practices and to explore how metals, technologies and traditions were spread and shared within the region.

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**TH4-10 Abstract 01**

**Traces on Material Culture: Craftspeople and Contact Networks in the Nordic Bronze Age**

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Superficial and metallographic traces of the crafting process of elaborated bronze artefacts of NBA II and III in North Germany and South Scandinavia made it possible to detect the craftsperson behind the objects.

Different craftspeople and their area of influence could be identified, from a craftsper-son’s point of view, and as such also workshops and contact networks. With the knowledge of distinct techniques, the different skill levels of craftspeople and their af-filiation to each other organisation of metal craft could be better understood within the Nordic Bronze Age.

As a result of this study, it can be stated that an intensive exchange of technical knowledge between workshops around the North Sea formed the unit of the Nordic Bronze Age. However, technological innovation and the spatial use of stylistic elements clearly separates the single workshops from each other. Especially the period between 1500–1300 BC, roughly the NBA II period, revealed workshops with individual technical behaviour, different forms of organisation and despite all of this a clear evidence for knowledge exchange. The investigation could not only identify the direction of this exchange but could also drag the idea of the itinerant craftsman back into the light of research.

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The traditions of iron smelting and smithing technologies in Denmark from the Iron Age to the Medieval period, is fairly well documented on the basis of metallographic analysis of more than 500 artefacts. Compared to similar analyses from other areas bordering the Baltic Sea, it can be seen, that in Pre Roman and Roman Iron Age, there are differences in technologies, indicating that there was only a limited spread of traditions and knowledge.

In this period, the use of steel for cutting edges in tools and weapons developed in the areas south of The Baltic Sea whereas neither welded steel edges nor carbureisation were introduced in ten amphisbaenas of Denmark. One illustrative example is a number of single edge swords found in the votive deposit at Vimsø on Funen. Most of the swords were made from combination of layers of iron and steel. On the basis of analyses of slag inclusions they were judged to have their most likely origin in the area of present day Poland. The sword on the other hand was made from low carbon iron, and the slag inclusions indicated that it was produced within present day Denmark. Apparently the form was copied with no knowledge of the technology.

A much more developed network seems to have been present in the Viking Age, where similar technologies for example forging knives seem to have existed in the whole area around the Baltic Sea. It shows that there has been contact between craftsmen throughout the area, and that technological traditions have been exchanged.

Iron, and especially higher quality metal as steel, was probably also traded within the area, and slag inclusion analysis shows that steel in Denmark was primarily acquired from abroad. Unfortunately, reference databases are not yet sufficiently developed, especially for the eastern areas, and it is therefore not possible to give a more precise description of the trade routes. Future cooperation on the exchange of analyses of slag from iron smelting, will be able to open new perspectives in the identification of the trade of metal in the past.

TH4-10 Abstract 03
Vendel period seaxes from Grotbin
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Presentation Preference - Oral

There has been little written about the Scandinavian seaxes found on the Eastern shore of the Baltic sea, and this paper is an attempt to present an overview of the finds from the Scandinavian colony in Seeburg (modern days Grotbin) in Latvia. Since it is the only known Vendel period seaxe found outside their primary territory, it holds the special interest for researchers, but, so far, no special attention has been devoted to the seax finds. There are several fine examples in collection of the National History museum of Latvia, including one especially impressive longseax over 70 cm in length. After careful examination of the blade one can conclude that it was once a very fine example of bladesmiths art of the period, consisting of mix of mono-stel and pattern-welded elements. This seax and the technologies involved in the production of it and similar weapons will be the focus of the paper. Examining the other items connected with the burial that contained this seax, it is clear that it would once have belonged to a person of importance in his society, so it not only serves as a testimony of the skill of the maker, but also provides reference databases are not yet sufficiently developed, especially for the eastern areas, and it is therefore not possible to give a more precise description of the trade routes. Future cooperation on the exchange of analyses of slag from iron smelting, will be able to open new perspectives in the identification of the trade of metal in the past.

TH4-10 Abstract 04
Bronze Age fine metal working in Nordic Europe - gold discs and vessels
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Presentation Preference - Oral

Gold work was an important means of cultural and social expression and exchange during the Bronze Age, a period particularly rich in golden prestige items. Along Baltic and Atlantic Europe, ideas and peoples moved exchanging information, goods and technological knowledge. This paper deals with the aesthetic appearance and social function as well as symbolic meaning of a particular group of luxury items from Scandianvia and Northern Germany, such as ornamental “sun” discs and containers made in gold. It focuses on their fine metal working technology essential to create their specific shape and decoration. The presentation aims in scrutinizing the development and interdependence of form, function and technology of gold work. One topic will be the goldsmiths workshop, its tool kit and materials used, as well as his social role in Bronze Age society. The presentation also intends to highlight the particular decoration techniques and tools applied to these sheet ornaments and luxury table ware.

TH4-10 Abstract 05
Some aspects of the local weapon production in Western Latvia from 9th to 13th Century
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Presentation Preference - Oral

The question of local weapon production in the lands of the western Balts during the end of prehistory and with the beginning or Medieval period and during the Baltic Crusades is closely connected with a problem of formation of the early statehood of the local peoples in the Eastern Baltic. Western Latvian weapons finds, especially more than hundred evidences of the double edged swords, pattern welded spearheads are significant source about warrior elites with similar identities across the whole region. These finds also reflect developed craftsmanship and several possible production centers of these weapons in Couronian lands, using both imported material sources, as well as using the skills of local craftsmen working with non-ferrous metals.

TH4-10 Abstract 06
New archaeometallurgical investigations on Bronze Age metal objects from the Eastern Baltic region
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This archaeometallurgical study presents new research results regarding Bronze Age metal objects from the Eastern Baltic region. Since the last published analyses from Merkevicius in 1973 and Möttinger in 2010, this new study sheds more light on the metallurgical development in this remote and seldom investigated region when talking of Bronze Age metalurgy.

Since the Eastern Baltic region lacks own copper ore deposits and metal finds are rare, this project aims to answer various questions, e.g., which sorts of metal occur during the Bronze Age in the Eastern Baltic region? Were the Early Bronze Age objects imported or self-produced? From which deposit derive the used copper ores? What can be said about trade, import and/or self-production within that time span?

The investigated objects can be classified to different chronological periods reaching from the Early to the Late Bronze Age. The metal finds derive from different find spots in Lithuania, Rieznings district (Russia) and Belarus. Most of them are single finds and one newly discovered hoard find from the Late Bronze Age. Kobellicou.

We present the latest results of the performed analyses. Two analytical methods were applied on approx. 40 samples from metal objects (copper/bronze alloy). First, the chemical composition was determined by energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence analysis. Using those results, it was possible to classify different material groups and to make statements regarding the alloying behavior.

Second, stable lead-isotope ratios were analyzed for the first time in that region and the results were compared with lead isotope signatures from different copper ore deposits to identify possible regions of origin of the used copper. The geochemical fingerprints of the different deposits were taken into account as well.

TH4-10 Abstract 07
A multidisciplinary approach to the study of Polish silver denarii minted by the early Piastas
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Presentation Preference - Oral

X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyses have become a standard method in archaeological science due to their non-invasive and non-destructive nature. Chemical analyses of metal alloys may provide information about the manufacturing process, the provenance of raw materials, and the geographical distribution of ancient mints. A total of 110 silver denarii from the early Piastas (10-11 th centuries AD) belonging to the collections of the National Museum in Krakow and the National Museums Berlin have been studied using micro-X-ray fluorescence spectrometry and the data have been contrasted with archaeological sources. The research has focused on evaluating the use of this technique as a screening tool for elemental surface characterization of the alloys. All denarii are made of Ag and Cu, with minor amounts of Pb, Fe, Au, Bi, and Zn. Quantitative analyses have revealed silver contents in the 86-97 % range for several of the surveyed coins. Regardless of the problems associated with the use of different
instruments and various experimental conditions, the results are in agreement with previous data obtained for similar coins from the same time period and geographical location. The advantages and limitations of the technique when examining numismatic collections are also explained. A known drawback of this method is silver surface enrichment, which is a common process observed in archaeological silver-copper alloys sometimes leading to incorrect interpretation of the data. Preliminary data from complementary techniques like neutron activation analysis (NAA) and proton-induced X-ray emission (PIXE) are very promising in providing a better understanding of some of these surface effects.

This study has the goal of providing elemental information, which will serve to enhance the current knowledge about geographical and chronological diversification of Polish numismatic collections.

TH4-10 Abstract 08
Smithies and forges in the Northeastern Baltic from the 11th to 16th century AD
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Presentation Preference - Oral

Smithy sites are quite rare monuments to be archaeologically excavated. This study encompasses sites from Estonia (Paatsa, Haapasa- lu, Kuressaare and Kāuku), Finland (Gubbarska and Tontimäki) and Russia (Minino i Gd) to get a better understanding of the smithies discovered so far and how has the forge construction changed. Also, ethnographic records of 19th century Estonian smithies are used to illustrate the variability of the different smithy set-ups and (when provided) the conflicting reasoning behind these choices.

In the Northeastern Baltic, the period under investigation can be divided into three stages. Firstly, the Iron Age smithies with pit forges in the 11th and 12th centuries. Secondly, the transitional period in the 13th – mid-14th century, when the urban smiths began to use new forge designs, while some rural smithies continued to operate in the Iron Age traditions. The 13th century marked a period of crusades in the Eastern Baltic, which was followed by the founding of new towns, which brought forth an influx of craftsmen from the already established towns from the West. Thirdly, the developed crafts guilds period from the mid-14th – 16th century, when the continued movement of apprentices had ensured the spread of urban smithy designs and techniques to the rural areas.

While Russian smithies do not necessarily follow the pattern of Finland and Estonia, they provide a valuable source of well-preserved metal artefacts that help to fill the gaps in our knowledge from that period.

TH4-10 Abstract 09
Tracing Multimetal Craftsmanship through Metallurgical debris – Open air workshops and multimettality
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Presentation Preference - Oral

Metallurgical debris is by far the most informative source material for studying the metal craftsmanship of the past. In comparison to other artefacts, it is relatively easy to find and far more attention in archaeological research, debris material are more or less confined to the original workshop sites and hence provide direct evidence as to production volume and quality, site organization, artisanal skill and operational sequences within the various crafts.

On many sites throughout the “Metal Ages” evidence of both iron smithing and the use of non-ferrous metals can be found. Traditionally, a clear division between these types of crafts has been enforced in site interpretation, separating sites into ferrous versus non-ferrous workshop sites chronologically or spatially. However, the presence of, for instance, smithing slag cakes with drops of Cu- alloy within their matrix as well as casting debris of both metals and ceramic materials in forges and smithing hearths challenges this strict division.

The thesis project “From Crucible and onto Anvil” started in 2015 and focuses on sites housing remains of multimetal craftsmanship dating primarily from 500-1000 AD. Within the project a comprehensive survey of sites will be used to evaluate the presence of multimetal craftsmanship in the landscape based first and foremost on the metallurgical debris documented on or collected from them. Sites in selected target areas will be subject to intra-site analysis of their metallurgical remains focusing on workshop organisation, the array of metalworking techniques utilized and the chronological variances of multimetal craftsmanship.

A primary aim in the project is to elucidate the conceptual aspects of complex metalworking. The term multimettle is used to analytically frame all the societal and cosmological aspects of metal craftsmanship. Through this inclusive perspective workshop organisation, the array of metalworking techniques utilized and the chronological variances of multimetal craftsmanship will be used to illustrate the variability of the different smithy set-ups and (when provided) the conflicting reasoning behind these choices.

TH4-10 Abstract 10
On some aspects of specialized production in Roman Iron Age. A case study of S-shaped clasps
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The main topic of the paper are goldsmith products from the Roman Iron Age in the southern and western zone of the Baltic Sea region with emphasis put on the production of golden and silver S-shaped clasps which were used as a closure of the necklace. Although one can speak about chained operators in context of the individual specimens or in some cases products from limited geographical area such generalizations are not possible to the whole material. The use of certain techniques, order of their application or attempts to bypass them provide important information about local production and can be used to identify the producers or at least in attempt to limit the area of origin of the analyzed objects. In the presentation the production of S-shaped clasps will be outlined and compared in the different areas of their distribution. This would show the strength and direction of influences in the goldsmith production of the Roman Iron Age. On the other hand this deliberations – based on the assumption that S-claps may be perceived as both status and group affinity symbol – would allow to discuss those connections between the populations of the Baltic Sea region that were presumably based on heterogeneity.

TH4-10 Abstract 11
The path of knowledge - Transfer of knowledge of bronze crafting in the Late Bronze Age Scandinavia
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The Scandianvian bronze craftsmanship has been discussed countless times. But the discussion can continue thanks to new discoveries and new approaches within therespective field. I intend in this talk to discuss technology dissemination and the availability of bronze casting technology in southern Scandinavia during the Late Bronze Age. Was the knowledge of bronze casting a closed knowledge or was the technology available to more people than specialists in bronze craft? What paths have new innovations in form and function and the knowledge of changes in bronze casting technology taken? Can wees variations and ingenuity of bronze smiths at a local level? Was there space for everyday craftsmen or were all bronze craftsmen specialists? Will try to approach these questions by examining the various steps needed in the Chaine operatoire of bronze casting and by discussing different parts of bronze casting technology such as soapstone moulds, crucibles, technical ceramics and examine specific everyday objects made out of bronze such as socketed axes.

TH4-10 Abstract 12
Markers of ethnicity and female power? Some reflections on Scandinavian brooches in Viking Age Rus
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Presentation Preference - Oral

Prehistoric pictures are a special sort of source material. Pictures are not random products – they were created to convey messages. This statement applies especially to the oral culture of the Viking Age. However, Viking Age pictures rarely occur as independent monuments. More often, they appear as animal art on metal artefacts. The starting point for my reflections is a group of grandiose brooches from Viking Age Russia.
To begin with, an `object autopsy' on the famous Gnezdovo hoard revealed that two circular brooches should be regarded as locally made reconstructions of an elder brooch type, once imported from Scandinavia. In fact, no corresponding brooches from mainland Scandinavia display similar amounts of antearian sentiment. Why was then so much effort put into restoring the Gnezdovo brooches? One intriguing possibility is that these brooches represented heirlooms from an earlier generation of settlers. Presumably, over time some of these heirlooms transformed into important symbols of Scandinavian ethnicity.

Another case is the grandiose brooch from Yelets. Here we find an emblem possibly linking the object to the princely House of Rurik. Rurikid emblems were compositions of elements from various sources. We believe that different male princes created individualized emblems of their own. In the case of Yelets, the emblem combines Scandinavian and Oriental elements. Yet, being a female dress ornament, we might ask whether the Yelets emblem represents the might of the princely dynasty or the power of an individual female known from written sources. There is plenty of circumstantial evidence to conclude that Yelets brooch was made for a woman with close ties to the Rurikids, possibly during the second half of the 900s or the early 1000s. Ancient concepts of personhood were such that the actions of an upper class female fell back on her entire clan. Thus, we should perceive the mere act of commissioning that sumptuous brooch as a statement of might and power. Special consideration should also be given to the role of women in the building of alliances, as well as the function of female heirlooms within the social interplay. In fact, the Yelets brooch displays signs of wear and repair that might indicate that it had been passed down to later generations. As Viking Age craftspeople were able to travel considerable distances, there would have been no need for our female patron to seek out the gold smith. Having said that, we should neither exclude the possibility of a precious gift bestowed upon her, either by one individual or by several people.

TH4-10 Abstract 13

Technological aspects of the Swedish gold collars

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The Swedish gold collars from the Migration period are enigmatic masterpieces of Early Medieval fine metal working. Their refined imagery, complex form and decoration, and sophisticated manufacturing techniques were studied within the scope of an international research project coordinated by Pesch, Alexandra (Schleswig). This paper deals with the technological aspects of these fineries including the “chaine opératoire” of the production processes and the tools implied. It provides new insights on the collars’ technology chosen by the goldsmiths to create the composite body, the figurative elements and the filigree and granulation work. Especially interesting are the technological features of the construction of the tubular sheet work and the making of the so called miniatures. The specialized and complex knowledge of the makers will be set in the context of fine metal working in the North during the Early Medieval period.

TH4-10 Abstract 14

Iron smelting process in the Žarďe-Bandualii archaeological complex (Lithuania)

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The chronology of the Banduali-Bandualii archaeological complex is situated near the Baltic Sea in the southern part of Klaipėda city (western Lithuania) and includes Žarďe ( Kunca) hillfort, Žarďe I–III settlements, Bandualii I–II settlements, Banduali (Žarďe) settlement, and Bandualii cemetery.

Few seasons were investigated the Banduali (Žarďe) and Bandualii settlements and discovering archaeological structures: hearths, fireplaces, ore excavation pits, ore burning furnaces, charcoal production pits, iron smelting furnaces and wells. The purpose of some of the pits and structures has so far not been determined.

The chronology of the Banduali (Žarďe) and Bandualii settlements is very broad: economic activities connected to iron smelting and other not defined domestic activities were conducted in this territory from 1st millennium BC – early 2nd millennium AD.

Chemical analyses (XRF, SEM-WDX) of iron metallurgy artifacts and detailed analysis of archaeological material provide the opportunity to reconstruct process of iron smelting and to evaluate the development of archaeological complex in prehistory.
Prevalence of pathological lesions in the Iron Age water burial site Levānuža, Western Finland

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Ante mortem tooth loss (AMTL), dental calculus and especially dental caries prevalence was lower than in later periods in Finland. The prevalence of periapical lesions in the lower molars, however, were slightly higher in Levānuža than in later periods. This may be explained by advanced dental wear or trauma. The alveolar-CEJ distance was also lower although teeth in general had more wear. This speaks for diet change (increase in carbohydrates and softer foods) in the later Iron Age, medieval and early post-medieval periods in Finland. For dental caries, however, even the existence of the pathogens causing dental decay in the whole material can be questioned, since lesions are so few and some of them are not typical caries lesions and could be taphonomic or developmental defects of the dental enamel.

Most striking feature in the paleopathological state of the Levānuža people is that joint lesions are found more than usual in bioarchaeological studies. Especially the knee and ankle joints are affected more than usual. Most of the joint lesions resemble osteochondritis dissecans, but its prevalence exceeds the normal crude prevalence rate of osteochondritis (0-5%) by far.

Trauma prevalence is similar to other bioarchaeological studies. Also periodontal and localized infections did not reveal anything surprising. Cribra orbitalia, especially in subadult skulls seems to be a slightly lower than the later periods in Finland.

Schnorr’s nodes, spondyloysis, enamel hypoplasia, osteoma and localized osteolytic lesions prevalence rates were similar to previous bioarchaeological studies. Partial sacralization of the left side was observed in three individuals.

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Evidence for venereal syphilis in post-medieval Riga, Latvia

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This research aims to evaluate the presence of venereal syphilis (VS) in two post-medieval cemetery populations from Riga, Latvia. Both skeletal populations were excavated prior to building and construction work. Two hundred and seventy-four individuals from the Riga Dome Church cemetery (RDCD) and 196 individuals from the St Peter’s Church cemetery (SPCC), dating from the 16th - 17th centuries AD were included in the analysis.

To estimate age at death of the adult individuals, degenerative changes of the pelvis were evaluated, while sex was based on the morphology of the pelvis and skull using standard methodology. Age of non-adults was estimated according to dental development and eruption, using long bone length if dental analysis was not possible. All individuals were then observed for pathological changes possibly associated with VS, including destructive lesions on the outer table of the skull and in the vertebral end plates, as well as bilateral, extensive new bone formation on the long bones of arms and legs. According to the morphological analysis, there were 108 males, 80 females and 86 non-adults in the RDCD population, and 74 males, 45 females and 77 non-adults in the SPCC population. Six individuals from the RDCD and two from the SPCC with lesions possibly associated with VS were selected for further analysis.

Pathological changes on the outer table of the skull and on the long bones of legs characteristic of VS were observed in four female and one male individual from the RDCD. In addition, changes possibly related to late congenital syphilis were observed in a 2-3 year old non-adult individual from this cemetery. All these individuals had been buried in a small area adjacent to the Northern wall of the Riga Dome Church, and it has therefore been hypothesized that it belonged to a hospital.

There were only two individuals with possible VS from the SPCC, a female and a male, both aged between 20 and 30 years at death. The skeletons were incomplete, and the diagnosis was based on bilateral, extensive new bone formation on the arms and legs, along with cortical thickening of the long bones. St Peter’s Church of Riga was associated with wealthy traders, but the cemetery outside the church mostly accommodated the ordinary, poor residents of Riga who belonged to St Peter’s parish. The majority of cases were found during the excavation, mainly dress fittings, confirmed the presence of this lower status population group in the excavated area.

The evidence for VS from these two post-medieval cemetery populations complements historical data about the spread of the disease in Riga during the 16th - 17th centuries AD, along with the development of sea trade and the growth of Riga as a significant port city in the Baltic region. It also helps to understand how VS was introduced into the territory of Latvia: the only individuals with possible VS in the archaeological populations of Latvia have so far been found in Riga and Ventspils, which were relatively large port cities in the Baltic Sea trade route during the post-medieval period.

Prevalence of periapical lesions in the lower molars, however, were slightly higher in Levānuža than in later periods. This may be explained by advanced dental wear or trauma. The alveolar-CEJ distance was also lower although teeth in general had more wear. This speaks for diet change (increase in carbohydrates and softer foods) in the later Iron Age, medieval and early post-medieval periods in Finland.

Trauma prevalence is similar to other bioarchaeological studies. Also periodontal and localized infections did not reveal anything surprising. Cribra orbitalia, especially in subadult skulls seems to be a slightly lower than the later periods in Finland.

Schnorr’s nodes, spondyloysis, enamel hypoplasia, osteoma and localized osteolytic lesions prevalence rates were similar to previous bioarchaeological studies. Partial sacralization of the left side was observed in three individuals.

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TH4-11 Abstract 05

Finns in the light of ancient mitochondrial DNA

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The historical migrations and relations of mankind are currently under an intense investigation through novel means in archaeological sciences. Studies illuminating the specifics of our past use wide range of interdisciplinary methods, such as isotope analysis and ancient DNA (aDNA) has proved a powerful tool in analysing genetic and statistical changes in populations, with an unprecedented precision. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) allows the maternal lineages be followed back in time. Comparing the distributions and divergence of mitochondrial haplogroups helps revealing past migrations and shifts in the genetic structure.
As a modern population, Finns are well known for an abundant record of genetic research. There are, however, no ancient DNA studies focusing on Finnish population history before now. We present the results of ancient DNA analyses of 81 individuals from the territory of today’s Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, spanning from the Late Neolithic to Early Medieval (6th-12th AD). A first expansion from the Near East that brought agricultural practices to the Baltic region, and a second migration from the East that was seen in a genetic component related to the Yamnaya pastoralists of the Pontic Steppe, which appears in Central Europe in people of the Late Neolithic Corded Ware and has been present in Europeans since then in a decreasing North-East to South-West gradient. This migration has been proposed to be the source of the majority of today’s Indo-European languages within Europe.

In this paper we aim to show how these processes affected the Eastern Baltic region where the archeological record shows a drastically different picture than Central and Southern Europe. While agricultural subsistence strategies were commonplace throughout most of the latter by the Middle Neolithic, ceramic-producing hunter-gatherer cultures still persisted in the Eastern Baltic until around 4000 BP and only adopted domesticated plants and animals at a late stage after which they disappeared into the widespread Corded Ware culture.

We present the results of ancient DNA analyses of 81 individuals from the territory of today’s Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia that span from the Mesolithic to Bronze Age. Through study of the uniparentally inherited mtDNA and Y-chromosome as well as positions across the entire genome that are informative about ancient ancestry we reveal the dynamics of prehistoric population continuity and change within this understudied region and how they are reflected in today’s Baltic populations.

Two boat-graves, Salme I and Salme II, were found and excavated in 2008-2011 in Saaremaa, Estonia. They are unique in the European context regarding the remarkable number of human burials inside the boats. Osteological and archaeological examinations have given indications on sex, origin and possibly social status. However, with recent developments, modern DNA technology can enable a comprehensive genetic analysis. Today we can get information about ancestry, origin, gluten and/or lactose intolerance, family relationships and sex. It is also possible to predict physical appearance with regards to hair, eye and skin color, length, wrinkly earwax, body odor and BMI.

The introduction of next generation sequencing (NGS) has opened up a whole new field allowing numerous analyses that would not otherwise have been possible. We will use NGS technology and massive parallel sequencing for a detailed genetic analysis of the Salme materials along with current archeological methods to generate a database with DNA profiles and information about individuals from the boat graves. Ancient skeletal remains present a number of challenging features where the amount and integrity of recovered DNA is limiting factors. We will use NGS technology to overcome many of the challenges in a detailed and genetic analysis. The assay provides the opportunity to compare ancient DNA profiles of Viking age remains to ancient and contemporary European populations for information about ancestry and the migrations in ancient times. Our data may also provide information about phenotypic traits of these seafarers from early Viking ages.

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TH4-11 Abstract 08

Bringing the ship to life - A multidisciplinary study of Eura Luostari cemetery (6th-12th c AD), Finland

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The Luostari cemetery in Eura is the most extensively researched Late Iron Age / Early Medieval cemetery in Finland, with over 1300 inhumation graves. The formation of the cemetery with its inhumation burials dated to 12th Century AD and unfortified presumably even later. Our project called Life Histories in Teeth was launched in 2015 with the aim to develop isotope sampling methods and to produce new multidisciplinary information on the cemetery and the buried individuals. The best preserved human and animal dental and bone remains from 89 graves were selected and were sampled for this study. The human samples will undergo bulk stable isotope analysis (813C, 815N, 818O, 84D) and a smaller sample set is further selected for compound specific isotope analysis, and later on, d13N studies and new AMS-datings will be performed in a related project. In addition to this, pCT scanning, age at death modeling and paleopathological analysis will allow us to have a better understanding of the Luostari people and their diets, origins and life histories in the Late Iron Age Finland. Revised typologies and comparisons of the acquired data to contemporary populations around the Baltic Sea will also contribute to a comprehensive understanding on the contacts between different areas during this time. Archaeoethnological analysis based on the excavation documents and preserved find material will shed light to the burial customs, which include double and multiple burials, and even some deviant cases.

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TH4-11 Abstract 09

Kivukatns bronze-working centre in light of archaeology and natural sciences

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Human bone AMS 14C dating and the freshwater reservoir effect?

An East Lithuanian Iron age sample

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The chronology of Baltic tribes’ Roman period – Viking age archaeological material has up till now been built upon typological dating of artefacts, mostly those discovered at burial sites. However, the lack of chronological reference points is becoming increasingly evident. In many cases, sequences of particular artefact assemblages are sufficiently definite, but unrelated to absolute dates. Radiocarbon dating of series of samples associated with different artefact types or other archaeological markers should contribute a great deal not only to dating particular sites, but also to testing and correcting typological schemes and thus advancing the capabilities of relative chronology.

In order to achieve the above-mentioned goals and to test the research potentials in this field, a project was carried out during which 30 human burials were AMS 14C dated. The samples (11 of unburnt bone, 17 of cremated bone, and 2 of charcoal from cremation burials) from Roman period – Viking age East Lithuanian burials were selected in order to cover all chronological periods. The samples (11 of unburnt bone, 17 of cremated bone, and 2 of charcoal from cremation burials) from Roman period – Viking age East Lithuanian burials were selected in order to cover all chronological periods. The results of radiocarbon dating demonstrate that this effect should be considered and needs special regard.

Commingled remains of Late Bronze Age stone-cist graves at Jœlleînâme in Northern Estonia

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The Late Bronze Age (around 1200–500 BC) in Estonia is characterized by the emergence of stone-cist graves. The above ground round structures with central cist(s) and one or more exterior circular walls were mainly erected in the coastal area of Estonia. Burials are usually located in small groups of 3-5 and even though they appear to be meant for a single burial, usually remain of multiple individuals are found within them. The grave field of Jœlleînâme in Northern Estonia consisted of 36 stone-cist graves which have been fully excavated. The contexts and heavily fragmented osteological remains of 3-4 individuals buried per grave have been recovered. I have approached the bone material using osteological methods together with contextual analysis to answer questions such as who were the people buried in the stone-cist graves and what can be said about the burial customs or practices.

Infants, “Mylings” and “The wee folk”

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Presentation Preference - Oral

In Scandinavian folklore, “mylings” were the souls of unbaptized or murdered children. This article discusses the Medieval attitude to infants and infant funerals, based on the discovery of an infant skeleton in a cesspit in one of the Medieval stone houses at Visby. The article takes up the question of the burial rights of unbaptized children, the problems incurred by lack of baptism, the significance of the different sacraments of extreme unction as an assurance that the deceased would not return as a myling has been discussed, based on Medieval law and archaeological material. Ethnological material has also been studied, and links made with the enormous complexity of conceptions of the wee folk underground - a common occurrence in tales about pregnancy, childbirth and baptism. “The wee folk” live under a large stone, an old tree or a cairn. In some Bronze Age cairns have actually contained infants - those in the cairn at Hau, on northern Gotland, have been 14C-dated to High Medieval period.
Investigating the human remains from the Tallinn gallows hill is part of an ongoing study of Estonian execution sites. The study involves field work and excavations of uninvestigated gallows hills, as well as analyzing material from previously excavated sites in Estonia. Comparisons will be made with data from neighbouring countries, and the ultimate goal is to provide a clearer picture of the history of executions in Estonia.

The main gallows site in Tallinn was excavated in 1994 as part of a construction project. Most of the site was dug through, and it is the so far most completely excavated Estonian execution site. The stone gibbet was erected around the 14th-15th centuries and was in use until the middle of the 18th century. During the rescue excavations a triangularly shaped and partially preserved structure foundation was encountered, and also numerous human remains: at least twenty complete skeletons together with approximately a hundred commingled skulls located inside the gallows structure. During the excavations, these human bones were interpreted as originating from executed individuals.

The mixed human remains were subjected to preliminary investigations in the mid-1990’s, but no thorough osteological analysis has so far been done for this extremely interesting material. Now, 20 years later, these remains will therefore be reanalyzed, with a particular focus on answering research questions such as identifying all the traumas that could be related to execution or violent death, and to determine sex, age, and pathologies - which age/sex group was executed the most, and where there any subadults among the dead?

**TH4-11 Abstract 17**

**Examining skeletons from the Swedish 17th century flagship Kronan**

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**Presentation Preference:** Poster

At the time of its sinking in 1676, the Swedish flagship Kronan was one of the largest seagoing vessels in the world. With its sinking, Sweden lost an important naval battle in the Scanian War, and more than 800 individuals lost their lives in the Baltic Sea. In addition to the 500 sailors, the ship carried 350 infantrymen bound for the Swedish provinces in present-day Germany. The geographic origins of these individuals have so far not been investigated. In this study, geographic affinities of 24 human skulls recovered from the Kronan wreck were investigated through the analysis of metric and non-metric cranial data. Although the results indicate that many of the individuals aboard the ship were Scandinavian, a number of individuals exhibit cranial and dental characteristics inconsistent with European ancestry. These findings provide new information about the demographics of the Swedish military community during the seventeenth century. In addition, the study demonstrates the limitations of current cranimetric databases for distinguishing different populations around the Baltic Sea, a situation that will hopefully improve as reference data for these populations becomes available in the future.

**TH4-11 Abstract 16**

**Hard lives by land and sea: Vertebral pathologies as manual labour indicators in a comparison of Napoleon’s soldiers’ and Nelson’s sailors’ skeletons**

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**Presentation Preference:** Poster

During an excavation in Vilnius in 2001, a mass grave was uncovered containing over 3000 individuals, later identified as Napoleon's soldiers from his unsuccessful 1812 campaign against the Russian Empire. In 2007 the burial ground of the former Royal Naval Hospital was excavated in Plymouth, UK. The graves that were excavated contained more than 150 British sailors dating from broadly the same period as the Vilnius mass grave. These two excavations therefore provide an excellent opportunity to compare broadly contemporaneous groups of servicemen that are very similar and at the same time very different.

The current project focuses particularly on spinal pathology and the respective effects that different kinds of manual labour might have had on individuals from the two groups studied. Whilst both groups are likely to have had rigorous demands placed on them by their respective occupations, the current study considers the extent to which varying kinds of habitual activities will have produced different patterns of alteration and pathological responses in this crucial part of the skeleton.
TH4-12
WESTERN BALTS IN THE IRON AGE

Thursday, 1 September 2016, 09:00-13:00
Faculty of Philology, Room 10

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Presentation Preference - Regular session

The session is dedicated to the Western Balts social, economical and cultural development in the described period (from the 1st-2nd to the middle of the 13th centuries AD). The problems of the development of artefact types, archaeological sites and contact zones altogether with questions on chronology and innovative methods of dating of the Prussian, Curonian, Scalvian and other archaeological cultures of the South-East Baltic region will be discussed at the session.

TH4-12 Abstract 02
The cemetery of Linkuhnen and the cultural exchange between Western Balts in the first millennium

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The cemetery of Linkuhnen at the Nemunas River is best known for the large number of swords and other weapons from the Viking Age. Only little attention has been paid to the various finds from the Roman Iron Age and Migration Period in Linkuhnen. The analysis and re-evaluating of the archaeological objects and archival material from excavations between 1026 and 1939 allow for a new perspective on this important site. The reconstruction of the excavation results provides a comprehensive understanding of the chronological situation at Linkuhnen for the first time and shows a continuous usage of the cemetery from the Roman Iron Age and the Migration Period to the Viking Age (8.-11. century AD) with almost 500 burials and over 5000 grave goods. The finds from the Migration Period are indicators for long-distance trade and communication between Prussians, Scalvians and the mutual relations between colonists and Curonians. The study uses both written and archaeological sources.

TH4-12 Abstract 03
Preliminary considerations on the technological variation within Baltic ware pottery

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Keywords: Baltic ware, Latvia, Potters’ wheel

Presentation Preference - Oral

The potter’s wheel is one of the principal technological innovations of the Late Iron Age (10th – 13th century). Through Baltic ware pottery, its use rapidly spreads across the Baltic Sea region. This paper focuses on the variability of pottery-forming techniques in Latvia territory during the adoption of the slowly rotating potter’s wheel and Baltic ware pottery. As indicated by archaeological material, both Eastern and Western Latvia are part of the Baltic Sea trade network. It is the path along which potters spread their goods and skills. However, when conducting a more detailed analysis of Baltic ware, the use of potters’ wheel is subject to distinct local variations. In the East, there appears to be a sudden switch from the previous pottery tradition to the new Baltic ware. There is little to no interlaying period of varying hybrid-forms. It seems that the technology and the skills for using it were acquired almost at the same time. In the West the potters’ wheel is taken up only partly, preserving previous pottery production methods and using them alongside the new methods. The hand-made manufacturing tradition was not forgotten; in fact, hand-made pottery was still produced until the fourteenth century. This paper aims to show a different pattern of relation of the local people to the changing world around them through the acquisition of Baltic ware and the potter’s wheel. The differences of taking up the new technological innovation could not have originated just from differing placement within the trade network. Both regions have equal access to the new technology. However while some take it up rapidly others seem more hesitant. The braking and remaining of thousands of years old pottery production traditions was influenced by long-standing socio-economic paradigms. Further discussion of pottery variation might reveal some important playing factors within these paradigms.
of sword knots and belts, spurs for riding and buckles of spurs, arms like the sword from the Balga castle surroundings and sword hilt from Marienwerder) decorated with geometrical and zoomorphic ornament like image of horned animals (“goats of Perkūnas god?”) made in unusual for Prussia style with using wire and foil from different metals. Some researchers had suppositions about their eastern origin connected with the movement of the Mongols in Eastern Europe in the XIII century. Such supposition has its reason considering geography of findings (Moravia, Poland, Kaliningrad region (East Prussia), Belgorod region). New findings of this stage goods (belt plates, spurs) are represented in materials from burial ground in Fedorovo, Ruvnina Dolna (Unterplelen, Równina Dolna, Poland), Prudno/Alt Wehlau, Simonischken, Klincovka (Wilkias, Kunterstrauch), Rybachy (Stangenwald). Such artifacts are also known in Belorussia and Lithuania that can be explained by the migration of the population West-Baltic region caused by crusader expansion. Numerous decor elements connected with Christianity (different images crosses) appeared in this period. This stage is characterized by the reduction of products plated with silver that was in active usage at the first stage. Mass use of these technologies passed away among Prussian jewelers. In this period such goods served as status indicating jewelry of Prussian nobles. This jewelry tradition passed away completely perhaps under the influence of European fashion after absolute conquest of Prussian tribes by the Teutonic Order.

TH4-12 Abstract 06

Western Balts after the Vikings and just before the Crusades.

Finalisation of the post-doc project

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Keywords: Archival data, Chronology, Western Balts

Presentation Preference - Oral

During the several last years of preparation of PhD thesis about Prussians and Curonians contacts in the 10/11th-13th centuries and the Post-doc project, dedicated to the Western Balts social, economical and cultural development in the described period, the unique archaeological archives and artefacts database of the 37th scientific institutions from the 8th countries has been collected. Following the tradition of the transregional research of the Western Balts, established by Carl Engel and other East Prussian archaeologists and working in all the major archaeological collections of the Baltic sea region, connected to the Western Balts culture of the late 10th-13th centuries, with a particular consideration on former “Prussia Sammlung”, the picture of development of the whole South-East Baltic region on the basis of archaeological data was elaborated. Considering this, catalogues, maps and analytics for the each general artefact type, burial custom and social (cemeteries based) structure were prepared and partially published. The very first draft of the book reviewed by 2 senior researchers was sent to the Research Council of Lithuania in March 2015. The basis of the draft represents the dissertation, significantly supplemented with data collected during the implementation of a post-doc project in 2013-2015, as well as some new ideas and theories about the development of the South-East region of the Baltic Sea in the 10-13th centuries. The final stage of the preparation of the post-doc project book will be presented at the session.

TH4-12 Abstract 07

A Heraclius solidus - an Avar find from Sambia

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Keywords: Avars, Heraclius, solidus

Presentation Preference - Oral

In 80’ of 20th century a unique find was made in Sambian Peninsula. During excavations a Heraclius solidus was discovered – the only so far Byzantine coin from this region. Gold coins of Heraclius were minted in big numbers and served as source of tribute payment for Avars. The time of paying these tributes to Khaganat was very short – it lasted only few years – as long as Avars threatened to the Empire’s borders. Even though there are numerous finds of these coins in Lower and Middle Danube, in Carpathian Basin and further to the north up to Middle and Lower Prine. One such coin was found on Polish lands. The one from Sambia is the farthest find and isolated at the same time. The artifacts, which can be linked with Avar influence found within West Balts Culture Circle are rare. Among them there are mostly belt fittings, elements of harness and sporadically parts of jewelry. The coin then arises suspicions and questions on it’s origin, time, ways and circumstances of the inflow.

In my paper I will present new ideas on this matter – contrary to common opinion, that Byzantine coins were brought to the north from the Carpathian Basin through Slaves, there were the rests of Germanic tribes, who should be linked with this mystery and unique find and it’s appearance at the Baltic shore.
TH5 SCIENCE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARITY IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Advancement in the use and application of scientific techniques and methodologies in archaeology have significantly altered and contributed to our knowledge of the past. Many of the greatest examples of the research reconstructions of the past have been achieved through the integrated application of multidisciplinary methodologies. This theme seeks contributions that examine how the combination of interdisciplinary research methodologies have affected and influenced development in all areas of archaeology. Debates on both the advantages and the limitations of scientific techniques are invited, together with case study examples that illustrate the improvement of quality and reliability in particular analytical methods.

Closely related to long-standing scientific methodologies in archaeology, bioarchaeology is increasingly presenting a new focus on application of a variety of biological research platforms to our understanding of the past. Employing new technologies, new methodologies and new knowledge from biomedicine, chemistry, physics and biomolecular research, these complement our understanding of the past by adding a “biological dimension” to archaeology. In this theme, we call for contributions and discussion on various aspects of our understanding of the past by adding a “biological dimension” to archaeology. This theme seeks contributions that examine how the combination of interdisciplinary research methodologies have affected and influenced development in all areas of archaeology. Debates on both the advantages and the limitations of scientific techniques are invited, together with case study examples that illustrate the improvement of quality and reliability in particular analytical methods.

INVESTIGATING GEOCHEMICAL AND PETROGRAPHIC METHODS FOR FLINT IDENTIFICATION IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Friday, 2 September 2016, 09:00-13:00
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Presentation Preference: - Workshop

During the Stone and Early Bronze Age, flint and chert were the most widely used raw materials for making various types of tools and weapons. Along with dyes (used in burial rituals) and shells, lithic raw materials are among the most important items available to archaeologists to document long distance distributions, exchange networks, and mobility in Stone Age. Given this, precise identification of the outcrops of siliceous rocks-based on their mineral and chemical compositions is of crucial importance in determining the geographic areas from which artifacts originated. Because flint is notoriously difficult to source using macroscopic means, instrumental methods of analysis, e.g., energy-dispersive x-ray fluorescence (EDXRF), laser ablation-inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) trace element analysis, scanning electron microscope (SEM), electron probe micro analysis (EPMA) and micropaleontological analysis all have been explored to help attribute artifacts to their source of origin and to distinguish among and between individual varieties of siliceous rocks.

This session will be devoted to geochemical and petrographic investigations of flints, including their potentials and limitations. We welcome a wide range of presentations dealing with research on different kinds of siliceous rocks, in any period of time and space, and hope the session will provide new directions for future research into the important problems of flint provenance studies.

TH5-01 Abstract 01
Archaeopetrological Study of the Lithic Industry from “Hort de la Boquera” site (Tarragona, Spain)

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Presentation Preference: Oral

The Epipaleolithic site of “Hort de la Boquera”, dated from 12,250±60 BP to 11,850±45 BP and 11,775±45 BP, is located in the north-eastern part of Spain. The complete stone tool assemblage includes up to 24,000 flint artefacts. This presentation is the first approach to the analysis of the raw materials through an archaeopetrological study. First of all, results were obtained by use of mineralogical techniques: macroscopic and microscopic (petrographic) analysis, Scanning Electronic Microscopy (SEM), Micro-Raman and X-Ray Diffraction (XRD); thus combining mineralogical, petrological and micropaleontological methods. Additionally, a geochemical technique was applied: LA-ICP-MS. One of the aims of this presentation is to show the results that were obtained in this study and to demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of each technique used. Finally we will show the initial results of the project’s geologic surveys conducted in the area, which has allowed for the study of several primary outcrops of siliceous raw materials. The analysis of these sources of raw material and their comparison with the stone tools recovered in Hort de la Boquera rockshelter have led to an initial approach to the potential sources of supply of the Epipaleolithic groups that occupied this rockshelter. Together, these results make this study the most comprehensive analysis of the raw materials to have been carried out in the area, and will therefore be a breakthrough in our knowledge of the economy of the prehistoric communities, and thereby helping in the understanding of the reasons for certain human behaviours.
TH5-01 Abstract 02
Applying ED-XRF, LA-ICP-MS and PIXE analyses to characterize Pyrenean cherts. Potentials and limits

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TH5-01 Abstract 06
Tracking the Hunters: Towards a Methodology for Neanderthal Flint Procurement in the English Channel

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TH5-01 Abstract 01
Science and multidisciplinarity in archaeology

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TH5-01 Abstract 03
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Sourcing and reliable characterisation of lithic sources holds the key to deriving meaningful inferences and formulating testable hypotheses regarding the interaction of past hominins with their environment. Given that Palaeolithic artifacts were buried in sedimentary deposits over a long time period, even those artifacts that seem macroscopically “fresh” might have been altered by sedimentological and weathering processes. However, the issue of rock surface alteration by mechanical, chemical (i.e. patination, dehydration or any other kind of well-known post-depositional weathering) and/or thermal effects on sites and their possible influence on geochemical results has rarely been addressed explicitly. Preliminary results suggest that Laser Ablation - Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) and particle-induced X-ray emission (PIXE) to chert characterization.

An intense fossilwork focusing on the definition and characterization of chert sources outcropping in the Pyrenees (SW Europe) was recently done. This work was linked to a PhD research concentrated in determining Magdalenian human mobility in the Pyrenees through the analysis of chert tools. This study contemplated a textural, petrographic and micropalaeontological characterization of chert using macroscopic and microscopic methods. However, results showed that these techniques had some limitations regarding the evident similarity between several formations. Thus, recovering the previous data obtained after the textural, petrographic and micropalaeontological characterization of several Pyrenean chert formations, we applied some geo-chemical methods. The aim was to observe the potential these methods could have to characterize chert and, by this way, solving archaeological questions. We would like to present in this communication the potentials and limitations of the application of energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence (ED-XRF), laser ablation-inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) and particle-induced X-ray-emission (PIXE) to chert characterization.

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Prehistory of Europe and further afield.

The purpose of this paper is to present petrological/geochemical techniques (e.g. LA-ICP-MS), which can contribute to the investigation into the origin of chert assemblages found in prehistoric sites in Maltese islands. This research is part of a greater project (FRASUBS) investigating the extent to which these islands were laboratories of human activity and, in particular, their degree of connectivity with neighbouring areas. The project focuses on the Stone Temples on Malta (between 4th and 3rd millennia BC) and identifies the circumstances under which these unique monuments were built.

Although these stone artefacts have been studied in the past, the research on their sources has been inconclusive. The advantages of these techniques are their great accuracy, the speed with which results are obtained and, most importantly, they are non-destructive. They are considered perfect for identifying the mineralogical and geochemical context of rock samples. These specific characteristics, combined together, can be great indicators of the origin of these chert assemblages. Firstly, the main principles, functions, equipment and limitations of these techniques will be demonstrated. Secondly, preliminary results from both chert assemblages and chert outcrops from Maltese islands will be presented. Moreover, this paper will also show how the results should be processed in order to obtain the necessary and useful information in sourcing chert assemblages. Finally, a comparison will be made between these techniques and those used in similar research in western Greece.

Infrared spectroscopy appears to be cheap and fast method for provenancing flint resources. Samples collected from three different outcrops in Denmark (Stevns, Faaber & Allborg) and one from Sweden (Kristianstad) were analyzed to test the potential of FTIR in provenancing flint from secondary deposits. FTIR analysis shows subtle differences between the samples from the different sites. These differences are relevant for post-depositional processes, alteration characteristics of pre-depositional flint surfaces contribute to assessing toolith source areas. The methodological advancements resulting from this study will be applicable to any period and context in the Prehistory of Europe and further afield.

Sourcing and characterizing lithic raw materials is of great importance to the understanding of past human mobility and environment exploitation. This research focused on the late Middle Palaeolithic of the Channel Islands located on the shallow Continental Shelf. Although modern sea level has obscured much of the prehistoric landscape for cooler periods during the last ice age the region would have resembled a terrestrial plain with a diverse biotope ranging from boreal forest to tundra conditions, home to both Neanderthals and the large fauna that they hunted. This study is focused within the Middle Palaeolithic of the area; a time period represented well in the English Channel for example at large sites such as La Cotte de St Bréhal, Jersey. It aims to shed light on the now largely submerged Neanderthal resource base by reconstructing procurement of their preferred raw material, flint (here referring to siliceous rock of Cretaceous age). On the Continental Shelf we know that primary bedrock flint was likely only available from several small chalk outcrops to the north of Jersey, whilst secondary flint sources were present in soft chalks and carried by nearby palaeo-rivers. These flint pebbles, removed from their original context, are very variable with thick, pitted, cortex and visible inclusions, deriving from multiple parent sites.

This research focuses on artefacts within the La Cotte de St Bréhal assemblage that have likely been procured from a primary bedrock origin. At this stage these artefacts are identified macroscopically by the presence of thin chalky cortex and the fine-grained homogenous nature of the flint matrix. This project investigates the geochemical signature of these flint objects with
the hope to further clarify this theory and provide empirical data to macroscopic generalisation. It therefore employs an artefact centric model first testing multiple assemblages from the site using portable X-ray fluorescence. This process will likely begin to test the spread and distribution of particular raw materials we can study the spreading of prehistoric communities, their mobility and mutual contacts, as well as the size and quality of exchange networks.

At the same time, those features which caused siliceous rocks to be highly prized by ancient communities also mean that it is easier to determine where deposits of siliceous rocks are located. The case studies with limited potential to be applied in traditional archaeological studies. Most of reasons are related to limitations to use destructive methods, needs for pretreatment, size of sample, specific qualifications etc., but still the main complications are coming from natural diversity of stone material and corrections to obtain comparable analytical data.

In the study geological samples of flint and chert besides from sites in Northern Europe as well as archaeological samples collected during Institute of Latvian History excavations in the Stocene Neolithic settlement and Lapins Mesolithic settlement were included. The research procedure was developed for obtaining comparable analytical data. In the study macroscopic and microscopic assessments in visible and ultraviolet light were carried out and, for chemical composition detection the X-ray fluorescence spectrometry (XRF) method was used. Our studies demonstrate needs for certain procedure and conditions to obtain analytical data which satisfy regional flint tools studies regarding source material localization and tracing the transportation routes.

This presentation refers to the lithic raw material exploitations in the eastern part of Polish Carpathians. The surface surveys and LIDAR analysis carried out in 2013-2016 on this area resulted in discovery of new resources of various lithic raw material used in the prehistoric: siliceous sandstones, quartzite, siliceous marls, metamorphic horizons, flint. The first finds, flint becomes one of the most important information sources regarding prehistoric society for evaluation of ancient skills, knowledge and innovations. Therefore needs for well-developed typology of tools and updated laboratory methods for raw material identification and characterization can be recognized.

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**TH5-01 Abstract 08**

**Lithic raw material from eastern part of Polish Carpathians. Results of preliminary research**

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The rise and development of brick production in Vilius, the capital of the former Grand Duchy of Lithuania, was inspired as strategically important craft. The production of bricks has been changing and improving during more than seven centuries. Therefore brick is an important source providing the knowledge about the technical development, production potential and cultural influence during different periods. The evaluation of physical and chemical properties of bricks would enable us to judge about the technological standards of Vilius bricks, deviations from them and their reasons. The promising investigation methods of the old bricks are related to applied methods of exact sciences. One of them is geochemical method. The geochemical data statistically grouped using Ward's hierarchical clustering (Barcevičius, Taralškevičius, 2015, Archaeologia Lituanica, v.16, p.45-62) enables to hypothesise that: a) in certain chronological periods the material for construction of buildings and production of bricks could be extracted from the same or adjacent clay deposits in mineral composition; b) there existed brick production technologies specific for that period. So, it is possible to try to create peculiar “multivariate recalibration matrices” with as many as possible dated or characterised by other parameters samples. According to them it would be possible to determine at least approximate date of the newly found interesting brick of unknown chronology or to compare other features.

Geochemical investigations are understood as a complex of methods which includes: a) purposeful selection of brick fragment samples; b) multi-elemental method of determination of real total contents of elements; c) multivariate statistical analysis (cluster, factor analysis); d) analysis of the ratios of geochemical indices; e) graphical representation of data. Energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence is usually used for investigation of chemical composition. Its advantage is that great number of chemical elements which can be determined including those related to clay minerals and their additives (Al, Ca, Fe, Mg, Na, K, Si, Ti) accompanied by specific trace elements (Ga, Co, Cr, Cu, Mn, Nb, Ni, Rb, Sr, S, P, Br, Zr, Zn, etc.).

Aiming to obtain more precise interpretation of brick origin and technological processes using geochemical methods it would be useful: a) to take more (³3) sub-samples from the same brick (avoiding the effect of random sample selection), b) to take samples from the inner part of the brick (reducing anthropogenic chemical component), c) to use multivariate analysis method with obligatory determination of total content of main major chemical elements and their specific satellites, d) to compile geochemical database of as many as possible dated bricks (when a, b and c requirements are met), e) to set the select of chemical elements for multivariate analysis basing on various geochemical features (not only variability of composition), f) to verify and supplement the results of cluster analysis with the help of other multivariate statistical methods, g) to accumulate geochemical data on potential raw material (clay) deposits.

Micromorphology of flint from Mesolithic-Early Neolithic site Zamostje 2 via thin-section analysis

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Site Zamostje 2 is situated in the northern part of the Moscow district on the Dubna River (Russia). The site has yielded cultural layers of the late Mesolithic and early Neolithic with pottery and dated to the time between the beginning of the 7th to the middle of the 6th millennium cal BC. The flint tools which were found inside the Mesolithic-Early Neolithic cultural layers have many common features. Mainly the same flint sources were used for them. Micromorphology of flint samples including the composition and structure of flint was examined by means of thin-section analysis. Thin sections were investigated at low magnification between x10 and x100, as higher magnifications observe individual features, which may not be helpful for structural interpretation. Using both plane- and cross-polarised light highlights the textural and structural characteristics of the sample. The microstructural, mineralogical and micropaleontological characteristics allow to divide several flint types and suggest their geological age. The most common is the stone tools for which was used the Carbon flint. There are several samples of Jura and Cretaceous ages. Carbon flint was found in the site as pieces of rounded pebbles. The outcrops of flint sources in this region are covered by Quaternary deposits. The Quaternary deposits in this area are presented by the Upper-Volga outwash alluvial lowland with the depth of about 100 m, Lowland transect to Kronske, Dmityev moraine-erosion ridge. We suppose that the main raw sources are the alluvial and moraine deposits of Quaternary age. It is possible also that some samples from flint of Cretaceous age were iron imparts.
UNRAVELING THE FORMATION PROCESSES OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD BY INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND TRADITIONAL FIELD EXCAVATION

In 1987 Michael Schiffer published the hugely influential ‘Formation Processes of the Archaeological Record’, which has continued to be consulted to interpret the biographies of archaeological materials, the formation of refuse and refuse assemblages, the spatial and diachronic development of archaeological sites, and to study sites in the context of their hinterlands. On the approach to the 30th anniversary of Schiffer’s publication, this session aims to examine the contribution that environmental archaeology, and its associated specialisms such as zooarchaeology, palaeoentomology, palynology, and petroarchaeology, has made to advance our interpretations of formation processes on archaeological sites. We welcome submissions from all specialisms of environmental archaeology, as well as from archaeologists in other fields, particularly those who apply integrated approaches and/or experimentation to understand the biography of material assemblages, the formation and reworking of stratigraphies, and the diagenetic processes that affect archaeological materials within their depositional context.

TH5-02 Abstract 02
A multi-disciplinary approach to formation and abandonment processes within later prehistoric houses

From the Bronze Age to the late Iron Age people in Britain lived in roundhouses. They generally kept them clean which created wear, brush and cut patterns on the soft lowland soils. Later truncation left little remains behind apart from few highly fragmented artefacts, the fills of negative features such as pits and postholes which can contain deliberate structured deposits, and, wear, brush and cut patterns on the soft lowland soils. Later truncation left little remains behind apart from few highly fragmented artefacts, the fills of negative features such as pits and postholes which can contain deliberate structured deposits, and, wear, brush and cut patterns on the soft lowland soils. Later truncation left little remains behind apart from few highly fragmented artefacts, the fills of negative features such as pits and postholes which can contain deliberate structured deposits, and, wear, brush and cut patterns on the soft lowland soils. 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This paper presents recent work on the site of the Channel relieving the river Seine and the North of Europe (code name ‘Moray’). The study of the formation and abandonment of the buildings is being conducted within the framework of a micromorphological study of the Early Medieval stuff. We especially focused on huts called ‘sunken featured buildings’. It was set up that a particular strategy of sampling, which aims at taking into account the allowed time, as well as the average scientists and the available human being. All the archaeological units of this type have being searched and
A pitfall of the Pompeii premise and the palimpsest

Cesspits and the P-P-P-P-problem: Cooking pits, formation processes and democracy

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Cesspits are common archaeological features in open-air late prehistoric settlements. They were dug in the ground by past communities as a result of different daily activities along an undetermined period of time. As such, they should embody a longer diachrony than the concentrated remains, thus being more suitable for palaeoecological approaches.

The interpretation of archaeological assemblages has been traditionally based on a classification of archaeological contexts in two categories: dispersed and concentrated. These categories have deeply influenced the interpretation of archaeobotanical assemblages and archaeological contexts. Within this theoretical framework, concentrated plant remains are those found in association with well-delimited contexts, structured or not. They are usually considered to represent short-term events in which the accumulation of remains as the result of different daily activities along an undetermined period of time. As such, they should embody a longer diachrony than the concentrated remains, thus being more suitable for palaeoecological approaches.

Nevertheless, this oversimplification of archaeological realities does not take into full consideration the formation processes of archaeological contexts, consequently being more prone to mislead their interpretations. We argue that archaeobotanical studies would benefit from using a different theoretical approach, thus integrating the taphonomic processes underlying the deposition of plant remains. On the basis of such approach stand the concepts of primary and secondary deposition and tertiary refuse which have been successfully used for interpreting archaeological contexts and archaeobotanical assemblages (Schiffer 1987; LaMotta and Schiffer 1999; Fuller Stevens and Mcclatchie, 2014).

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This presentation is a call for a revaluation of the contextual analysis, meaning that stratigraphy must be the terminus of analysis and not the beginning of process. Cesspits are usual features but their study is hindered by the difficulty in link the single specialist reports, which would otherwise end up as discrete paragraphs in the definitive archaeological report. In order to date artefacts and ecofacts correctly, the issue whether cesspits are (in terms of Bailey 2008) true palimpsests (with or without residual refuse), cumulative palimpsests or temporal palimpsests must be discussed.

Moreover, it became obvious that the different theoretical frameworks provide distinct perspectives regarding the archaeological contexts and the archaeobotanical assemblages, having a profound impact in the overall archaeological, palaeoecological and palaeoethnobotanical interpretations.

Before the excavation of the site Tanum 1821 a compilation was performed of the cooking pits that had been excavated in the locality. This often means that these structures or even whole sites are overlooked. Therefore, we will also discuss how such treatment leads to misunderstanding, reducing or even excluding several aspects of prehistoric society in archaeological interpretations.

Archaeobotany, Bronze Age, Formation processes

TH5-02 Abstract 07

Pit-filling processes at the Bronze Age site of Monte das Cabanas (Northwest Iberia)

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Pits are common archaeological features in open-air late prehistoric settlements. They were dug in the ground by past communities for multiple purposes (Millet 2006, Schiffer 1987), and when they lost their primary function were suitable for rubbish disposal or even for single acts of deposition – artefacts buried showing signs of deliberate arrangement (Brück 1999, 2006; Brudemel and Cooper 2008). Monte das Cabanas is an open-air pit site in Northwest Iberia which had a long and recurrent occupation during the Bronze Age. Our study concentrates on six of the pits found at this site, all dated to the Early and Middle Bronze Ages. The aim of this paper is to use archaeobotanical remains and pottery sherds for interpreting layers and pit-filling processes.

At Monte das Cabanas more than 3400 charcoal fragments, 397 sherds and 43 carpological remains have been analysed. All these archaeobotanical materials provide taphonomic information to reconstruct cultural and natural processes involved in pit-filling, ultimately allowing the characterization of depositional practices developed by the inhabitants of this settlement (Schiffer 1987; LaMotta and Schiffer 1999). Finally we consider that the integration of archaeological and palaeoethnobotanical evidences is crucial to better understand depositional processes and to distinguish between primary and secondary waste (Schiffer 1999; LaMotta and Schiffer 1999) and even tertiary refuse (Fuller et al. 2014).


TH5-02 Abstract 08

Cooking pits, formation processes and democracy

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In a Scandinavian context cooking pits have often been thought to carry none or little information. This has resulted in cooking pits being excavated using simple methods, for instance by cutting a section with an excavating machine and only taking samples for radiocarbon dating. This often means that these structures or even whole sites are overlooked. Therefore, we will also discuss how such treatment leads to misunderstanding, reducing or even excluding several aspects of prehistoric society in archaeological interpretations.

Before the excavation of the site Tanum 1821 a compilation was performed of the cooking pits that had been excavated in the locality. The area of the site was compared with what kind of analysis that had been carried out. There were a clear correlation between a diachronic interpretation and fewer analyses.
To solve this situation we created a strategy for the excavation. We measured the volume of large (bigger than 7 cm) and small (7 cm or less) fissured limestone. Sample from the soil surface were collected for chemical analysis. The section of excavated structures were sampled in three to five series from top to bottom. The purpose is to analyse the presence and amount of phosphates, magnetic susceptibility and the content of organic material. Also samples for macrofossils and radiocarbon dating were collected.

The results from the analysis of the ratio of fissured limestone show that this is a way to group the cooking pits. The macrofossil analysis concluded that one type of pit was used for processing grain. The lipid analysis also supports this and the lipid acids from animals implies that another type may have been used for processing meat. The soil chemical analysis strengthens the grouping of the pits but it also supports an even finer grouping. Finally the soil chemical results from the surface shows significant differences between the different types of structures regarding the activity areas around them. These areas were not detected in the field situation but are due to the analyses. The radiocarbon datings shows that the site were occupied temporarily.

The site was situated at a distance from the nearest known water supply. Our interpretation is that the site was an activity area and that it dür at least three phases have been used for processing grain. It seems possible to connect this with historically known roasting activities. These were also performed separately from the settlements. It is an activity that is often associated with women, but the place was also known as a gathering point for others in the society.

By focusing more thoroughly on one type of structure we have been able to gain more understanding for it. We have also been able to discuss social organisation and democracy and thereby questions of interest for our society. The excavation is in itself an example of how to see democratically on different types of structures and sites.

TH5-02 Abstract 09
Transdisciplinary results of site formation processes in the wetland site Zug-Riedmatt (Switzerland)

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At Zug-Riedmatt, excellently preserved waterlogged organic layers were conserved in a depth of 6m, below the delfai deposits of the river Lorze into Lake Zug. The layers have been accumulated during the Neolithic settlement activities between 3200 and 3100 cal BC. Even though only a small part of the site was excavated, an exceedingly dense recovery technique was used, ensuring that the site could be investigated in detail. Using a micromorphological methodological approach, 79 profile columns were documented, sampled and separated into layers in an intensive cooperation between archaeobotany, palynology, micromorphology, archaeozoology, geochemistry and field archaeology. All disciplines involved simultaneously analysed the same samples and actively exchanged their results, experiences and ideas. The aim is to understand layer formation and degradation processes from different perspectives with a focus on taphonomic questions. Our talk provides an insight into the transdisciplinary discussion of three profile columns regarding archaeobotany, palynology and micromorphology. The three profile columns cover the whole occupation layer of up to 1.3 m of thickness, which contains various sediment types. The interplay between lake and delfai deposits, which overlap with anthropogenic settlement activities, shall be presented. This micromorphological approach shows that complex, hard to solve questions emerge, which have to be discussed in detail between the involved disciplines.

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Formation processes related to foragers in tropical forests

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Although an important habitat for human societies, the study of archaeological site formation in tropical forests has been less studied compared to temperate and arid environments. Nonetheless, in addition to environmental factors, human behavior plays a significant role in the formation of the archaeological record. This paper focus on the study of archaeological site formation processes related to forager ways of living in a tropical forest environment. It presents a geo-archaeological case study from South India where an integrated approach involved long-term ethnography, field excavation and geoarchaeological laboratory-based analyses. This integrated approach enabled to associate social and cultural aspects of forager ways of living - such as mobility and immediacy - with patterns of use of space and material deposition. Field excavation and sediment sampling from recently abandoned sites of the same group, allowed the investigation of post-depositional processes at the visible and invisible (micro- and sub-microscopical) scales of the archaeological record. The geoarchaeological analyses included the study of palynology and phytolith analysis and soil micromorphology. The results of the geoarchaeological analyses exhibit the environmental post-depositional processes occurring in tropical forests, mainly characterized by acidic conditions and intensive biological activity. Overall, although forager ways of living and the environmental conditions in tropical forests challenge the formation of a well preserved archaeological evidence, an integrated approach examining the different scales of the archaeological record can successfully reconstruct human behavior and the formation processes of archaeological sites.

TH5-02 Abstract 11
Taphonomic analysis of the birds from the Middle Palaeolithic site of Gruta da Figueira Brava

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The procurement of small prey has been widely discussed over the last decades, and in particular since the recovery of bird bones from archaeological sites dating to older than expected. Gruta da Figueira Brava is one of those sites, located on the west coast of central Portugal. The identification of a Middle Palaeolithic lithic industry essentially made of quartz and the MIS-5 absolute dates obtained by speleothem analysis have confirmed a Neanderthal occupation of the cave. The mammal assemblage recovered shows evidence of Neanderthal manipulation of large to very small animals, including tortoises and rabbits, with only scant participation of carnivore activity to the mammal accumulation. An extensivisal assemblage was also recovered and is composed by both marine and terrestrial birds, including edible species as well as diurnal and nocturnal raptors. Most bird species are from environments identified in the cave’s surroundings, mainly from rocky cliffs and shores. Bird bones can be naturally deposited in caves, or accumulated by hominin and/or carnivore/raptor activity. In order to identify the agent of bird accumulation, a detailed analysis within the framework of taphonomic methodology was conducted. The data suggests that diverse occupational dynamics occurred in the cave with differences between the netherkaal levels and MIS-5 deposits. Even though Neanderthal activity was identified on site, bird remains do not show a significant hominin input to the assemblage. The aim of the paper is, thus, to understand such contradiction and to discuss further hypotheses regarding the possible agents of bird bone accumulation.

TH5-02 Abstract 12
Formation processes and site detection in an Apennine upland valley (Calabria, Italy)

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Between 2011 and 2014 the authors investigated in detail the Maddalena upland basin in the southern Apennines (600-1000m a.s.l.), which had previously (2005-2008) been archaeologically surveyed by the University of Groningen Institute of Archaeology. The new and interdisciplinary investigations consisted of geophysical surveys and geo-archaeological and pedological studies. In this paper, we present the results of this work conducted at site RB73, a representative small prehistoric ceramic scatter discovered by field walking survey in the lower part of a cultivated field, near an agricultural terrace. Magnetic gradiometry survey on the whole field did not result in any structural features associated with a sinuous set of anomalies - seemingly of geological origin - was recorded running from the upper part of the field to the terrace and beyond. Manual augering across the anomaly and two test pits provided subsurface context to the surface finds and the geophysical data, revealing a surprisingly deep stratigraphy (> 2m) from at least the Early Bronze Age to the Roman period. Starting anthropogenic deposits alternating with more or less sterile layers locally occur not only near the surface ceramic scatter, but throughout the anomaly. Sinuous anomalies now appear to be associated with surface anthropogenic deposits, with further pit-like anomalies detected in a second magnetometry survey suggesting exploitation of a locally shallow water table.
In this paper we will explore the depositional, post-depositional and current land use processes that have resulted in the present situation and the expression of the surface site as recorded in the archaeological field survey. We will show how the integration of geo-archaeological and geophysical work has provided us with a completely different view on the formation of sites like RB73, and of types of landscape exploitation in these Apennine upland valleys.

TH5-02 Abstract 13
Unravelling the formation process: re-excavating stratigraphy beneath the temples of Malta

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The great megalithic temples of Malta were first examined in a systematic manner in the early years of the 20th century by antiquarian archaeologists. Thomas Ashby and Eric Peat from the UK joined Thermistostes Zammit in Malta in the first properly recorded excavations, and their published records provide an important evidence of how an early century. A lot of remains, as part of the ERIC FRAGUS project, three temple sites have been re-examined, in the quest for new samples for dating and palaeoecological analysis and in doing so have re-interpreted the work of these earlier scholars. This paper reviews how archaeological approaches to megalithic prehistoric sites have changed over a century by drawing some surprising conclusions about the quality and the questions of these pioneers. The current study is employing a range of interdisciplinary approaches to develop and enhance the archaeological record through coordinated methodologies to extract the maximum information from the remains that remain.

TH5-02 Abstract 14
Interdisciplinary research for unravelling the chronology of archaeological sites of Ulów (Poland)

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A group of archaeological sites located near the village of Ulów in Central Roztocze (Lublin voivodeship, south-eastern Poland) was discovered by people using metal detectors when searching for military items from World War II. The first archaeological survey was carried out in 2001 and proved that an extensive forested area, previously considered as unsettled in prehistory, contained remains of multicultural settlements. The systematic excavation works began in 2002 and have been intensified since 2014, when a research project entitled “Roztocze – the ancient terra incognita?” (Settlement micro-region in the area of Ulów in Middle Roztocze in the prehistory and its background. Interdisciplinary studies) obtained financial support from the National Science Centre in Poland.

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This site states for the first time that the core of the alluvial plain was at some extent drained and suitable for human settlement both in Roman and Bronze ages. It is still impossible to state if the sediments predate the Middle Bronze age were delivered by the Apennine alluvial network or Po river anabranching system.

From a physico-chemical viewpoint the paleo anthropogenic soil horizon dating to the Bronze Age recorded: 13g/kg CaCO3; 30 g/kg Organic Matter; 8-11 g/kg Ptot; 87 mg/kg Cu; 2 mg/kg Sn; 245 mg/kg Zn. As term of comparison the Roman age Ap horizon, instead, recorded: 50g/kg CaCO3; 25 g/kg Organic Matter. The Cu and Zn concentration was higher than the today accepted pollution thresholds suggesting a possible bronze fusion activity performed in the site core.

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An interdisciplinary approach to the study of a stratigraphic sequence from Malalbergo (Italy)

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The Middle to Recent Bronze age site of Ponticelli di Malalbergo was recently found in the lower alluvial plain of Bologna, 25 km NE of the city and 25 km south of Po river, 60 km westward the Italian Adriatic sea coastline. The study of a stratigraphic sequence contributes to knowledge of land formation from the Bronze Age to the present day.

The Po river alluvial basin allows a good preservation of archaeological sites due to fluvial sedimentation linked to postglacial sea level rise and tectonic subsidence. The resulting optimal sediment conditions guarantee the removal of most of the reworking and pollution conditions usually affecting the outcropping archaeological sites and related paleosols. In such a way archaeological and paleoenvironmental studies can be successfully performed.

The related soiltop was laying at 6.65 m of depth (+2.35 m asl) while the Roman age topsoil was recorded at 5.7 m (+3.3 m asl) characterized by anthropogenic layers (Ap horizon). The site was resting on sandy loam sands possibly linked to a possible coeval riverbed or related structures. Clayey loams settled to the Roman age. The roman/topos was capped by a 2.75 m thick loamy clays clays holding 8 thin (<1.0 cm thick) peaty layers suggesting the size reduction of the former side and eastwards open, alluvial basin happened probably at the end of the High Middle Ages or the beginning of the Free Common age (XII-XIII century AD).

In the 18th century AD the prograding alluvial ridge of the Reno river new course deposited uppermost about 3 m of sandy loams.

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Exceptional discovery was made in the stratigraphically older layer of calcareous clay, where unusual pottery was located. Radiocarbon dates of the organic tamp from pottery correspond with the end of 7th and beginning of 6th millennium BC. The pottery displayed high quality. The composition of inorganic pottery matrix is not of local origin and points out that the sources of the raw material originated from the southern foothills of Štiavnice mountains. The pottery is tempered with grass stems and leaves. Changes of the organic matter in pottery matrix show a very low firing temperature.

The uniqueness of the site lies in the stratified sedimentary sequence of containing the Early Neolithic artifacts in limnic environment, which preserved material that would be otherwise irretrievably lost.

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Regional correlations of destruction layers using Earth’s magnetic field: The Levant case study

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The temporal variations in Earth’s magnetic field have been recorded in fired artifacts and can provide independent tests for radiocarbon and typology. Cooking installations used continuously before particular calamities in different sites should show similar magnetization directions. If their constituent ferromagnetic minerals are appropriate for the method, the magnetization direction is measured with respect to the geographic north (declination) and the horizon (inclination). Correlation can be tested by inclination, declination, or both. We test correlations between obses sampled in situ within individual destruction layers at the most prominent sites in the Levant including the Jordan Valley, the Shephelah, Jezreel, and the Coastal Plain. Differences in the radiocarbon calibration severely limits temporal resolution of absolute dating. By contrast, the magnetic field in the Levant shows extreme fluctuations. The data supports the overall stratigraphic picture and demonstrate the potential of future studies to resolve some of the uncertainties and discrepancies between alternative chronologies.

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Applying silence and sound to environmental reconstruction: frameworks, applications, implications

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Culture and the Environment are noisy. The formation of sites within their environments is never quiet. However, the past is silent. It was not until the nineteenth century that one could hear sounds from the past. Admittedly, language-notation began about five millennia ago and music- notation about a millennia and a half. But, even that is recent for human existence. Notations depict sound, but are not the sounds themselves.

In 1877 Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, later to be developed into various sound recording technologies. Only then, did the sounds of the past become available to the present. We can listen to words spoken and music played long ago. – But can we hear the sounds of prehistory? No, but to some extent we can reconstruct them, and at least record and measure the present soundscapes of archaeological sites and their environments. Such recordings can give us relevant clues about earlier soundscapes as well as helping us understand how sounds were part of the prehistoric environment and the formation processes of site creation. Thus, we believe we can add further information about the location and cultural (sound-producing) activities of earlier times. When combined and integrated, these pieces of information from various sources can help us to build reasonable valid descriptions, interpretations, and even reconstructions, of past sounds and soundscapes.

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Not separating wheat from chaff: considerations for differential recovery of charred plant remains

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This presentation aims to highlight some of the taphonomic issues which may affect the recovery of charred archaeobotanical material from archaeological deposits. The basis of this presentation is data from 10 archaeological sites in Northern England where the rates of recovery from the washover and the heavy residue have been compared. In this region finds of charred cereal remains may often be sparsely distributed in archaeological contexts, and will not meet the required number of elements recommended to conduct applications such as multivariate analysis. It is argued that due to differences in settlement patterns and geology the recovery of archaeobotanical remains in northern England is in many ways distinct to those in southern England. The presentation will discuss the differential recovery of chaff and grains that have been observed by the presenter, as well as the differential preservation and recovery of hazelnut shell. It highlights some of the methodological problems this creates when classifying sites as being ‘producer’ or ‘consumer’ sites, as well as broader debates such as the nature of wild and domestic plant consumption in prehistory. The presentation highlights the varied types of recovery from within a relatively small geographic area (England), and asks participants to consider how this might affect suprational, or transcontinental interpretations. Concludes by suggesting novel ways in which to use this data to improve broader site interpretation by trying to identify activity areas via the integration of archaeobotanical data with contextual information from excavation.

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TH5-02 Abstract 20

Deciphering formation processes of the urban Dark Earth: a geoarchaeological approach

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Urban dark earths are dark coloured, poorly stratified units, often formed over several centuries that have been uncovered in many European towns (Nicolsa & Devos, 2014). Due to their lack of any recognizable internal stratigraphy, standard archaeological approaches typically fail to understand their complex histories.

The present contribution will demonstrate how geoarchaeological approaches, and especially micromorphology, can help to reconstruct the often complex formation processes, and to discriminate different human activities and natural processes involved in dark earth formation. In a second step, we will also discuss how soil micromorphology (the microscopic study of archaeological soil/sediments) can help to understand the taphonomical history of the botanical components, observed within the dark earth; we will hereby focus on the example of the phytoliths (Devos et al., 2013; Vrydaghs et al., in press).

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Plant macroremains as proxies to understand formation processes in lakeshore settlements

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Understanding how such heat conditions can be maintained during destruction of mud brick structures is currently under study. We conducted several sets of laboratory-based experiments using model bricks fired under different temperature, duration and heating conditions. Using FTIR spectroscopy, micromorphology and palemagnetism back on site we show how the Stratum VIA event (Stratum VIA of the late Iron Age I) is studied using a geoarchaeological approach. Initial mineralogical analyses, using FTIR spectroscopy, indicated that mud bricks found at the destruction level are homogenously heated to about 600°C. This observation therefore is ideal candidates for answering taphonomic questions. Based on previously published research and own experience we have defined around 70 variables (which included not only plant remains but also remains of diverse origin which appeared in archaebotanical samples) which are considered to be indicators of preservation conditions. These variables were described for ca. 250 large-volume samples (ca. 0.5 L) and ca. 120 small-volume samples (ca. 0.3 L). We developed specific quantification criteria that can be applied in a rapid yet informative way. The data were evaluated on the basis of ubiquity, and through qualitative evaluations of the spatial distribution of the variables (with GIS maps). The results seem to allow a clear distinction between well-preserved parts of the layer and eroded parts of the layer, including parts that were interred in connection to lake influence in opposition to other erosive processes. These results make us suggest that such evaluations should continue to take place in the future if proper palaeoecological evaluations of archaebotanical remains are to be done.

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Unravelling Formation Processes Associated with Destruction by Fire

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Uncharred plant remains are amongst the most fragile remains in such sediments and therefore ideal candidates for answering taphonomic questions. Based on previously published research and own experience we have defined around 70 variables (which included not only plant remains but also remains of diverse origin which appeared in archaebotanical samples) which are considered to be indicators of preservation conditions. These variables were described for ca. 250 large-volume samples (ca. 0.5 L) and ca. 120 small-volume samples (ca. 0.3 L). We developed specific quantification criteria that can be applied in a rapid yet informative way. The data were evaluated on the basis of ubiquity, and through qualitative evaluations of the spatial distribution of the variables (with GIS maps). The results seem to allow a clear distinction between well-preserved parts of the layer and eroded parts of the layer, including parts that were interred in connection to lake influence in opposition to other erosive processes. These results make us suggest that such evaluations should continue to take place in the future if proper palaeoecological evaluations of archaebotanical remains are to be done.

Keywords: destruction by fire, Formation processes, Geoarchaeology

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Material culture and formation processes in archaeology

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The importance of formation processes in archaeology is unquestionable. They condition the stratigraphic circumstances of sites and are determining factors for understanding the phenomena of occupation, abandonment and post-abandonment of archaeological structures and sites. To know, for example, whether we are dealing with the level of use or destruction of a building is basic to be able to correctly reconstruct its biography, to determine its level of residueality or to establish its chronology.

We believe, however, that the study of the formation of the archaeological record has not been developed as it might have been, either theoretically or methodologically. In fact, the works of reference continue to be those written by M.B. Schiffer in the late 20th century. This investigator introduced the concepts of “systemic context” (dynamic stage during which elements shared the culture of their societies and different processes of aggregation and elimination were produced) and “archaeological context” (stage in which these same elements have come to us over time, that is, the context of archaeology). Understanding the first will give us a better understanding of the second, in a process in which material culture plays a fundamental role as a link between both. It is precisely this aspect, the relationship between stratification and objects, that we want to discuss in this poster.

Starting from the experience accumulated by our group in field excavation, this study aims to characterise the main types of deposits that are recorded in an archaeological site, generating a reference framework that could be used as a hermeneutic and decodifying tool of the archaeological record. For definition purposes, we will use 3 stages that are acknowledged in the lifecycle of any place (occupation, abandonment and post-abandonment), each of which comprises moreover different aggregation and reduction processes. Within the aggregation processes, we will stress special attention to pottery recorded in the archaeological context. In this respect, the manner in which artefacts are presented in the archaeological record constitutes one of the main instruments for identifying the depositional processes since these same processes contribute to the presence of pottery in a very different manner.

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Archaeological terrains located on the left bank of the Vltava River in the Czech Republic are the unique “geoarchaeological archive”. These sites are threatened with current building development. But archaeologists don’t always give them so much attention it deserved. Their importance lies especially in the chronologic, integrity of unique archaeological finds and opportunities to study their genesis. We are constantly monitoring the occurrence of these layers on the left bank of the Vltava River in Prague (parts Sedlec, Dejvice and Bubeneč). We are talking about geomorphological temperate eastern slopes of the hills and foothills of the Upper Šárka height. Local stratigraphic sequence captures the settlement from the Paleolithic to the present. It often has the character of a coastal “Till” and has generally polygenetic origin. According to the current knowledge on the riverine terrace is situated layer stratigraphy of the loess loams containing Upper Paleolithic finds and this layer is overlaid by Holocene layers composed mostly by the dark loams containing remains of archaeological cultures from the Neolithic period to the present. Preserved stratigraphy layers have thickness from 0.5 to 1.9 meters and in parts of transversal depressions it may be even more thicker. The aim of this paper is to show the most recent data sources to the object of interest and to assess the state of current research.

Nowadays it is possible to comment the genesis of stratigraphies only on the basis of macroscopic observations made in the archaeological rescue researches. On sites shown we can, that development of the layers in stratigraphic sequences may have a different time frames. On the example of the research in the street Pod Pařížáků in Prague-Podbab (2011) can be seen each episode of this formativ process. It’s clear that there are rotating episodes of rapid deposition of almost monomarkových local expressions of polygenesis probably in the interval between the various stages of settlement and cultural layers formed in “situs”, which are documented with up to 16 episodes of the residential settlements and waste overlayed by fine sediment. For a more detailed understanding of the development of the stratigraphic sequences in a timeframe is necessary to undergo the results of the excavations to a more through multidiscipline research.
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EcoPlis: characterizing the prehistoric human occupations in the Lis River Basin (Portugal)

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Abstract

The River Lis Basin, located in central Portugal, is an ecotone between the coast and the inland mountains. The unique conditions for highly preservation of both organic and inorganic materials make it a key region to acquire high-resolution data from both geological and archaeological contexts, fundamental for understanding features of hominine behaviour, such as mobility, site use, adaptive strategies and resource exploitation, namely from the highly productive coastal environment.

Besides hundreds of open-air sites, this basin also has hundreds of caves and rockshelters, many of them with sediments reaching their roofs and with clear evidence of human occupation. In those already tested it was possible to recognize well-preserved multi-occupational archaeological layers, several types of artefacts made in organic and inorganic materials and also human burials. In 2015, the EcoPlis research project was started with the goal of find and characterize, with the highest resolution possible, the complete sequence of the Middle and of the Upper Paleolithic occupations in the Western-most Europe. Among other things, the project aims to contribute significantly for the understanding of the period between the demise of Neanderthals and their replacement by Modern Humans. In our first year, we found over 50 new caves and rockshelters with sediments, found artefacts dated from the Achadian to the Chalcolithic and start the excavation of two cave and a rockshelter. Our approach includes the 3D piece-painting of all viable finds without a cut-line, the complete flotation of the sediments from archaeological layers and samples for phytoliths and parasites. Among other things, we found multiple entrances with human remains in a same short valley and in a same cliff that may correspond to two Early Prehistoric mortuary complexes, a dense shell layer in same short valley and in a same cliff that may correspond to two Early Prehistoric mortuary complexes, a dense shell layer in 2015, and a dense shell layer in the same short valley. The two outer furnace of Hdvégardó-Malomszög probably had an Avar origin and it can be suggested that they lived there permanently and they lived Conquest of the Hungarians.

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TH5-02 Abstract 26
Polyarchological contribution for formation processes reconstruction in a Neolithic pile dwelling site

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Abstract

The integration of pollen and non-pollen palynomorphs (NPP) analyses provides essential data to reconstruct palaeo-environmental conditions in both regional and local scales. The application of these analyses in archaeological deposits also offers the possibility to obtain evidence of socioeconomic practices, in terms of documenting crops, gathered plants, stabling of flocks, etc. In addition, the integration of both biarchaeological proxies and the information from the archaeological excavation allows reconstructing the dynamics of formation of the archaeological record. In this work, a spatial analysis of pollen and NPP taxa has been carried out in order to obtain a better understanding about the formation of the several archaeological structures and sedimentary units of the site of La Dragà (Síria, Spain), a pile dwelling site located in the shore of Lake Banyoles.
TH5-03 Abstract 03
Dental paleopathology, diet and mobility at the Copper Age site of Marroqués Bajos (Jaén, Spain)

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Marroqués Bajos represents one of the largest Copper Age (c. 3200-2250 BC) mega-sites in Iberia and comprises a collection of numerous human remains. The site includes three areas of necropoleis (N1, N2 and N4) where primary and secondary burials were documented. In this paper we explore dental paleopathology, dietary differences and mobility patterns throughout bioarchaeological and multi-isotopic methods (n=108). The evaluation of the health status showed no significant differences in the frequency of caries between the three areas of necropoleis. However, at N2 there is a higher proportion of hypoplasia and at N4 of caries than the total sample. Stable isotopes of carbon δ13C and nitrogen δ15N in bone collagen showed different sources of diet and mobility at the three necropoleis. The analysis of δ13C and δ15N in bone collagen and tooth enamel is considered to be a useful tool for understanding the dietary and mobility patterns of the Copper Age population of Marroqués Bajos.
Investigations of stable isotope ratios from human remains in relation to geographical regions, sex, age, grave goods and chronology allow statements about the living and environmental conditions in ancient times. Stable isotopes do not decay over time and are therefore ideal tracers in biological systems. Swiss skeletal series are of great importance for research on European populations of the Late Iron Age (AD 500 to 15 BC). Written sources are scarce and bioanthropological-archaeological analyses provide direct information on individual humans. Human remains (N = 146) from burial sites of different regions at the Swiss Plateau and the Swiss Alps were analysed. Collagen was extracted and stable carbon, nitrogen and sulphur isotopes were analysed. Additionally, published data from Münsingen (Moghadam et al. 2016) were included for comparisons.

All data were analysed for sex, age and archaeological differences and were presented as burial sites. Stable isotope data indicate an overall diet mainly based on animal protein and plants following the C3 photosynthetic pathway. Significant differences between the Swiss Plateau and the Swiss Alps were found with more positive 13C and 815N mean values observed for the Swiss Alps. Some individuals indicate a significant intake of C4-plants in the diet. Cultural and/or climatic changes as well as different geological conditions might have led to distinct patterns of crop cultivation and animal husbandry.

No significant differences could be detected between males and females as shown for Münsingen. Regarding the age classes the 815N values follow an isotopic trend indicating a breastfeeding signal for infants. The 813C data suggest a more terrestrial based diet with minor consumption of freshwater fish. Differences in the 815S data might reflect different local 34S values with minor mobility in Late Iron Age populations.


TH5-03 Abstract 05
Dietary and social patterns in early medieval southwest Germany – a stable isotope approach

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This presentation explores the ecological dynamics of food resources and the establishment of dietary differences in the early medieval Alamannia. Differential dietary patterns develop through various socio-cultural, economic and environmental factors and may be expressed in an unequal distribution of food resources or food preferences within a society or differential subsistence strategies between populations. The Alamannic row graves in southwest Germany present a substantial source to study these factors for a rurality of the 5th-8th century AD with an allegedly ranked but somewhat fluid social system.

The analysis of stable carbon and nitrogen isotopes in bone collagen of adult human and faunal remains of four row grave cemeteries (Fridingen a. d. Donau (N = 65), Kirchheim u. Teck (N = 62), Neresheim (N = 54)) and the separate necropolis at Niederstötzingen (N = 10) is conducted in order to investigate the interaction of resources such as diet, socio-cultural and gender identities in the framework of the respective natural conditions. The choice of dietary proxies, archaeological and environmental data reveals a pattern of divergent internal dietary structures between settlement sites, reflecting different strategies in more or less favorable locations in the Frankish Empire as well as chronological changes. Higher amounts of animal protein in the diet of individuals buried in exceptional places (e.g. burial mounds) in Fridingen a. d. Donau and Niederstötzingen indicate socio-cultural dynamics, where special treatment in death is connected to dietary distinction during lifetime.

TH5-03 Abstract 06
What ate and who were people buried in the early medieval chamber graves in Poland

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The paper will present and discuss results of stable isotopes analysis of carbon and nitrogen for a diet as well as strontium and oxygen for a provenance from 6th-11th century chamber graves. This form of elite burials was constructed and used in early medieval Poland mostly during the second half of the fifth century and the first half of the ninth century. It is characterized by the presence of social differentiation, formation of elites, creating of a state and a religion shift from paganism to Christianity. Chamber graves were characterized by having an inner wooden construction in a form of a chamber and were often furnished with numerous and luxury grave goods.

Such burials were places of eternal rest for men, women and children. For the study of the diet and the provenance we examined samples of bone collagen and tooth enamel from individuals buried in chamber graves as well as samples from ordinary human graves and animal remains as a background. The obtained results suggest that individuals buried in chamber graves formed a heterogeneous group of people. Some of them seem to be of local origin and some were newcomers from different regions. Their diet, with some exceptions, did not vary much from the deceased interest in ordinary graves. However, the diet consumed by men and women buried together in double graves differed significantly.

TH5-03 Abstract 07
A paleopathological and isotopic approach to dietary changes in medieval Holland

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The late medieval period in Holland was characterised by substantial socioeconomic changes. While the region largely undeveloped prior to AD 1200, after came large scale urbanisation and flourishing international trade, changes that would have impacted many aspects of life. This paper investigates the effect of these changes on diet by comparing skeletal collections from the central medieval village of Blokhuizen (AD 1000-1200) to the late medieval town of Alkmaar (AD 1448-1672) using a combination of dental disease and stable isotope data.

The caries results clearly point to a dietary shift (213 individuals analysed). The urban population of Alkmaar has a significantly higher caries frequency which begins at a younger age, than the individuals from Blokhuizen, suggesting increased consumption of cariogenic products, such as sugars and starches. Significant dietary differences are also demonstrated by the stable isotope data (sample of 50 individuals analysed). The population of Alkmaar showed significantly enriched 815N ratios and had more variable 813C ratios than the population from Blokhuizen. This may be due to increasing consumption of freshwater or marine fish by the people of Alkmaar. Alternatively, the consumption of animals/animal products of a high trophic level such as chicken, eggs, and pigs could have contributed to enriched 815N ratios.

A difference in the patterning of caries and isotopic data in males versus females between the two populations also demonstrates a dietary shift. In rural Blokhuizen, there was a significant difference between males and females in regards to caries frequency but not stable isotope values. This likely reflects the universal biophyiological phenomenon of higher caries frequencies in women. In urban Alkmaar, there was no significant difference in male-female caries frequencies, suggesting the diet changed in such a way that the expected difference was eliminated. The males were eating a certain type of food that was rarer in the female diet, that did not shift their 815C values away from that of the females, but elevated their frequency of caries. This could include more starches or sugars, but also increased consumption of beer should be considered.

The combination of caries and isotopic data points to clear changes in diet for urban individuals of late medieval Holland. It is hypothesised that an increase in market dependence and availability of international trade products in the late medieval period contributed to this dietary shift. Through the urban markets, new products such as fresh fruits, but also sugar and honey, became more widely available. Additionally, new techniques for preserving fish may have resulted in increased consumption of marine foods in towns. Moreover, a greater component of omnivores of high trophic levels in the diet could have contributed to the observed dietary shift. This study demonstrated that the integration of paleopathological and isotopic research provided a more complete understanding of dietary changes in medieval Holland.

TH5-03 Abstract 08
The mobility at medieval cemetery in Hamina in northern Finland

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Strontium isotope analysis is used to study mobility in the past societies. It has provided us a tool to investigate outsiders from populations, and also to way to estimate the mobility patterns. It is based on assumption of strong correlation between strontium isotope ratios in environment and human calcified tissues.
Diet, morbidity and mortality of a north Finnish town 1600-1800 AD

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This study is one of the few that has applied a method of the analysis of the age at death and, from 1750 on, the cause of death. In addition, the naturally mummified remains of some individuals buried under the churches of Kemi and Hämeenlinna (c.75 km to SE) from the early 17th to the mid-18th century were investigated by means of Computerized Tomography (CT) scanning and stable isotopes analyses in order to obtain information about possible pathological features and the diet. Zosarchaeological and ethnobotanical data have been used together with isotopic results in the interpretation of the local diet. This paper presents and discusses the preliminary results of this research.

Leprosy of the past: The genetics behind pathogen-host interactions, as revealed by ancient-DNA

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Leprosy is a long-standing disease of the past. Its significance in palaeopathology has been secured due to many historical references, bone lesions that allow osteoarchaeologists to document its presence in the archaeological record, and various biomolecular studies that have tracked the pathogen’s genetic mark. The causative agent (Mycobacterium leprae) has been proven to be an organism that does not exhibit much variability, rather, in terms of time or space. However, studies have shown that a distinct phylogeography seems to exist, allowing researchers to discuss several scenarios about how leprosy spread across the world. In contrast to the limited genetic variability of the pathogen, however, the clinical symptoms of this disease vary to such a degree that this has led to the notion that it is the host’s immune system that plays the major role in the development of the pathogen. Hence, understanding the collagen of human and animal bones is routinely extracted and analysed in Scientific Archaeology (e.g. paleodiet studies, 14C dating, etc.). Reliable information can only be obtained from analysis of collagen with a “good” level of integrity, a condition that has been determined by different approaches based on, for instance, elemental composition (C and N content), C:N ratios, collagen yield, amino acid profiling or amino acid racemization. In addition, spectroscopic analyses provide a non-destructive method to investigate the molecular structure of extracted collagen; however, a deep knowledge of multivariate statistics is required to deal with the large amount of data generated.

We used FTIR spectroscopy to characterise non-ultrahigh molecular weight collagen extracted from 50 skeletons recovered in 8 necropolises from NW Spain, representing a wide chronological period (~3500 years), multiple soil environments and different funerary deposits. The second derivative and the standard deviation spectra were used to identify the most relevant absorption bands. Principal components analysis (PCA) and multiple regression models were developed to synthesise the spectroscopic information and to estimate collagen quality parameters.

The four principal components extracted by FCA were interpreted as two main diagenetic changes:

1) A primary process leading to the preferential loss of collagen β-helix and a residual increase in carbohydrates, and ii) a secondary process related to the loss in β-sheets; and two minor components related to: i) variations in aliphatic side chains and ii) absorptions of the OH of carbohydrates and amide A. Highly significant regression models were obtained for the quality indicators (collagen yield, C, N and C:N ratio) using the principal components as predictors, but no relationships between the δ13C and δ15N and the components were found. Our data suggest that the decrease in C and N contents and the increase in C:N ratios are caused by the degradation of the protein and the relative preservation of carbohydrates.

It can be concluded that the extracted archaeological collagen does not seem to be contaminated with exogenous organic substances; i) for the studied samples there is a continuous change in C, N, and C:N ratios that is coupled to the structural integrity of the collagen; and ii) the observed diagenetic changes in collagen composition/structure did not affect in a significant way the δ13C and δ15N values, thus supporting their use for paleodiet reconstruction.

Dietary variability among earliest domesticated pigs in the Iberian Peninsula

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Dietary variability among earliest domesticated pigs in the NE Iberian Peninsula (5700-3500 cal BC): a stable isotope perspective

Domesticated pigs (Sus domesticus) played an important role in the early Neolithic economy of the western Mediterranean. Studies from the Iberian Peninsula reveal their exploitation followed a systematic pattern oriented to the production of meat, for example with animals slaughtered between the age of 18 to 24 months. While this pattern appears relatively homogeneous over this region, in order to investigate how early Neolithic communities raised and managed domesticated pigs in the NE Iberian Peninsula, we selected a rich assemblage of wild and domestic pig bones from Neolithic sites, dated between 5700-3500 cal BC, for carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis. The results reveal remarkable dietary differences between sites, pointing to the existence of different management strategies. This study shows the correlation of the results by the type of diet (meat, milk, vegetables, roots, fruits), the context of deposition, and the degree of preservation of collagen. It can be concluded that i) the extracted archaeological collagen does not seem to be contaminated with exogenous organic substances; ii) for the studied samples there is a continuous change in C, N, and C:N ratios that is coupled to the structural integrity of the collagen; and iii) the observed diagenetic changes in collagen composition/structure did not affect in a significant way the δ13C and δ15N values, thus supporting their use for paleodiet reconstruction.
to be lacking in specimens from the Stone Age. Thus, we discuss whether there has been selection of this allele, as well as the possible routes that it followed in order to enter Europe and give rise to its prevalence today.

TH5-03 Abstract 13
Finding a common framework for skeletal science in Archaeology

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Skeletal science can be defined as the application of scientific techniques to the analysis of archaeological skeletons. It includes well-known methodologies such as stable isotope analysis, ancient DNA and elemental composition, as well as other of more recent introduction as FTR, pyrolysis-OC-MS and proteomics. All these methods are under the umbrella of biogeochemical approaches, since they study the chemical, physical, geological, and biological properties of bones and teeth. Their most usual purposed aim is to reconstruct different pre-mortem features (i.e. diet, mobility and health) of the individuals the skeletons belonged to. Thus, it is worth to remark that the properties we analyse in skeletons are in fact approximations (i.e. proxies) of the multiple processes governing bone and tooth formation and degradation.

My own research started in the field of Physical Anthropology with emphasis in osteological variation and paleopathology. In the last years, I have been more involved in the application of biogeochemical techniques, discovering their utility in unravelling pre-mortem characteristics and how complementary their data are with more classic macroscopic approaches. I also realized that less attention has been paid to the role of post-mortem processes (diagenesis) on the chemical transformations of bone and their effect on pre-mortem signals.

Despite the recent advances in every specific field, and with few exceptions, most of the investigations have been highly disciplinary, seldom involving other close research areas. An example is the few connections between paleodiet reconstruction using stable isotopes and the study of ancient health, which has been discussed in the recent workshop “Paleoanthropology: from osteological to paleopathology.”

What does it really matter? As Physical Anthropology teaches us, the focus should be put in the populations since they better reflect human evolutionary and demographic processes. Avoiding the bias single case studies may introduce. And the population perspective should be embedded within an integrated vision of the environment, whose changes challenge human populations at many levels (e.g. health, resources availability, migrations). The changes also pertain to specific human activities such as mining and metallurgy that may pose a threat (e.g. metal pollution) both to the societies and the environment.

Moving our focus from the straight interpretation of the data to the understanding of the processes involved will surely allow us to see the big picture that can explain aspects of human life in the past. In my opinion, a common, coherent framework based on the population/environment perspective should be implemented to be able to unravel the multiple processes governing bone and tooth development and degradation.

TH5-03 Abstract 14
Famine to find God? Isotopic approaches to Nuns’ diet of the Convento de Belmonte, Cuenca, Spain

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The advances in geochemical and physical anthropological studies have provided new tools to reconstruct the lifestyle of archaeological populations, especially on those minorities not commonly mentioned in the texts. This is the case for nuns. Despite the relative availability of works dealing with religious communities food and everyday life, these are almost exclusively focused on male, i.e. monks. However, the habits of the cloistered nuns has remained invisible to chroniclers as well as to bioarchaeological research. An osteological, paleopathological and paleodietary (δ15N and δ13C in bone collagen) study was performed on an animal and human skeletons recovered from the Cloister of the Infante Don Juan, in Belmonte (Cuenca, Central Spain). The human sample comprises 43 individuals who lived in the 16th (n=28) and 17th (n=15) centuries AD: 38 females, 1 male and 4 of indeterminate sex. The sample covers a wide range of ages, most of individuals were estimated from 25 to 39 years of age-at-death (n=19). Archiological and Historical records suggest that the studied area of the church yard was used to bury the Dominican nuns who process in the convent. In order to contextualize nuns’ diet, 13 faunal specimens were also analyzed including sheep (7), Gallus (3), pigs (2) and marine fish (1, catshark).

The faunal sample presents a great isotopic variability. This is particularly the case for δ15N of sheep. Although all these animals were adults between 18 and 24 months at death, they show a 3‰ range (9.6-6.6‰). This may be reflecting the wide variation of ecosystems surrounding the site including some areas with saline geological materials (e.g. confitoreal salt mines). No correlation has been found between the size of the sheep and their isotopic signal. Gallus also show a quite large variation on δ15N, while pig values are more homogeneous. Terrestrial animals δ15N ranges from -18.7‰ to -21.0‰ including herbivores, which suggests a low intake of C4 plants in some of them. In contrast to humans, δ13C values are within a limited range (-17.6‰, -18.6‰). This is mainly a high variation between 9.7 and 12.7‰. The latter is an unexpected result considering that a religious community should consume basically the same kind and amount of food. There is no relationship between nuns’ isotopic variation and their age at death, period of burial and main paleopathological features (including one possible case of brucellosis, another two chronic infections and two cases of osteoporosis). A reliable explanation for the results could be the austerity and fasting habits that were common in Dominican nun communities, particularly between the 16th and 18th centuries. It is known that severe famine can produce enrichment in 15N due to autophagism of proteins. The paleopathological study also supports the assumption of a very austere life, e.g. muscle/skeleton stress markers and osteoarthritis has a high presence in the sample. This intriguing hypothesis demands more research to unveil the most intimate life of the female inhabitants of the cloisters in their way to find God.

TH5-03 Abstract 15
Ancient dental calculus as new source of information for a 10th century population from Dobrogea

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A series of interdisciplinatory tools can be used in order to investigate ancient dental calculus from archaeological human remains. Moreover, similar studies can be easily associated and stable isotope and stable carbon analysis in order to obtain additional information regarding past population lifestyle. The oral human microbiome can be investigated in order to determine the bacterial specificity in the ancient populations compared to modern ones. Dietary changes are correlated with modifications in the oral microbial community structure. A series of species with particular signatures associated to human oral microbiome can be identified and tracked through space and time in the human population. The dietary preference indicates the specificity of environment-human interaction in search for food and water.

The present study aims to investigate the oral microbiota diversity and the food preference of a medieval population (10th century) situated in the south-eastern part of Romania (Capătâva, jud. Constanța). Ten individuals from the population mentioned above presenting dental calculus were the subject of this research. In order to aid investigation, several methods such as stable isotope analysis, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), quantitative PCR (qPCR) and the amplification of universal barcodes for bacteria (targeting the 16S rRNA gene), fungi (targeting the ITS region) and plants (targeting the tmr, intron of the chloroplast) were applied.

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TH5-03 Abstract 16
Diet and dynamics of Muslims and Christians in Montiel (11th-15th, Spain)

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Since 2012, excavations at the site of Montiel (Spain) had led to the discovery of two cemeteries, representing two socially and culturally distinct populations: one Muslim (11th -13th century AD) and one Christian (13th-15th century AD). The geochemical composition of these osteological remains (10 individuals and 21 Christians) was investigated to see how different religious beliefs, culture and social status might have influenced the diets of these populations which were buried in a similar manner. The aim was to compare the results obtained with historical sources.

The nature and location of dietary components determines their specific geochemical composition which passes on through the food chain and is archived in consumers’ bones. The Muslim and Christian skeletal remains can therefore be used as witnesses of individual’s dietary habits and preferences, at least for the last years before their death, as a result of the mineral part of the bone (bioapatite) registering the elemental composition of all the dietary constituents (lipids, carbohydrates and proteins), while the composition of bone’s organic component (collagen) reflects the geochemistry of ingested protein. The geochemical analysis of both bone biocollagen and collagen can therefore provide a detailed picture of the subsistence strategies adopted by the late medieval populations buried at Montiel. These dietary strategies will be discussed regarding the type of plant resources, inferred from bone carbon isotopic ratios (δ13C), the origin of water supply, deduced from bone oxygen isotopic ratios (δ18O), as well as individual’s trophic level position, addressed using bone nitrogen isotopic ratios (δ15N). While these isotopic tools have been routinely employed in past dietary studies and measured using an AMS, bone Sr/Ca and Ba/Ca ratios were also analysed to provide additional information on the trophic level, marine food consumption, as well as potential mobility. Bone Sr, Ba and Ca contents were measured using a cutting-edge technique (LA-ICP-MS) that enables us to create spatial high resolution maps of bone trace element concentrations and target preferential bone histological features which might be preserved from post mortem alteration.

This study also investigates the geochemical composition of contemporary faunal remains (ca. 10 individuals from each period) studied from neighboring settlements, with the aim to establish an environmental geochemical baseline for each analytical proxy applied, and to enable the discussion of the Muslim and the Christian economy in Montiel.

In 2008, a burial site was discovered in Rogalin (Eastern Poland). Interdisciplinary investigations were carried out and it was concluded that the site was a unique example of Strzyzow Culture, an agricultural culture found in Eastern Poland and in Western Ukraine dating from the Early Bronze Age (2000-1600 BC). The Strzyzow culture spread over the area from the eastern part of Lublin Upland, that is the area between the upper Wiśla river and the Bug river, to the area of southwestern Volhynia crossing the Horyn river in the area of present-day Ukraine. The highest density of its sites is in the territory of Hortobágy Plateau and near the town of Horshuv. Approximately of the Stone Age, the mochlicof pastoral Corded Ware culture disappears in its existing form, and post-Corded Ware traditions become the foundations for the creation of new archaeological cultures which are chronologically assigned to the Early Bronze Age. The western part of Poland, in the Odra and Warta river basins, is occupied by the Lutecia culture, and the central and eastern part (upper Odra and Vistula river basins, Lublin region, Volhynia, Podolia) is the area of the Mierzanowice culture. Approx. 2000 BC, on the basis of the culture typology and under the influence of eastern groups such as the Yamna culture and the Catacomb culture, the Strzyzow culture, specific in terms of funeral rites and material culture, comes into existence. It develops sibly side by side with the Mierzanowice culture until approx. 1600 BC, then giving way to the Trzciniec culture. From 2008 to 2015 fifteen graves were discovered. Interdisciplinary investigations of excavated skeletal remains were carried out in order to corroborate the knowledge gained from archaeological, anthropological, radiological, odontological and genetic investigations. The research was based on visual inspection, stereomicroscopic investigation, classic radiology. The research was supported by computer tomography imaging (CT) to obtain digital images and 3D reconstructions as well as 2D images, which the essential for skeletal and dental age estimation, to determine the biological status of skeletons, to diagnose any bone pathologies and abnormalities. Two skulls from graves 10 and 15, were subjected to identification tests, i.e. face approximation process using 3D computer software.

The burial site of the Strzyzow Culture in Rogalin contained 15 graves with the skeletal remains of 18 individuals. In 3 of 15 graves skeletal remains of more than one individual were found (one adult and one child in each of 3 double graves). Interdisciplinary archaeological and genetic investigations allowed to approximate sex and biological age (skeletal and dental age) of individuals. There were skeletal remains of 9 adults and 9 of children. Among the adults there were 4 males and 5 females. Genetic analysis allowed to establish sex of the children - 2 males and 5 females. The sex of two individuals (children) is unknown. DNA investigations continue.
Initially the genetic profiles obtained from the remains of the graves 10A - "The Warrior" and 10B - bone fragment derived from a child pointing a parent-child relationship. However the genetic profiles obtained were incomplete so it was very difficult to define the relationship type. In later stages of the project it has again carried out a genetic analysis of the remains of the graves 10A and 10B, with another bone fragment (10A grave). The results of this new analysis provided a more complete genetic profile and confirmed the earlier presumption of parent-child relationship. In the analysis of mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), the same haplogroup mtDNA were observed among individuals of the graves 4B and 8, and the graves 3 and 5, which may define their kinship in the maternal line. Estimates haplogroups (h) of mtDNA in these relationships are H1b and H2a respectively. In addition, mtDNA haplotypes have been obtained in the analysis of the graves 2, 6B and 12. Preliminary results indicate that individuals belong to haplogroups H1 and H1a respectively. Recent genetic studies of the remains of the burials 13 and 15 have been inconclusive about the sex of the individuals analysed. While mtDNA haplotypes obtained indicate that they belonged to haplogroup J1.

The presented studies have proven that interdisciplinary analysis from a wide range of archaeology-related and anthropological-medical fields can assist studies and broaden the knowledge of archaeologists and anthropologists to enhance the understanding of the Strzyzow Culture.

TH5-03 Abstract 19

Cooking for the deceased: ceramic with lipids from the megalithic necropolis of Panoria (Spain)

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The megalithic necropolis of Panoria was discovered in 2012 and supposes the latest addition to the finds of megalithic cemeteries across the Guadalete basin. The necropolis concentrations of megalithic chambers in this province and its surroundings at Panoria have found 19 dolmens. Most of them consist of small tombs with polygonal, rectangular or trapezoidal chambers and short corridors. With one possible exception, neither the capstones nor the expected mounds have been documented. Five of these megalithic tombs were excavated between February and June 2015.

Two pottery vessels, found as grave goods in Burial 10, have been analysed to extract organic residues preserved in their body because of the absorption through its pores. We have investigated the molecular and isotopic composition of organic residues by gas chromatography and mass spectrometry. Vegetal remains, mainly represented by plant oils, were the main organic residues found. For the first time for the megalithic societies of Iberia, these results shed new light on their funerary rituals as well as their food habits.

TH5-03 Abstract 20

Bioarchaeology – Behind the Scenes of Multi-Proxy Analyses

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In archaeology, the study of bone and teeth is key to the understanding of the past as they represent direct evidence of life on Earth. The mineral present in bone and teeth (biocapite – a highly stabilized hexagonal calcium phosphate apatite) contains several elements that can be used to reconstruct palaeoenvironments, palaeoecologies, mobility patterns, etc.

However, when looking at biocapite of bone and teeth, diagenesis remains a problem that is often overlooked. Recent developments in high resolution infrared and X-ray analyses allow for a better assessment of the preservation of archaeological skeletal remains. Once optimal samples are selected, it is possible to go into the isotopic study of archaeological bone and teeth.

In this poster we present the structural and chemical compositions of hundreds of bone and teeth with ages ranging from the Mesolithic to the present day using µXRF, FTIR microscopy and (CP-MS). Several alteration patterns can be observed such as fossilization, burning, leaching of elements within the sample, etc. It is also possible to evaluate the present/preservation of organic matter in these samples. A selection of optimal samples are then analysed isocytically (818Cap, 818Op, 818Co, 873/u873) and the results discussed in terms of diet, climate and mobility.
TH5-04 Abstract 02
First evidence of mobility levels from British Bronze Age cremations
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The question of Bronze Age mobility has been central to many discussions of the period. In Britain, such discussion has been heavily influenced by the role of cremation as a mortuary rite from the end of the Early Bronze Age, which has meant that human remains could not be subject to isotopic analysis. Whilst there is good isotopic evidence for different mobility patterns in the Beaker period, in later periods we can trace only the movement of artefacts and not the movement of people. Since the publication of a new method for carrying out strontium analysis of cremated remains within the last two years (Huxley et al. 2014; Snook et al. 2015), a whole new area of analysis has therefore opened up. This paper presents the results of the first analysis of mobility in cremated human remains from the British Bronze Age. The remains come from the barrow cemetery of Overy in the Cambridgeshire fenslands, which is one of very few cemeteries where the barrow mounds survive and have been excavated using modern techniques. This analysis therefore offers a unique opportunity to understand how mortuary practices, and changes in mortuary practices over time, are related to the mobility of the people buried within a barrow cemetery.

TH5-04 Abstract 03
„Cremated Dating“ Case studies for the dating of Bronze Age cremation burials from Hungary
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Cremation of dead bodies was a very common practice in the Carpathian Basin during the early, middle and late phases of the Bronze Age. The scientific value of cremated remains were undervalued due to the small amount of calcinated bones and the microfragmentation of human bones that provide only limited bioarchaeological information. Beside the restricted information archaeologists have to face with methodological problems. One of these problem is that sometimes it is not easy to collect the tiny cremated bone pieces within a cremation burial. Another, „burning question“ is the dating of the cremated bone remains.

Contrary to the nearly 70 years old development of the traditional 14C dating, the methodology applicable to cremated bone is now in a phase of maturation. The aim of our presentation is to provide some cases studies of several Early and Middle Bronze Age (2600/2500-1600/1500 BC) cremation burials from eastern, central and western Hungary. It is important because sometimes there is a poor fit between the relative chronological scheme and the still building radiocarbon chronology of the region, mainly because of the dominant burial practice of cremation. The presented, selected assemblages are special because they contain not just calcinated bones, but unburnt animal bones as gravegoods. The dating of these assemblages, as well as the dating of burnt bones (bioapatite) and unburnt bones (collagen) from the same burial assemblages, can help build a more proper absolute chronology of the nearly two thousand-year-long Bronze Age period when communities in large parts of the Carpathian Basin followed the tradition of cremating the dead. During the years of method development for cremated bone two, basically different directions have formed. Besides the differential chemical method there is another one which is based on the severe chemical pre-treatment of the bioapatite sample. By measuring parallel organic bones as reference, a refined chemical pre-treatment was tested and applied to bioapatite samples at HEKAL laboratory, Debrecen to obtain a reliable and effective method for AMS 14C dating of such sort of samples.

TH5-04 Abstract 04
The Role of MDCT in the Stratigraphic Study of Ancient Cinerary Urns
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Cinerary urns are a real challenge in the study of ancient populations. Content and container are indeed the result of a series of social customs and funerary gestures that begin after the death of the subject with the cremation rite and ends with the deposition of the ashes in the definitive burial place. The difficulties related to the study of the funerary rite are essentially connected with the quantity and quality of information that can be obtained. The stratigraphic analysis of the urn content potentially documents the depositional process from its filling to its deposition in the definitive grave, including any changes related to the interaction with the surrounding environment, tampering, and so on.

Manual laboratory micro-excavation permits an ordinate empty of the urn through an arbitrary division of its content in horizontal sections, from top to bottom, joined to an accurate graphic and photographic documentation. One of the limits of this method is the difficulty to fully understand the spatial relationships between the layers and materials contained in the urn and their alterations. Multidetector CT (MDCT) permits a careful, non-destructive volumetric study of the whole content of the urn, keeping unchanged the spatial relationships between the layers. The difficulties related to the study of the funerary rite are essentially connected with the quantity and quality of information that can be obtained. The stratigraphic analysis of the urn content potentially documents the depositional process from its filling to its deposition in the definitive grave, including any changes related to the interaction with the surrounding environment, tampering, and so on.

I will give an overview of the used methods and how they have benefitted my research. I will also focus on the results and present possible interpretations of the findings thus far.
TH5-04 Abstract 07
Up in Flames: Animals, People, Identity and Cosmology in Anglo-Saxon East Anglia, UK

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Human and animal co-burials are a critical resource in zooarchaeology, presenting instances where a personal connection can be demonstrated between people and animals. Animal remains have been recognised in 5th to 7th century cremations in eastern England from an early date, and systematic analyses in the 80s and 90s of high-profile sites such as Spong Hill, Norfolk, have served to demonstrate the frequency, diversity and value of these inclusions. Yet the information from cremated animal remains is persistently under-exploited, due to difficulties on the one hand of accurate identification, and on the other of patchy retention of material from antiquarian and later excavations.

As analysis of animal remains in cremation burials becomes more common (although still far from universal), the increasing quality and quantity of the available data makes possible new and more detailed analyses of these complex, multi-faceted pyre goods. This paper will review new and existing evidence from early Anglo-Saxon cemeteries in East Anglia to explore how animals were used in funerary rites. Animals were a fundamental and ubiquitous part of early medieval society, providing a context for human action and perception and acting dynamically within that context. Their role in cremation rites is considered to be not simply symbolic, but as a complex interaction between identity, agency and cosmology.

TH5-04 Abstract 08
Cremation in the Scottish Chalcolithic

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The Chalcolithic of Britain (c.2450-2150BC) was a period of dramatic cultural change, beginning with the arrival of Beaker material culture from continental Europe. Changes brought by the ‘Beaker phenomenon’ included new forms of material culture, including the first use of metal, bringing an end to the insular Neolithic. This period also saw a shift in burial practices: cremation, common in the Late Neolithic, was replaced by a new rite of crouched individual inhumation, frequently accompanied by elements of the new Beaker material cultural package.

The changing mortuary evidence ties into a wider narrative of cultural replacement prompted by the arrival of the Beaker people and their culture. However, cremation re-emerged at the start of the Early Bronze Age, 300 years after its supposed disappearance. Was there really a 300-year hiatus in cremation practices in response to the Beaker cultural invasion? Or are we actually looking at a break in recorded evidence?

While some authors have noted the existence of occasional ‘Beaker’ cremations, these are typically glossed over or treated as anomalies. No comprehensive study has been carried out, and there is no characterisation of what the Chalcolithic cremation rite may have involved. The work in radiocarbon dating of cremated remains has led to a wealth of new evidence that can shed light on Beaker period burial practices and the nature of indigenous-Beaker interactions.

This poster presents a new project aiming to characterise the burial practices of Beaker Period Britain, with a discussion of the initial results for evidence of mortuary diversity in Scotland.

TH5-04 Abstract 09
Advances in 14C dating of cremated bones at HEKAL Laboratory, Debrecen, Hungary

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A compilation of 14C dates over the last 50 years shows that less than 6% of all the bone dates were performed on purified bioapatite. The effective separation of the phase to be dated and the secondary calcite seems to be a challenge for researchers due to their identical chemical formula. Nevertheless physical and chemical changes which occur during the cremation process make cremated bones less susceptible to this type of contamination. In spite of all the difficulties a huge demand is shown for a reliable purification method and measuring method since in a lot of cases dating is only possible by means of such findings.

At HEKAL laboratory, Debrecen, Hungary, we have dated several hundreds of bone samples using their organic collagen fraction. As a next step we would like to adopt a method for 14 C dating of bioapatite fraction, a process which starts with the effective extraction of the carbonate content of the samples. In the course of developing our process cremated bones from the early and middle Bronze Age (2600/2500-1800/1500 BC) were used where the expected age of the samples were detectable by dating well preserved, un-burnt bone findings from the same grave. At first, the intact bones were dated using the collagen fraction. In case of bioapatite samples, after the repetitive rinse with sodium hypochlorite and acetic acid step, the crushed and sieved samples were reacted with phosphoric acid. The revealed CO2 gas was subsequently purified from other gases, graphitized by sealed tube method and its 14C content was finally measured by the MICADAS AMS. Based on our first results fractions with different particle size (0.2-0.3 and 0.5-1 mm) yielded identical carbonate content and 14C age results. However, comparing the age of the three parallel bioapatite samples, it was proved to be the same, that of organic fraction a difference of 200-400 years was experienced presumably due to the chemical pre-treatment.

On this poster we would like to present both the evolution of our carbonate pre-treatment protocol and dating problems arisen in the case studies of the presentation entitled „Cremated Dating”? Case studies for the dating of Bronze Age cremation burials from Hungary.
TH5-04 Abstract 12
Complexities and considerations for the analysis of cremated remains

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This poster discusses the complexities of examining cremated bone, drawing upon examples from urnfield cemeteries in Slovenia, and Early Iron Age cemeteries in northern Croatia. Approximately 350 sets of cremated remains have been analysed as part of the ENTRANS (Encounters and Transformations in Iron Age Europe) Project. These assemblages have undergone a range of excavation and post-excitation strategies, the results of which have raised questions regarding the analysis of burnt human remains. This poster addresses the importance of context when interpreting graves containing cremated remains, as well as more practical considerations, such as the likelihood of obtaining age and sex data. Another crucial aspect when examining cremated remains is the recognition of animal bone. Commonly, the remains of animals may be removed as part of the post-excavation sorting process, but the identification of species and oxidation level can contribute to wider interpretations of funerary practices in the past. Although the analysis of cremated human bone can be problematic, this study demonstrates the benefits of investigating cremated remains as a method of elevating our understanding of funerary processes in the past.

TH5-04 Abstract 13
Cremated Human Remains of the Late Roman period of the Middle Volga Region, Russia

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The research focuses on human remains from Komarovo burial ground (the first half of the 6th - the first half of the 7th centuries). The excavations have been conducted since 2013. Currently, 21 cremated burials have been unearthed. These burials can be divided into three groups: human, animal and mixed burials. Four burials among them can not be attributed to any of the groups due to fragmentariness and small amount of bones remained.

Human burials. The maximum size of the fragments does not exceed 40-50 mm. The total weight of bones varies from 150 to 850 grams. As regards the colour characteristics, the bones of white and pale-grey colour predominate. The colorimetric scales comparison revealed the maximum temperature of cremation that did not exceeded 700° C.

In a number of cases, the remains contain transverse fractures, fractures in a curvilinear pattern, and more irregular longitudinal splitting. These features bear an evidence that the bodies were cremated during the first months after death, when bones still contain lipids and organic elements. Animal burials. Two burials were attributed to this group. Unfortunately, the species were not identified within the framework of this research. The maximum total weight of bones in such burials was 1 kilogram. The color characteristics analysis showed the simultaneous presence of weakly burned, unburnt and white bones, indicating that the temperature of cremation varied from the lowest to over 800° C.

Besides the remains with thermal deformation and fissures, these burials also contain burned 'dry' bones, dehydrated and delipidated at the moment of cremation.

Mixed burials. The third group contains human and horse remains, with two burials contain inhumations with animal bones. The first one contains the fragments of pelvic skeleton of horse, the second one – the pelvis, the scapula, metapodial of horse. The colour analysis of the identified human remains found the same features specific to the first group. The cremation temperature for the animal remains did not exceed 300° C.

The gender and age of cremated people was identified in 14 cases. Only one of them was a 7-8 years old children. Other burials belonged to adults. The majority of them was 45-55 years old women. Only two burials contain remains of men. The unsufficient state of conservation, fragmentation and the lack of necessary morphological markers made impossible the gender determination in 5 cases.

The further studies of Komarovo burial ground will include the application of natural scientific methods, namely spectral analysis for defining human and non-human remains, histological bone structure analyses for age determining and the analysis of the 87Sr/86Sr ratio for migration processes in the local level.
How do new pathogens emerge, and how do these pathogens take advantage of host processes and pathways to cause disease? Yersinia pestis, the etiological agent of plague, is a recently emerged clone of the gastrointestinal pathogen Y. pseudotuberculosis, but the specific genetic changes that enabled Yersinia to cause the respiratory disease known as pneumonic plague are not well understood. By using a mouse model of respiratory infection combined with comparative genetic and genomic studies between Yersinia species, we have identified two specific events – the acquisition of the Pla protease and the inactivation of the YadA adhesin – as key steps in the emergence of Y. pestis as an easily transmissible, severe respiratory pathogen. The acquisition of the Pla protease enabled emergent, ancestral Y. pestis strains to grow to high levels in the lungs and cause a fulminant, multifocal severe pneumonia, while the loss of YadA shifted the respiratory infection from a restricted, granuloma-like pathology to a loosely contained, easily expelled state. Indeed, the loss of YadA by Y. pseudotuberculosis may have been a key step by which Y. pestis acquired the ability to be spread by respiratory droplets, thus enabling epidemics of pneumonic plague.

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**TH5-05 Abstract 03**

**Fleas, rats and other stories - The palaeoecology of the Black Death**

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Bubonic plague is a disease which involves various animal vectors and hosts and its ecology is both complex and of importance in terms of its spread and virulence. The origin of the Black Death is central to its better understanding and can throw light on the medieval pandemic and later epidemics. This paper discusses the ecology and biogeography of bubonic plague and looks into the natural history and palaeoecology relating to its vectors, primary and secondary. Xenopsylla cheopis and other flea species and hosts, the e.g. Anicerithis niticosus and Rattus rattus. The possible origins of the disease and its connection with the first urban centres of Egypt and Mesopotamia are discussed taking into account climatic, environmental and archaeological evidence. The hypothesis of the spread of the Black Death via trade links with Asia and Europe, in relation to the relevant archaeological record are also explored.

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**TH5-05 Abstract 04**

**Reconstructing ancient pathogens - discovery of Yersinia pestis in Eurasia 5,000 Years Ago**

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The bacterium Yersinia pestis is the etiological agent of plague and has caused human pandemics with millions of deaths in historic times. How and when it originated remains contentious. Here, we report the oldest direct evidence of Yersinia pestis identified by ancient DNA in human teeth from Asia and Europe dating from 2,800 to 5,000 years ago. By sequencing the genomes, we find that these ancient plague strains are basal to all known Yersinia pestis. We find the origins of the Yersinia pestis lineage to be at least two times older than previous estimates. We also identify a temporal sequence of genetic changes that lead to increased virulence and the emergence of the bubonic plague. Our results show that plague infection was endemic in the human populations of Eurasia at least 3,000 years before any historical recordings of pandemics. Our findings open the possibility of identifying other blood borne pathogens directly from human remains (See S. Rasmussen, M. E. Allentoft, K. Nielsen, L. Orlando, M. Sikora, K.-G. Sjögren ... E. Willerslev (2015). Early Divergent Strains of Yersinia pestis in Eurasia 5,000 Years Ago. Cell, 163:571–582).

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**TH5-05 Abstract 05**

**Plague in the eastern Mediterranean region 1200-1000 BC?**

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Over a period of 150 years from about 1200 BC, the Mycenaean states collapsed. The great Mycenaean centres did not decline slowly during this period, but suffered sudden destruction at the very peak of their prosperity. Five hypotheses have been proposed to explain the collapse: invasion, civil war, local risings, earthquakes and climate change. However, none of them seems to provide a satisfactory explanation of the existing archaeological material. At about the same time, similar disturbances and destruction also afflicted Cyprus, Syria and Anatolia, and the Hittite empire came to an end. The temporal and geographical distribution of these disasters and the subsequent course of events in the Aegean region show a strong similarity to developments in the European region following the two later pandemics of plague. In addition, there is strong documentary evidence that there was at least one epidemic of bubonic plague with high mortality in the eastern Mediterranean region at the relevant time. Recent analyses of Bronze Age DNA sequences resembling Yersinia pestis indicate that the infection was endemic in human populations, and that it acquired sufficient virulence to cause bubonic plague at some point in time between 1600 and 950 BC.

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**TH5-05 Abstract 06**

**Plague Before the Plague: Early Bubonic Plague**

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In October 2015, Rasmussen et al. published evidence that Yersinia pestis was infecting human hosts in Western Eurasia as early as the Bronze Age. In the past, molecular evidence did not give historians a reason to doubt that Y. pestis was relatively new to Europe at the time of the Justinianic Plague. The new evidence that Y. pestis was active near the Mediterranean some 1,500 years before the Justinianic Plague therefore calls for a reevaluation of the evidence for plague in Antiquity before the Justinianic Plague.

This paper will report the conclusions of a close philological study aimed at uncovering what evidence there is for plague in the medical sources of antiquity, specifically, the Hippocratic Corpus, Rufus of Ephesus, and Galen. The picture that emerges from these medical sources is that Y. pestis was unknown to medical writers until around the time that Y. pestis was described by Rufus of Ephesus report a disease that resembles plague. The plague remains familiar to medical authors from the first century BC to the end of the first century AD, when both Rufus and Aetius both demonstrate an awareness of Y. pestis. Intriguingly, Galen, who flourished in the mid second century, only a few generations after Rufus, does not show any awareness of bubonic plague. First, this paper will demonstrate that there is no compelling evidence of Y. pestis in the Hippocratic Corpus. While the term "boubōn" to describe glandular swellings appears twelve times in the Hippocratic Corpus, none of these twelve instances suggest that these boubōnes are plague buboes as opposed to other glandular swellings.

A passage by Rufus of Ephesus that has been preserved in the Medical Collections of Orbaisus contains the first description of a disease that we can confidently identify with plague. Rufus calls the disease "pestilential boubōnes" and details it in a way that contrasts with the other descriptions of Y. pestis and to sixth-century descriptions of the Justinianic plague.

In this passage, Rufus cites three little known authors who also knew of "pestilential boubōnes": Posidonius, Dioscurides, and Dionysus Kurto. The names Poseidonius and Dioscurides could correspond to a number of possible figures, though with great caution. Rufus of Ephesus does not indicate anything about the disease in the context of other diseases. However, the term "boubōn" to describe glandular swellings appears twelve times in the Hippocratic Corpus, none of these twelve instances suggest that these boubōnes are plague buboes as opposed to other glandular swellings.

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Finally, I will argue that, like the Hippocratic authors, there is no robust evidence that Galen was aware of bubonic plague. The uses of the term boubōn in Galen often refer to tumours, a rash, and a rash, and do not resemble plague buboes. While the term boubōn is used in the Hippocratic corpus, none of these twelve instances suggest that these boubōnes are plague buboes as opposed to other glandular swellings.

The burials from the early medieval cemeteries of Aschheim-Bajuwaren and Altenerding/Klettham show that plague victims have been dressed and prepared carefully for their funeral. Compared to other graves from these cemeteries on the one hand and to contemporary burials in general, nothing basically indicates that the Y. pestis infected individuals had been treated differently than other deceased. Among the buried who were infected with Y. pestis occurred some of the richest and most well-equipped graves of the cemeteries. Therefore, it cannot be proven on base of the Early Medieval plague graves of the Munchen graven plain that [...] at that time all the customary rules of burial were overlooked. For the dead were not carried out escorted by a procession in the customary manner, nor were the usual chants sung over them [...] (Procopius, De Bello Persico II 23, 15). On the contrary: the burial rites, as far as reconstructable, had been carefully conducted. The only difference is that the so far confirmed victims of the plague seem to have been more often buried in double or multiple burials. However, the screening of single burials is still in an initial stage.

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**TH5-05 Abstract 08**

**Early medieval burials of plague victims: examples from Aschheim and Altenerding (Bavaria, Germany)**

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With this paper, we present burials from two early medieval cemeteries, Aschheim-Bajuwaren and Altenerding/Klettham, where the causative agent of plague, Yersinia pestis, could be detected palaeogenetically.

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**TH5-05 Abstract 09**

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The phylogenetic tree of the plague-causing pathogen Yersinia pestis has expanded in the last five years to include ancient draft genome sequences, which have allowed facets of the history of this disease to be explored in ways that were previously impossible. This pathogen has caused at least three human plague pandemics: the Plague of Justinian (6th-8th centuries), the Black Death (1347-1352) with waves continuing from the 14th centuries and the modern pandemic (19th-20th centuries), which have all been genetically characterized. Here we present the draft genomes obtained from two individuals who died in the first pandemic that allowed for genetic characterization of this pandemic. On the basis of maximum likelihood phylogenetic analyses, we conclude that the Y. pestis images that caused the Plague of Justinian and the Black Death 800 years later were independent emergences from rodent-borne reservoirs to humans. These results show that rodent species worldwide represent important reservoirs for the repeated emergence of diverse lineages of Y. pestis into human populations. In contrast, recently published Y. pestis sequences from the 18th century plague outbreak in Manila, France do show ancestry in the strains obtained from Black Death victims, but are not represented in any sampled modern lineages. Taken in concert, the phylogenetics of ancient pandemic Y. pestis genomes reveal that the geographical spread of the disease and subsequent establishment of rodent reservoirs varied between pandemics.
The Justinianic Plague, which started in the early 6th century and lasted to the mid-7th century, is the first out of at least three historically documented pandemics. High numbers of casualties caused by the disease were suggested to be a contributing factor to the decline of the Eastern Roman Empire, marking the transition from the Antiquity to the Middle Ages. Historical accounts as well as molecular data suggest the gram-negative bacterium Yersinia pestis (Y. pestis) as the etiological agent of this massive plague outbreak. Here we present a high coverage Y. pestis genome, obtained from a 6th century skeleton recovered from a Southern German graveyard close to Munich. The reconstructed ancient Y. pestis genome is characterized by substitutions that are unique to this lineage, and structural differences in regions of the genome that have been previously suggested as virulence factors. These results may be influential for functional investigations that could explore the role of these newly discovered genomic characteristics in terms of physiology, virulence and host adaptation. We confirm Y. pestis was circulating in mainland Europe during the Justinianic pandemic and that this lineage is likely to have become extinct, as previously published based on a draft Y. pestis genome from the same time period and similar geographic origin. Comparative analysis of the two Y. pestis genomes suggests a rapid spread of the plague during the 6th century in Southern Germany.

TH5-05 Abstract 10

Plague in Valencia, 546: A Case Study of the Integration of Texts and Archaeology

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Although so-called Justinianic Pandemic of Yersinia pestis that began in the early 540s dramatically altered the history of the Mediterranean, the information about it is fragmentary. This is especially true in the Western Mediterranean, where few narratives or documents reveal the plague’s impact. Archaeology can fill these gaps. Recent work on the prevalence of mass graves in the late- and immediately post-Roman world suggests that mass graves, properly understood, can serve as a proxy for mass death. However, despite the work being done to bring together the documentation of these graves, it has been difficult to know whether these graves result from plague, famine, violence, or some other unknown cause.

In this paper, I will argue that the canons of the Council of Valencia provide us with a test case for combining archaeological and philological evidence for the Justinianic Pandemic. The council was held in 546, three years after the first outbreaks of plague in Spain. The fifth canon is concerned with the sudden and unexpected death of bishops and legislates that bishops be buried “in their own places”, so that “the old traditions for burying bishops might not be dishonored.” Given the large number of sixth-century mass graves from Valencia, concern about the proper burial of bishops “in their own place” suggests an institutional reaction to theJustinianic pandemic and that this lineage is likely to have become extinct, as previously published based on a draft Y. pestis genome from the same time period and similar geographic origin. Comparative analysis of the two Y. pestis genomes suggests a rapid spread of the plague during the 6th century in Southern Germany.

TH5-05 Abstract 11

Germany and the Black Death: a zooarchaeological approach

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Zooarchaeology is the study of faunal remains from archaeological sites. Animal bones can be used to track changes e.g. in herd composition, size or animal health. Significant changes in size over short periods of time are a testimony of the human influence upon their livestock. An increase in size can be triggered through food of higher quality, improvement of keeping conditions, but also through the import of new breed from areas with specialized animal breeding. A decrease of size on the other hand is interpreted as deterioration caused not only by exogenous factors such as climatic shift and epizootic diseases, but also by societal and demographic changes. Zooarchaeological evidence can therefore reveal new, non-documented aspects. In the first half of the 14th century AD several devastating events affected great parts of Europe, leading to a gradual transformation of the human society. The instability and unpredictability of the climate was the main cause of successive famines between 1315 and 1317, resulting in the loss of many lives. At the same time epizootics among cattle and sheep causing massive casualties across Central and Northern Europe must have had a great impact on the human nutrition. In the mid of the 14th century the Black Death (1347-1351) hit the European continent, causing long-term social and economic changes. The focus of the present paper is on German Late-Medieval and Regensburg archaeological sites. In two particular finding sites, the zooarchaeological evidence suggests that the Black Death had a negative impact on domestic livestock, especially on cattle. In addition supra-regional studies reveal that the impact differed not only between geographical localities, but also between settlement types.

TH5-05 Abstract 12

Understanding Black Death: News from Denmark

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The mid-14th century Black Death epidemic reverberated across Europe, having significant impacts on the population which shaped social, economic, and political dynamics in the years to come, and leaving its selective mark on the surviving populations from a genetic standpoint. The epidemic has since captured the attention of an interdisciplinary following of researchers, with core interests in the social and biological impacts and the disease etiology, amongst other areas. It is estimated that up to 50% of the population was lost over the course of the epidemic in Denmark, but up until now little bioarchaeological or molecular work has been done on the disease in Denmark. As an acute infection, the Black Death epidemic left no diagnostic anatomical signs on the skeletal remains of medieval populations. Thus far, our understanding of the epidemic relies on historical accounts and on modern clinical understandings developed from more recent outbreaks of bubonic plague (a disease caused by Yersinia pestis, which is one of the prime competitors for the causative agent of Black Death). In reality, the causative agent of one of the most significant epidemic crises in recorded history is still an incredibly contentious subject, and our understanding of the circumstances affecting the health of populations around the period of the Black Death epidemic is limited. Yersinia pestis has been identified in Black Death cemeteries in Europe, but thus far, no published work is available from Denmark. By building a better understanding of the pathogen load of the populations in Denmark at the time of the Black Death crisis, as well as both before and after the epidemic, it will be possible to attain a better understanding of the role Yersinia pestis may have played in the population, and of the immune changes and responses to the epidemic. The current paper presents preliminary results from an international team combining bioarchaeological and molecular methods to gain a better understanding of the epidemiological patterns surrounding the Black Death epidemic in Denmark.

TH5-05 Abstract 13

A demographic history of the plague bacillus revealed through ancient Yersinia pestis genomes

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One of the most devastating events in human history was the second plague pandemic, which began with the Black Death (1347-1353). Sporadic outbreaks of plague continued in Europe until the 18th century, when the disease essentially disappeared. Initial sequencing of Yersinia pestis genomes from London victims of the second plague pandemic identified the Black Death as the event that gave rise to most of the Y. pestis genetic diversity present around the world today. This result raised further interest regarding the relationship of this lineage to the ones associated with post-Black Death outbreaks and to modern plague lineages. Recent ancient and genomic DNA studies have attempted to explore these relationships, although a clear consensus is still yet to be reached. Here, we present three historical Y. pestis genomes from the second plague pandemic in Spain, Russia, and Germany. Our results provide support for low genetic diversity in the plague bacterium during the Black Death, followed by a subsequent eastward travel of lineages to later become the source for the worldwide third plague pandemic, which began during the 19th century in China. In addition, our data from a post-Black Death outbreak in Germany are best explained by the persistence of a European plague lineage that is now likely extinct.

Keywords: ancient DNA, historic disease spread, medieval plague

Presentation Preference: Oral

There is tremendous variation in the proposed routes of historical plague due to the sparseness and ambiguity of mortality records. In addition, the majority of these contemporaneous sources are non-specific with regards to the cause of death. To address these limitations, genetic data from ancient pathogens provides a unique line of evidence for identifying and mapping the spread of disease. Ancient DNA (aDNA) in combination with archival documents stands to contribute a novel perspective by focusing the analytical lens on the bacterium Yersinia pestis, the etiological agent itself. This study aims to critically examine how aDNA and the evolution of Y. pestis can be used to reconstruct the movement of plague in medieval Europe. An exploration of the strengths and weaknesses of genomic research will serve to evaluate how aDNA of Y. pestis can contribute to a holistic framework of plague research, in which both the human and bacterial components are examined. Ultimately this research will assess to what extent archival-based models and molecular reconstructions of plague provide complementary or contrasting narratives of disease spread. The identification of key questions that can be suitably addressed through the evolution of ancient pathogens will serve to conclusively highlight the collaborative potential of interdisciplinary plague research.

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In recent years, the study of archaeological landscapes has witnessed an increased use of advanced remote sensing techniques such as geophysics, lidar and satellite. Aerial archaeology is another important tool for archaeologists working with landscape archaeology, and has been so for decades. Advanced techniques are used separately or combined in integrated approaches applied to larger or smaller landscapes with the aim of deducing information on landscape use in prehistory. The results of such projects are often presented with a certain focus on the techniques themselves and the fascinating possibilities they present, or simply demonstrate a range of new discoveries and more or less spectacular results. In this session we want archaeologists or other scholars to present results that are not merely of technical interest, but where the use of advanced techniques in archaeological projects has significantly increased cultural-historical knowledge. We also welcome presentations on a more comprehensive theoretical level concerning the interaction between the use of advanced remote sensing techniques and how we, as archaeologists, understand and act with landscape issues, bridging the gap between technologically based research and the human perception of the landscape. Contributions can be presentations of final or preliminary results from research and development projects in all kinds of landscapes and archaeological contexts throughout Europe or from other continents.

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Presentation Preference: Oral Additional information

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of eastern Croatia, including other techniques of remote sensing such as satellite infrared images, resulted in discovery of many settlements and their relation to the topography and the road system are greatly reinterpreted. In addition, the “antique” road called “Chaussée Jules César”, serving the plateau on the north side of the Seine, finally shows his consistency as a strong element of organizing Caesars and Velocassius pagi. This organization seems largely inherited from a structure already in place before the end of the Iron age. Connected with the latest studies in geoarchaeology and archaeogeography, the new data from LIDAR also reveal the great adaptation of the drawing of the gallo-roman road to the territory through which it passes (topography, hydrology, topography).

Collecting informations and data analysis will continue for several years, but the data from the LIDAR have already used in two PhD and several Master’s degrees. Two systematic excavations, initiated in 2012, are straightly the result of the new opportunities offered by this tool under development. Medieval, modern and contemporary times, also benefit from this data renewal. But many things are still to come.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 05**

**Airborne LiDAR data for the study of Roman military presence in NW Iberia**

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The Roman military settlements are usually characterized by the perishable nature of the structures and the material culture associated to them. Since these sites are almost invisible in the landscape, the use of remote sensing techniques for their study became essential. Although the use of certain remote sensing tools – i.e. aerial photography – on this issue in the Iberian Peninsula is not new, the development of Roman military archaeology in recent decades greatly demanded a significant renovation of the methodological approaches. In this way, we put into practice a low-cost methodology combining historical and modern aerial photography, satellite imagery, airborne LIDAR, GIS and conventional archaeological field survey techniques. These tools actually provide a new and qualitatively differential approach, allowing us to study the spatial, locational and morphological characteristics of these sites, and thus leading to a more contextualizing approach. In this paper, we will focus on the differential consideration of the different landscapes, terrain types and vegetation canopies, to outline the potential and limitations of it. On that basis, we can then develop a predictive model for its use when studying Roman military sites such as temporary/marching camps. This technique allows us to map archaeological landscapes as a whole, so we need to develop different strategies to increase the visibility of certain types of features in the landscape. Landscape is not just a messy amount of archaeological features, but a palimpsest of multiple temporalities we need to read and understand.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 04**

**Using LiDAR in Normandy: a global changing in perception of territorial organization in Antiquity**

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In years 2010-2011, a LIDAR survey campaign was led by the « Group of Public Interest Seine - Aval » (GIP-SA) from the upstream of Rouen to the English Channel with the aim of drawing up acurate topography of the Seine valley and watershed adjoining the river. This data, available on over 1000 km², have for primary purpose of anticipating the rise of sea level, with the global climate changing, by calibrating the defense structures against the sea accordingly.

This very appropriate survey campaign had covered the public forests and also numerous private woods of lesser importance. The raw data have been processed jointly by teams Ministry of Culture and Communication and the Office National des Forêts. They generated images ready to be used in archaeological analysis on more than 300 km² (situation in end 2011 - to be increased in the future). The contributions are considerable, under forest cover or not, but the zone with woodland needed to be investigated first for the virtual forest removal.

A rereading of the regional archaeological documentation then forces us to reconsider the state of knowledge, particularly in terms of regional archaeological mapping. Dozens of new settlements, or anomalies, need to be added in the National archaeological map and inventory. In the same meaning, the global understanding of the territorial organization from Gaedic and Gallo-Roman periods is considerably renewed. Indeed, the opitilla (hill forts) that dot this part of the Seine valley are particularly well readable, and the understanding of their insertion in the territorial organization becomes more relevant. Their morphology and their relation to the topography and the road system are greatly reinterpreted. In addition, the “antique” road called “Chaussée Jules César”, serving the plateau on the north side of the Seine, finally shows his consistency as a strong element of organizing Caesars and Velocassius pagi. This organization seems largely inherited from a structure already in place before the end of the Iron age. Connected with the latest studies in geoarchaeology and archaeogeography, the new data from LIDAR also reveal the great adaptation of the drawing of the gallo-roman road to the territory through which it passes (topography, hydrology, topography).

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**TH5-06 Abstract 03**

**Exploring the subsoil of the wide area of Mont’e Prama**

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40 years ago, an archaeological discovery occurred by chance in the Mont’e Prama region situated near the village of Cabras, in the Sins peninsula (Sardinia, Italy). Only recently (March 2014) after a long difficult restoration the famous stone statues of Mont’e Prama, were presented to the public in two different museum contexts (Cagliari and Cabras).

The old archaeological digs concluded after performing excavations tests and trenches in every direction with the idea that the discovery was accidental and did not extend further.

From 2013 to 2015 a wide geophysical campaign was carried out both in the archaeological site of Mont’e Prama and its surrounding areas.

During 2014, an archaeological dig (20x10 metres) was done on the basis of the geophysical results. This digs gave very important findings of various kinds like tombs, baetylles of very great size, models of nuraghe and almost intact stone statues.

A more extended analysis of the relationships between findings and their related anomalies clearly showed some typical shapes of the anomalies. The main kinds of findings, particularly tombs and baetylus, showed characteristics anomalies that are repetitive all over the excavated area.

Starting from those remains, all the GPR data acquired during the entire survey, from 2013 to 2015, over an area of about 12 hectares, were analysed to detect patterns which matched those identified in the excavated area. Basing on this kind of approach, it was possible to try an interpretation of the GPR data also in the unexcavated areas.

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From filling in ‘gaps’ in the landscape to identifying new features, advanced remote sensing techniques have helped us to refocus our attention on small-scale settlement patterns, moving away from a previous concentration on national overviews with arguably little regard for understanding how the landscape actually functioned. This complex period saw the introduction of Christianity to Ireland and resulted in the locations of long abandoned settlements. This complex period is one of the main research aims of the “Hidden Cultural Landscapes of the Western Lower Poland Upland” project. The project’s study area is an area extremely abundant in archaeological remains and soils, and with potentially different archaeological records. In the sandy and gravelly soils of the foothill zone bordering on the coastal plain of Sybrinia (100-400 m asl), an exploratory swath of magnetic gradiometry across the already intensively field-worked agricultural area ‘Contrada Damale’ revealed evidence of anthropogenic features without any apparent surface scatter. Some of these features have direct parallels with archaeologically relevant anomalies (hut foundations) detected on known protohistoric surface sites, and show that settlement densities have been seriously underestimated. At the Monte San Nicola hilltop, a large-scale magnetometer survey on the sixty soils of the Pito-Peiseitone marine terraces landscape (50-550 m asl) resulted in a set of circular pit-like anomalies which, after an intensive fieldwalking survey, could be related to diffuse pottery of the Late Bronze Age / Early Iron Age. Now believed to be the partially ploughed-out remains of a cremation cemetery, the experiment has added a rare example of this site type. Finally, in the generally eroded upland valley at Contrada Mandatana, where soils consist of schists and marls (700-1000 m asl), large-scale on- and off-site magnetic gradiometry did not result in any archaeological features. However, some seemingly natural magnetic anomalies turned out to have a complex genesis which is still relevant to our understanding of the archaeological surface record. Besides these intensive geophysical studies, we also collected long transects of magnetic susceptibility measurements in all three landscape zones to determine the geological basis for the magnetic response and to identify any anthropogenic and natural magnetic anomalies would be distinguishable. We discuss several examples of gridted and ungridded on-site MS surveys to demonstrate the effect and implications of this approach.

More than 1,000 years on, early medieval ecclesiastical and secular sites are still clearly visible on the Irish landscape, marking the locations of long abandoned settlements. This complex period saw the introduction of Christianity to Ireland and resulted in dramatic changes to the landscape with the establishment of ecclesiastical sites of varying scales, and the appearance of enclosed agrarian settlements. Although the archaeological remains are abundant, many of these are now considered ‘ruin’ and are somewhat sparsely populated. This has benefited a remote sensing approach as aerial imagery and lidar have access to a relatively untouched landscape base. These techniques have made a substantial contribution to developing an overview of the early medieval landscape by allowing us to refocus our attention on small-scale settlement patterns, moving away from a previous concentration on national overviews with arguably little regard for understanding how the landscape actually worked on a day-to-day basis at a community level. By integrating lidar and aerial remote sensing techniques with geophysical survey, the landscape of this complex period can be pieced together using the sometimes faint surface and subsurface remains. From exploring ‘jumps’ in the landscape in identifying new features, advanced remote sensing techniques have helped us to engage with early medieval society at a more localised community level.

This paper presents the preliminary results (and challenges) of a remote sensing research project focused on early medieval landscape and communities in a number of case study areas in Ireland. Exploring the wealth of contemporary documentary evidence, the project utilises lidar survey to examine the wider landscape, integrating it with targeted geophysical survey to investigate key sites and their relationship with their neighbouring settlements.
One interesting feature of the 15 settlements along the Vardø Stream system mainly links to an almost preplanned structure. The settlements are situated along the stream with approximately 1 km of distance between each other. This particular situation differs considerably from other areas in West Jutland where the settlements are situated more sparsely. The Vardø stream settlements are located mainly on the north side of the meadows that runs along the stream and allows for a utilization of both the meadows and easy access to the Bay and the Wadden Sea. The settlements are registered mainly as pit-house cropparks, and a few display longhouses in combination with pit-houses. The pit-house is the common element, a feature that often is connected with crafts. The spatial location along the stream does seem to add to such propositions, but the interesting questions relate to factors of control and power. Did someone force this structure on the settlements or does the settlement location indicate a normalized resource area? Do the pit-house sites indicate settlements or do the sites represent a specialized function? These questions are of great importance for this particular period in the Danish prehistory, where it is theorized that the early steps towards state formation occur. These processes are often linked to the central places and the power we surmise they must have had due to exceptional material culture. Now, due to the aerial archaeological data, it might be possible to contribute to, or deconstruct, these assumptions.

TH5-06 Abstract 10
The 16th century In Depth Defenses of the Nissan River Valley Revealed by Remote Sensing
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In the late autumn of 1567, during the Nordic Seven Years War, a large Danish army crossed the border and marched into southern Sweden, wreaking havoc on the lands of the enemy. The outnumbered defenders were unable to offer any serious resistance for about a week, thus giving the invasion force free access to the Nissan River Valley – one of the main roads to central Sweden. From a number of sources of the following year the extent of the catastrophe can be estimated. A whole region was devastated, its villages and farms appear as “plundered”, “burned”, “destroyed” or “laid waste” in the written sources.

However, this could have been avoided. A well planned system for defense in depth was established before the war. Blockhouses at strategic points along the river valley at a distance of about one day’s march from each other. Used correctly, these simple fortifications would have slowed down an invader, wasting his strength while giving the defenders time to gather reinforcements. But due to a number of circumstances this did not happen in 1567. Instead the outnumbered defenders were forced to fight in hammer’s way.

The remains of these defenses and their historical importance went almost unnoticed until recently. The research project Getaryggen 1567 broadened its scope after having located and investigated a battlefield from the conflict. By using combination of written evidence, historical maps, LIDAR and GPR it has been possible to trace both the preparations made by the Swedish forces and the tracks of the Danish army. Careful analysis of LIDAR data explains why certain sites were chosen as defensive positions or used for temporary camps. It has proven to be the most effective method for mapping settlements that vanished during the events 450 years ago. The importance of remote sensing for the Getaryggen 1567 project cannot be overstated. In a densely forested landscape, very different from what it looked like in the mid-16th century, modern techniques have made it possible to investigate a military campaign and even interpret its consequences. By doing so, we can begin to understand the true conditions of the local population in a border region. People that were subject to recurring warfare and suffering, a situation with too many parallels to our own time!

TH5-06 Abstract 11
Above and below the surface. The use of Remote Sensing in studying the former battlegrounds
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“Archaeological revival of memory of the Great War. Material remains of the life and death in trenches of the Eastern Front and the condition of the ever changing battlegrounds in the region of the Pawiak and Bzura” is the scientific project, which reveals that archaeological methods can be extremely useful in reflecting also recent tragic episodes in the history of human and landscape entanglement. Three seasons of research made us realize how little is known about the material dimension of the Eastern Front of the Great War, despite numerous written sources. In our presentation we will focus on showing the ways in which the Advanced Remote Sensing Techniques can reveal the enormous amount of information as well about soldiers who found themselves in trenches of Great War and local communities touched by that war as about things and landscapes. We will try to expose, the fact, that archaeological methods including advanced remote sensing techniques are adequate and universal - regardless of whether they relate to material remains of Paleolithic hunter or last century soldier’s activities – only as long as they are driven by the relevant question. Without it, we never get a relevant answer. The area of our field of research covers over 300 km². Our practices have enabled us so far to produce the questions which can give us an insight into the ways in which the fellowships and clashes of the soldiers, their life and deaths, influenced the analyzed landscape between 1914 and 1919. We will present the detailed results of archaeological research on selected sites related to Great War and recognized via aerial photography, LIDAR and geophysical surveys. By showing the cemeteries and remains of no man’s land in two different conditions - well preserved in woodland and destroyed by agriculture - we will elaborated the problem of a) matching the particular Remote Sensing Technique to particular environmental conditions and b) necessity of enriching the traditional methods of excavations with Advanced Remote Sensing Techniques in order to gain a chance for more complete and complex understanding of ever changing landscape.
since such exceptional findings have high scientific potential it is of great interest for an interdisciplinary project. Photogrammetry and 3D scanning were used as the documentation method at the excavation and allowed quick and detailed drawings of scaled plans. To keep the contamination of human remains as low as possible the excavators used various protection equipment.

The human remains are morphologically analysed, the minimal number of individuals is calculated, stable isotope analyses of the isotopes carbon, nitrogen, sulphur, oxygen, hydrogen, strontium and lead will be performed in order to investigate the dietary habits, possible migration patterns and climatic conditions of this time. Furthermore, the ancient DNA will be investigated for population genetics and also to gather information about phenotypes and genetic relationships. Radiocarbon dating will be performed to shed light on the chronology of the burials.

First radiochronology dates indicate that the dolmen was used from around the second half of the 4th millennium BC. This falls within the two big migrations and admixing events of Neolithic Europe. So far little is known about the time of the dolmen. Additionally the geography in the alpine region makes it an important source for migration studies since migration routes are limited in the alpine region.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 14**

**A view from above: GIS and LIDAR vs. trowels and spades**

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**Presentation Preference:** Poster

An ongoing research project focused on Varniai region (western Lithuania) is working towards understanding the use of prehistoric (Mesolithic, Neolithic namely) landscapes in this area of 274 km2. The approach of surveying for new sites has been employed by means of GIS and LIDAR modelling as well as actual excavations. Here we present primary results of this endeavour as well as shortcomings of GIS and LIDAR modeling if it isn't used together with an actual archaeological fieldwork.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 15**

**Unique burials found in the ancient necropolises in Crimea with the magnetic survey in 2014-2015**

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**Presentation Preference:** Poster

Excavations of the necropolises are extremely important for understanding the synchronous with the graves historical processes. The funerary objects, visible on the surface, in most cases repeatedly robbed. Situation with underground cemeteries, which are not visible on the surface, is different. Although they, too, went looting extensively in Crimea, but the invisibility of these objects, to some extent, protects them from robbers. But for the same reason they are difficult to detect for archaeologists too. One of the search options to such objects is the use of magnetic survey.

In 2014-2015 gg. researchers from Tula and Simferopol have carried out magnetic survey at several cemeteries of the Western Crimea. Excavations of the anomalies have revealed burials, which was not robbed, or, at least, not robbed in modern times. In the necropolises of the settlement Djan-Baba studied three not robbed ground children's graves with a variety of implements and unique family stone cist with numerous graves of 1 c. BC. It was found numerous burial items, among which glass, pottery red lacquer and stucco vessels, more than 3 thousand of different types of beads, many iron objects and their fragments. Wares made of bronze and white metal are presented by coin and various ornaments, including fibulas, some of which are very rare in the Northern Black Sea. It also was found one hundred and eleven small gold items of women's dresses decor, as well as fragments of gold foil. The burial belonged probably to a woman of noble birth (priestess?). With her, perhaps, connected the specific cult vessels - stucco plaques and belt details.

Obviously, the people, who are represented by these bone materials, were first buried in the crypt. Later their remains destroyed, when clearing the space for the next burial. Accompanied the deceased burial items presented with beads, simple, red lacquer and stucco pottery, iron knives, rare types of fibulas, arrowheads, lead rings, pendant made of yellow metal, moon-shape amulet, plaques and belt details. The investigated crypt was probably used during the second half of 1 c. BC - first half of 1 c. AD and refers to the late Scythian archaeological culture.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 16**

**Innovations in hardware and software for high resolution geophysical surveys**

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Among the many types of sensors available for geophysical surveys, gradiometers, used to detect minute fluctuations in the Earth’s natural magnetic field caused by buried objects and structures, have established themselves as a particularly robust and efficient technology. Our contribution showcases state of the art gradiometer hardware, consisting of multi-sensor arrays of gradiometers, and its application in the fast and detailed prospection of large sites and areas of interest. Advances in sensor design and electrical shielding allow for extremely close spacing of gradiometers and achieve a data density that rivals that of LIDAR. Highly integrated sensors deliver positional and inertial (velocity and rotation) data in addition to the gradiometer readings. These can be used to derive secondary data products, most importantly accurate and high resolution digital elevation models (DEMs). In looking for a solution to process the millions of data points produced by our hardware setup, we found that existing software packages were not capable of the high performance and lossless processing operated for developing our open source open source GIS, leveraging the flexibilities and standards compliance of that platform. The toolset we developed and integrated into GIS includes highly optimized tools for data import, error correction and interpolation. In summary, our integrated hardware and software solution allows for fast and cost-effective geophysical prospection at extremely high resolution with all data processing done transparently in open source GIS.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 17**

**Identifying and Evaluating Neolithic Sites in Italy using Aerial- and Ground-Based Remote Sensing**

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The Tavoliere of northern Puglia (southern Italy) was a dense area of early agricultural settlements in the Neolithic (ca. 6200-4000 BC) of western Europe and was, probably, the point of introduction into Western Europe of farming. Several hundred sites with ditched enclosures were initially identified from aerial reconnaissance photography following WWII, with more than 800 In contemporary in an area of several hundred square kilometers. Starting in 2013, we have conducted walking surveys of more than 25 sites, collecting about 1200 ceramic artifacts as well as many obsidian and flint tools, and 70 clay samples from nearby watercourses. These have all been analyzed using potable X-ray fluorescence spectrometer, specifically for trace elements, with clear groupings of ceramics (which include non-diagnostic coarse wares, Impressad Ware, pasco di Corvo coarse and medium wares, Masseria La Quercia wares and Passo di Corvo fine wares) and a suggestion of some south-to-north movements. Most of the obsidian comes from the Aeolian island of Lipari (about 330 km to the south), and about 10% from Palmarola (about 230 km
to the west). These data have already expanded our understanding of socioeconomic developments in the Tavoliere during the new way of life of the early Neolithic.

In 2015, in order to select sites for future excavation, advanced remote sensing was conducted in order to assess the precise location and preservation of the prehistoric ditches, considering the potential damage caused by modern deep-plowing since the original aerial photographs were taken. A remote-controlled unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and ground-level magnetometry/ electrical resistance tomography were used at several sites following the harvesting of the fields. A fixed wing SenseFly eAlbatross UAV was used to create near-infrared (NIR) imagery at four sites: two around Lucera in the northwest of the Tavoliere, one near Foggia in the center, and one in the southwest near Cerignola. Photogrammetry produced a high-resolution (10 cm/pixel) digital terrain model. The magnetometer was used in transects of 20 x 160 m at two of these sites (Posta Barone Grella in the south, Posta del Giudice in the north), and it was highly successful in showing both boundary ditches and internal structures. Additional remote sensing is planned, potentially at different times of the year and prior to harvesting to identify optimal conditions for its use in subsurface site prospection.

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**TH5-06 Abstract 18**

**Geophysical and Archaeological research on Late Roman iron-smelting site at Virje (Croatia)**

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Archaeological site Virje is situated in the Croatian Lowland, on the right bank of the upper course of the Drava river. On a slightly sloped area named Šušine, parts of a primary iron processing smelting workshops were discovered and explored. Since these types of sites are quite rare in northern parts of Croatia, and in order to get a better understanding of the development and organization of the site, noninvasive methods were applied. With the help of magnetic method, measurements of magnetic susceptibility and shallow drilling, waste disposals of a workshop, few pit furnaces from the Late Roman period (4th and 5th century), as well as settlement remains from Late Iron Age (3./2. and 1st century BC) were discovered. Additionally, geophysical results applied on digital elevation model in combination with aerial photography were carefully analyzed and compared with excavated archaeological structures. All the gathered information importantly contributed and changed our views on this unique multiperiodical site and its environment.

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**TH5-07**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY RESPONSES TO DIETARY STUDIES IN BIOARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

*Saturday, 3 September 2016, 14:00-18:30*

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Skeletal remains unearthed from archaeological sites are one of the few direct testimonies which offer us the opportunity to gain insight into past people’s lives. A substantial part of a person’s life course relates to diet and nutrition, since it reflects important cultural and social behaviors. This session will explore how archaeologists, human osteologists and historians implement interdisciplinary techniques in their research to deal with the concepts of diet, health and disease.

The integration of modern methods in order to reveal dietary patterns of past individuals has improved significantly in recent years. Interdisciplinary approaches, such as combining knowledge of bone chemistry with palaeopathological analysis, have been developed to investigate the relationship between diet and disease and the connection between health and different aspects of society. Furthermore, because of rising issues regarding destructive sampling on bone and teeth, the possibilities and benefits of non-destructive methods, such as the study of dental calculus or the use of X-ray, as a proxy for invasive paleodietary analyses, have been acknowledged by researchers.

As it has become increasingly necessary to adopt a diverse approach to archaeological research, this session is designed to showcase the innovative and interdisciplinary nature of new investigations into diet (and its effect) in the past, and suggestions for topics include:

- **Relationship between environment and diet/health:**
  - pre-industrial vs. industrial health
  - rural vs. urban health
  - the effects of natural disasters on health (e.g. famines and epidemics caused by crop failure, climate change, etc.)
  - zoonoses and human animal interaction
  - Diet/health and culture:
    - historical understanding of health (e.g. medicinal use)
    - social identity and health
    - children vs. adults
    - Interpretations of diet/health:
    - historical sources (e.g. demographic issues) vs. archaeological evidence
    - new scientific approaches (stable isotope studies, dental calculus,...)
  - Discussions of the pros and cons of interdisciplinary research

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**TH5-07**

**Multilevel approaches to dietary reconstruction in Anglo-Saxon to Medieval UK**

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*Presentation Preference: Oral*

This presentation focuses on the use of complementary methods for dietary reconstruction in a number of Early to Late Medieval assemblages from Leicestershire and Rutland, in the East Midlands, UK. These methods include the macroscopic analysis of dental wear in the anterior and posterior dentition employing estimates of the area of exposed dentine on the occlusal surface of all teeth, as well as microscopic analysis of the dietary debris embedded in dental calculus deposits (mineralised dental plaque). Such a combination of techniques has rarely been applied to date, and never before in the region examined. These assemblages were selected because dietary reconstructions, especially for the Early Medieval period, are a primary area of interest highlighted by the Archaeology Research Agenda for the region.

The Early Medieval material under study dates to 500-900 AD c. and originates in the Anglo-Saxon cemeteries of Empingham and Rothley, while the Late Medieval material dates to 1250-1450 AD and originates in the cemeteries of St. Michael’s and...
St Peter's, located in the North East quarter of Medieval Leicester. The individuals selected for this study belonged to different social groups, the elite and the poor, offering a unique perspective on social differences in food quality. The bioarchaeological methods in the study of dietary patterns in this material offer much greater resolution than any of these methods used in isolation. In specific, macroscopic dental wear provides an overall picture of the wear accumulated on the teeth throughout the life of the individual, and its degree and pattern (bilateral asymmetry, differential expression in the anterior versus posterior dentition) can provide insights into the intrinsic toughness of the food consumed as well as the extent of food processing. However, this method cannot provide direct information on the actual foodstuff that entered the mouth. The analysis of dental calculus dietary microorganisms can fit in this gap, since dental calculus constitutes a primary depositional environment within the mouth and provides evidence of the exact foodstuff that entered the mouth. While the macroscopic and microscopic parts of the calculus combined, this approach can identify a variety of plant micro-remains originating from food consumption often not available from traditional archaeological deposits due to preservation bias.

The combination of the above methods offered important insights to the evolution of diet from the Anglo-Saxon to the medieval period as well as to social differentiations during medieval times.Coupled with historical evidence and archaeological information deriving from the material cultural remains, the proposed multidisciplinary bioarchaeological approach has the potential to enrich our understanding of past dietary patterns by elucidating complementary trends at the macroscopic and the microscopic level.

**TH5-07 Abstract 02**

**PaloNutrition, Coprolites, Dental Calculus, and the Celtic Curse**

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In the first study of coprolites and dental calculus from the same individuals, we examine and compare dietary reconstruction from these two proxies. A population of over 500 individuals from two Early and Late Christian cemeteries in Nubia provide a human osteological record against which to compare the dietary proxies. The skeletal remains yielded evidence of numerous anomalies including cribra orbitalia, suggesting the possibility of iron deficiency anemia, and spinal fusion typical of ankylosing spondilitis, which were rare. Approximately 10% of the individual yielded coprolites, which were examined for pollen, phytoliths, macrofaunal remains, and faunal bone. The resulting dietary record was compared across males and females and by age group for both components of the diet and dietary breadth. Diet included a grain (sorghum), multiple vegetables and fruits indicating agriculture, and meat (crocodile, frugivorous). Dental calculus analysis for approximately 50% of these individuals provides a dietary proxy to compare with that of the coprolites. As expected, the dental calculus record is severely limited in breadth. Comparison of these records by individual highlight those differences. Nutritional assessment of the diet included observations concerning iron, with emphasis on bio-availability. For instance, phytates, abundant in sorghum grains, inhibit iron absorption. HFE gene mutation sequencings in bodily tissues rather than eliminating it (hemachromatosis). Ancient DNA analysis with that will include mapping the two alleles associated with this gene mutation is in progress. XRF analysis of dried human blood has detected elemental iron, suggesting this technique might provide preliminary data to assess relational iron loads in the tissues. First tier testing focuses on those skeletal and extracranial anomalies from which coprolites were recovered. This analysis is ongoing and results will be reported. In conclusion, this multi-disciplinary study compares human osteological results with dietary and nutritional studies that derive from coprolites and dental calculus. The dietary information is specific to individual, most of whom have been identified by age and sex. These agriculturalists enjoyed a complex diet that encompassed grain, vegetables, fruit, and meat, some of which was represented in the dental calculus. This study forms part of a larger investigation into the Celtic Curse (Hemachromatosis). Today, northern Europeans (and those of northern European descent) carry the majority of the genes for hemachromatosis. This, and other studies of similar nature, cross the boundaries of scientific study to link genetics, human osteology, diet, and nutrition. We used coprolite and dental calculus to identify and evaluate the diet of individuals buried in two Early and Late Christian cemeteries.

**TH5-07 Abstract 03**

**Non-Destructive Trace Element Analysis of Human Bones to Examine Diet and Mobility**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

The theoretical basis for elemental analysis of human bone to study diet and mobility is well-established, yet until recently the number of studies done is few and far between. Instead, analyses of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and stronniun isotopes analysis have dominated “bone chemistry” studies over the last 25 years. Nevertheless, elemental analysis of calcium (Ca), iron (Fe), barium (Ba), strontium (Sr), lead (Pb), zinc (Zn), arsenic (As) and other elements can support and supplement isotope-based interpretations, and be of significant use in cases where bone collagen is not preserved. Elemental analysis, however, has potentially greater concerns than isotope studies, due to degradation and contamination of the mineral portion of bone. Also, most previous elemental studies have been used as just destructive, with samples well-cleaned, ashed, and put into solution for analysis by ICP spectrometry. Over the last decade, however, non-destructive desk-top and portable (hand-held) X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometers have become widely available to archaeologists. While now regularly used for trace element analysis of obsidian and other lithics, and major element composition of metals, it appears potentially useful for studies of skeletal remains as well.

In the United States and other destructive isotope analyses of skeletal remains has become increasingly difficult, and for that reason experimental studies have been conducted using the pXRF on its precision and the heterogeneity of bone surfaces versus interior, along with analyses on more than 1000 individuals from archaeological sites in Europe and the Americas. One of the studies done was on individuals from inland and coastal sites in Florida. The small amounts of variability among individuals at each site suggest little contamination, while the clear differences between the sites are most likely due to varying proportions of seafood in the diet. This was followed by analyses of many individuals from sites in Ardicia, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Italy, Peru, and Portugal, most of whom were also analyzed isotopically and with interpretations made about the dietary importance of maize, millet, and aquatic resources with patterns based on sex and status. Overall, the precision of the pXRF on most elements of interest is excellent; a separate issue however is the calibration of the raw data produced and whether the results may be compared with studies done by ICP spectrometry. Further studies are being conducted on tooth enamel and roots, to test whether non-destructive analysis may be reliable for assessing childhood diets. The reliability and utility of this method of elemental analysis of skeletal remains to study ancient diets will be discussed.

**TH5-07 Abstract 04**

**Estimating 7R Variation to Develop Chronologies for Humans and Animals with Marine-Rich Diets**

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Over 200 radiocarbon dates from archaeological contexts are available from the Point Barrow vicinity, along northern Alaska’s Arctic coast, which has been occupied by hunter-gatherers from the Beringian period (AD 1000-900) to the present day. Interpretation of the radiocarbon dates has been hindered by radiocarbon offsets, caused by marine resources, in the diets of humans and mammals sampled for radiocarbon dating. Analysis of ancient human from the Point Barrow vicinity have thus far provided high g13C values between -15.7‰ and -12.6‰, and high g13C values between -17.7‰ and -24.4‰, indicating diets that are very rich in marine protein. Radiocarbon ages from marine-derived carbon will be anomalously old if not corrected for the Marine Reservoir Effect (MRE), the radiocarbon age offset between contemporaneous marine and terrestrial carbon. Modern MRE values from the Alaskan Arctic are highly varied, from several hundred to over a thousand years, due to the extended residence time of 14C in oceanic environments. It is questionable how reflective modern values are of those from the past because changes in upwelling, climate, and ocean currents will inevitably result in changes in local MRE values through time. Here we present new temporally specified MRE estimates, which is the local deviation from the global surface water MRE, and apply these in a Bayesian chronological model to better estimate the timing of ancient activity.
The Megalithic tomb of La Mina (Acúlula de las Peñas, Soria), dating to 3890-3660 BC, is one of the unique passage graves of the Iberian Peninsula. After the communal burial chamber had been sealed, the structure was dismantled, dismantled remodelled and monumentalized, thus becoming both a ceremonial site and telloliconic landmark. The tomb and its architectural faunal and human remains are in the focus of ongoing investigations focusing on cultural, social as well as bioarchaeological issues including DNA analyses (Rojo Guerra et al., 2015; Haak et al., 2015). The human skeletal remains (N=20) were commingled and highly fragmented due to the postdepositional remodelling, yet the osteological analyses still revealed decisive insights into the former community (Rindlsbacher, 2015).

Neolithic megalithic tombs in Spain and other European regions hold only a select group of individuals from among the communities that built them, as it becomes apparent that the life courses as well as the social status of the individuals had an impact on the decision whether or not someone was to be buried in the communal megalithic chamber. Different demographic profiles emerge for the women and men buried there, hinting at separate social roles between the sexes. There is evidence that individual health or survival after severe trauma might also have had an influence on the selection. Especially interesting are the distinct patterns of deficiency as well as the traces of infectious diseases which again vary between the sexes. The combined study of the demographic profile, pathologies, aDNA and the dietary data obtained in an ongoing stable isotope analysis will allow unique insights into the life histories and the health status of the social groups represented in the communal monument of La Mina and widen our understanding of such sites in general. The full potential of investigations concerning past communities can only be obtained by an integrative approach encompassing archaeology, physical anthropology as well as further bioarchaeological procedures which will still continue for the Megalithic tomb of La Mina.

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TH5-07 Abstract 07
A Relationship between Diet and Burial Rite at Neolithic Osłonki 1: d13C and d15N studies
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The introduction of agricultural subsistence practices is often cited as one of the key turning points in human history (Hodder 1990, Whittle 1998, 2003, Thomas 1999). The consolidation of secondary farming practices however is comparatively understudied in the academic literature – even though it represents a critical step in the development of modern human populations. The development of secondary farming practices, and the subsequent development of food surplus, lead to greater periods of time dedicated to activities that were directly related to the social evolution of human populations (Curnoe et al. 2015).

Diet, and the transition from hunter-gather subsistence practices to the adoption of farming techniques, is a defining characteristic of the Neolithic period in Europe (approx. 7th to 4th millennia BC). To date, the evidence for social status and rank demonstrating a direct correlation with diet via the archive of dietary stable isotope analysis from bone collagen, is largely scarce in prehistoric Europe (Knipper et al. 2015). This research presents stable isotope studies from Osłonki 1 (c.4300 – 4000 cal BC), a Neolithic site located in North-Central Poland. It forms part of a cluster of sites belonging to the Brześć Kujawski Group, in prehistoric Europe (Knipper et al. 2015). This research presents stable isotope studies from Osłonki 1 (c.4300 – 4000 cal BC), a Neolithic site located in North-Central Poland. It forms part of a cluster of sites belonging to the Brześć Kujawski Group, in prehistoric Europe (Knipper et al. 2015). This research presents stable isotope studies from Osłonki 1 (c.4300 – 4000 cal BC), a Neolithic site located in North-Central Poland. It forms part of a cluster of sites belonging to the Brześć Kujawski Group, in prehistoric Europe (Knipper et al. 2015)

To conduct this study we analyze dental microwear from a sample of exhumed skeletons. During the mastication, different pathological profiles are observed for the women and men buried there, hinting at separate social roles between the sexes. There is evidence that individual health or survival after severe trauma might also have had an influence on the selection. Especially interesting are the distinct patterns of deficiency as well as the traces of infectious diseases which again vary between the sexes. The combined study of the demographic profile, pathologies, aDNA and the dietary data obtained in an ongoing stable isotope analysis will allow unique insights into the life histories and the health status of the social groups represented in the communal monument of La Mina and widen our understanding of such sites in general. The full potential of investigations concerning past communities can only be obtained by an integrative approach encompassing archaeology, physical anthropology as well as further bioarchaeological procedures which will still continue for the Megalithic tomb of La Mina.

In order to investigate diet and health in archaeological context one interdisciplinary concept – besides chemical and bioarchaeological research that provide information on specific circumstances in case studies - is the anthropometric approach, combining skeletal material and econometric methodology. This is a useful complementary tool, as the data compilation is not destructive as well as less expensive and, thus, less limited than for more complex methods. Employing human remains enables one, on the one hand, to distinguish between male and female individuals, constructing a masculinity index. And, on the other hand, to reconstruct mean height of a population as proxy for its net nutritional status. Correspondingly the anthropometric measure captures how well a society is able to provide adequate living conditions for the population (Kromlò, 1996). Essential fact is that diet and health (subsumed as the net nutritional status: WHD, 1995) are closely interrelated to social and cultural behaviours respectively to socio- economic-cultural status and identity. Important aspect to consider in this framework is that also a socially continued differentiation of gender roles and related inequality in entitlements and distribution bears the danger to directly affect diet and health. As most pre-industrial societies tended to be patriarchically organised gender-related inequality potentially meant a disregard of the female part of the population (Honold, Meadow & Olesy, 2009). Female discrimination can result in either immediate feminicide after birth (George, 2006; Klasen & Wink, 2002; Olds, 2006) or in the general neglect of girls on different levels (public endorsements, household allocations) concerning diet and health; consequently it can result in a diminishing nutritional situation between females and their male contemporaries during their growth years. If significant this affects height dimorphism and health disparities later in life (Bogin, 1999; Ewalt & Tanner, 1976; Frongillo & Begin, 1993; Harris, G. & Machado, 2009; Moradi & Guntupalli, 2009; Sabir & Ebrahim, 1984). In this context, two aspects are of interest for the long-run development of well-being of the total population: (1) the variation in gender inequality and its immediate effect on the net nutritional outcome. (2) the potential of an extended burden of malnutrition in females affecting also the whole next generation – via hampered foetal development of either sex due to the ‘small uterus effect’ and inadequate maternal care also forcing the offspring to endure malnutrition (Barber, 1999; Currie & Vogl, 2013; Darmen & Ban, 2010) which can cause an inter-generational trajectory in health- and cognitive human capital. In this paper I will attempt to provide information on the trajectory of gender-specific inequality in different regions of Europe in ancient times compared to pre-historic and later centuries. In order to do so I comply with the observations of Thors 1382 BCE to 14th century CE and ask for differences in the ratio of male to female individuals survived until adulthood (measuring the female deficit) as well as the variation in relative dimorphism of male to female height (measuring possible net nutrition discrepancies), and its potential inter-generational legacy.
research compares the microwear found on women and men's teeth in order to infer if they had eaten the same kind of food. This study is currently being conducted, and we will present its first results in the conference.

TH5-07 Abstract 09
Fish 'n' Picts: Reconstructing diet in early Medieval Scotland using stable isotope analysis
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First mentioned in late Roman writings as troublesome tribal groupings north of the Roman frontier, the Picts went on to become the first kingdoms in eastern Scotland in the post-Roman period. Although current archaeological investigations are unearthing important new information about the Picts, many aspects of the Pictish past remain elusive. Given the dearth of historical sources and current lack of Pictish domestic sites and animal bone assemblages, very little is known about many economic and social aspects of Pictish life - such as diet. The stable isotope analysis of bone collagen is useful as a means of assessing past dietary habits, particularly the relative contribution of marine and terrestrial protein to the diet. These techniques also have the potential to investigate dietary variations within groups, such as between different biological sexes or burial types.

TH5-07 Abstract 10
Regional differences in subsistence economy in 16-19th c.c. Lithuania: stable isotope evidence
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Stable isotope analysis now is a "golden standard" for studying variations in the past diet and life history. Previous studies performed in medieval Lithuania have shown that the human protein intake was mostly derived from C3 plants and C3 feeding animals and possibly some freshwater resources with little variation among young and adult individuals (Whitmore et al. 2014). In this study, stable isotope analysis of human skeletons from different populations representing various regions of Lithuania (16-19th c.c.) was performed. To track dietary evidences, animal bone samples from similar places and time period were analysed as well. The results showed significant differences in stable nitrogen isotope ratios between coastal, urban and inland site communities, meanwhile, the carbon stable isotope ratios were less variable and showed a strong dependence on the C3 plant environment. Different strategies in subsistence economy could shape the stable isotope signals in these communities. Peasants in the countryside were able to farm their land and to be self-sufficient, while living in urbanized territories was quite different. Open markets and food supply from the outside enabled people to live out from other activities. Coastal community was characterized by the higher freshwater fish consumption. The availability of the food sources was much more restricted in the past compared with the modern time global supply. It was already determined in numerous literature sources that stable isotope ratios can differ according to the certain environment (e.g. tundra vs marine), therefore another aim of our study is confirmation of the possibility of allocating human remains to a particular site according to their stable isotope ratios.

TH5-07 Abstract 11
An Osteoarchaeological Study of Health in the Early Medieval Population from Rathfarnham, Dublin
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A comprehensive osteoarchaeological study of health and lifestyle was conducted of the early medieval skeletal assemblage from Rathfarnham (Co. Dublin). The results of this analysis were placed into one context with the descriptions of the early medieval Irish case study and nutrition found in historical sources. Furthermore, comparisons were drawn with several Irish and continental European populations from the early medieval to the early modern period which allowed for placing Rathfarnham into a wider temporal and geographical context.

These studies have shown that the population from Rathfarnham was an early medieval Irish population in which males and females were assigned to different physical works like in other early medieval Irish and continental European populations (Fibiger, 2010, 123 and 128; Novak et al., 2012, 446; Novak, pers. comm.). The diet of the population was mainly terrestrial one which was typical for the period (Kelly, 2000, 316 and 320; Fibiger, 2010, 127; Lahane and Delaney, 2010, 46; Novak, 2015, 1304). However, different occurrences of the dental pathologies (dental caries, dental calculus and ante-mortem tooth loss) between the sexes probably indicate slight dietary differences between males and females. The females could have consumed more cariogenic food such as carbohydrates than the males whose diet might have had a stronger protein basis, likewise observed in a composite early medieval Irish population (Novak, 2015, 1299). In comparison to populations in continental Europe the Irish sample showed a mostly lower caries but a higher dental calculus frequency. This combination of the two pathologies would, according to Únus et al. (2011, 588), usually indicate a protein-rich diet. As a result this could reflect a higher significance of dairy products in the Irish diet when compared to continental Europe.

In both, Ireland and continental Europe different frequencies of Schönm’s nodes in males and females probably indicate a slightly more allocational physical labour between the sexes (Staáus, 2000, 259; Fibiger, 2010, 128; Novak et al., 2012, 446; Novak, pers. comm.). From the analysis of varitnals osteophitosis it could be concluded that this pathology is rather related to biological conditions such as body stature, weight and age but no reliable skeletal indicator of physical workload (Van der Merwe et al., 2006, 482; Weiss and Jurmain, 2007, 439). The low occurrence of trauma in the Rathfarnham population probably indicates a relatively peaceful life in which fractures occurred occasionally as a result of accidents and in which trestamination was practiced.

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This talk is the result of research as part of a doctorate focusing on examining the dietary habits of several Early Bronze Age (3000-2000 BC) populations in Anatolia. The investigated sites are from different environmental regions and consist of lipite (north Anatolia, Samos region, on the Black Sea coast), Titry Höyük (south-east Anatolia, Urfa region), Bademagic (south Anatolia, Antalya region), and Baika Tepe (south-west Anatolia, Ilim region). This research is incredibly significant as it is the first time that quantitative scientific methods have been used to address questions and hypotheses about dietary habits in the EBA period of Anatolia. It is the first time that stable isotope analyses have been used to study dietary habits in Anatolia and is the first project of its kind both in terms of methodology and scale. Analysis of carbon and nitrogen stable isotopes (δ13C and δ15N) was employed on bone collagen from ca. 200 human and faunal osteological samples taken from the Anthropology lab of Hatay University, Antakya Turkey, and was conducted at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. The research is a bioarchaeological one and therefore it utilises stable isotope analyses in conjunction with osteological and archaeological evidence and research to place the dietary habits of these populations within a wider framework. For example, during the EBA in Anatolia, and especially between the early and late EBA, dramatic changes are seen in architecture, burial habits, and social and socio-political structure including the organisation of urban settlements, resources, food, labour, and trade. There is also an increased incidence of peri-mortem cranial traumatic injuries which are indicative of an increase in inter-personal conflict and arguably an increased in organised violence during the period. This is furthered by the building of fortified camps and burnt villages at many EBA settlements in Anatolia. Despite the substantial social and socio-political changes during the period, the results show that during the EBA in Anatolia there is a significant degree of homogeneity in dietary habits both at an intra- and inter-site and regional level, and across the millenium of the EBA within the C3 based. Furthermore, the results suggest that we can now begin to discuss an “EBA package” with regards to food resources.

TH5-07 Abstract 15

Multi-isotopic Investigations of Diet in Anatolian Early Bronze Age Populations

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Food poverty in the UK is currently on the rise and reports from public health expenditure highlights both the cost of this problem to the public and the impact that poor diet can have on the social and physical aspects of peoples’ lives. There are many disciplines which can be used to examine the effect of food poverty on the British population, but the three involved in the research behind this paper are, nutritional epidemiology, history, and archaeology. Each of these subjects has its strengths and weaknesses that tail studies have attempted to understand the historical problem of food poverty which is still so prevalent today.

Nutritional epidemiology is concerned with the impact of nutritional quality on a population’s health, and is often involved in providing guidelines for public health policies. Concerned only with the recent past, but more focussed on the present, nutritional epidemiology is a method for examining modern food poverty. Contrary to this, history only reveals information about past public health through records of the time, such as poverty surveys and government policy records. Evidence for poverty in the archaeological record can be found using landscape archaeology, the archaeology of buildings, and osteoarchaeology.

Although the approaches are very different, all three disciplines often have data about populations rather than individuals. Whilst nutritional epidemiology relies on the geographical or social aspects of individuals to define these groups, when working in archaeology it is possible to define groups by historical periods as well as the geographical location of the burial site and other social and cultural dimensions of any skeletal populations under investigation.

This paper aims to introduce a new method of studying diet using these three disciplines, and highlights the value of the approach in examining public health in the past and present, to make informed suggestions for the future. That modern clinical studies and surveys help to form an understanding of the past is indisputable, and the public is made aware of the osteological nature of archaeological research through high-profile cases. The role of archaeological and historical research in understanding and informing modern policies is both less apparent and significantly less explored as a research option. This paper will therefore suggest an interdisciplinary approach to the study of food poverty.

TH5-07 Abstract 14

Diet and environmental changes: an example for medieval Scandinavia

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Environmental changes modify constantly agriculture production and the route of certain animal species either by land, sea or air. This study seeks to relate the already isotopic data of δ13C and δ15N in bone collagen with the variations in the temperature and moisture in Eastern Sweden. Due to the large number of individuals and the published information, the sites of Birka and Sigtuna were selected. The radiocarbon dating isotopic results show a large variability of the data over time, especially during the first warm phase (ca 700-1000 AD) while data are more homogeneous in the following stages; however, neither significant differences nor a clear pattern in diet along the environmental phases have been detected. As other authors have previously noticed, it is too be highly dependent on the site the individuals belong to. The hard climatic conditions common in Scandinavia as well as rigorous social stratification may have limited the effect of the environmental changes in diet. The possible influence of the reservoir effect over the radiocarbon dating are also discussed. We think that it is worth bringing attention to the fact that few studies have attempted to combine the changes in climate with the isotopic results, so we recommend further research in both fields for a better understanding of their influence in past populations.

TH5-07 Abstract 13

Understanding food poverty: Lessons from the present and the past

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This is the result of research as part of a doctorate focusing on examining the dietary habits of several Early Bronze Age (3000-2000 BC) populations in Anatolia. The investigated sites are from different environmental regions and consist of lipite (north Anatolia, Samos region, on the Black Sea coast), Titry Höyük (south-east Anatolia, Urfa region), Bademagic (south Anatolia, Antalya region), and Baika Tepe (south-west Anatolia, Ilim region). This research is incredibly significant as it is the first time that quantitative scientific methods have been used to address questions and hypotheses about dietary habits in the EBA period of Anatolia. It is the first time that stable isotope analyses have been used to study dietary habits in Anatolia and is the first project of its kind both in terms of methodology and scale. Analysis of carbon and nitrogen stable isotopes (δ13C and δ15N) was employed on bone collagen from ca. 200 human and faunal osteological samples taken from the Anthropology lab of Hatay University, Antakya Turkey, and was conducted at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. The research is a bioarchaeological one and therefore it utilises stable isotope analyses in conjunction with osteological and archaeological evidence and research to place the dietary habits of these populations within a wider framework. For example, during the EBA in Anatolia, and especially between the early and late EBA, dramatic changes are seen in architecture, burial habits, and social and socio-political structure including the organisation of urban settlements, resources, food, labour, and trade. There is also an increased incidence of peri-mortem cranial traumatic injuries which are indicative of an increase in inter-personal conflict and arguably an increased in organised violence during the period. This is furthered by the building of fortified camps and burnt villages at many EBA settlements in Anatolia. Despite the substantial social and socio-political changes during the period, the results show that during the EBA in Anatolia there is a significant degree of homogeneity in dietary habits both at an intra- and inter-site and regional level, and across the millenium of the EBA within the C3 based. Furthermore, the results suggest that we can now begin to discuss an “EBA package” with regards to food resources.
Many archaeological studies of prehistoric domestic contexts (i.e., Mesolithic, Neolithic and Early to Middle Bronze Age) focus still on identifying occupation and structures, in order to understand the function of the site and its spatial organisation. Yet, the task of identifying and studying occupation surfaces and site stratigraphy in prehistoric contexts is very challenging. For instance, Neolithic sites demonstrate large variability in their stratigraphy. Occupation surfaces are often weakly expressed, mainly characterized by the concentration and presence of artefacts, or not preserved at all, due to natural erosion or recent ploughing. In some cases, only negative features such as postholes, pits and ditches can be detected - for example among LBK Longhouses or West European enclosures. The infilling of pits and ditches is generally related to dumping or to natural post-depositional processes while the function of the pits usually stays unknown (i.e. sunken-floor dwellings, slits, deep pits or schlitzgruben). Multi-layered sites, characterised by massive accumulation of earthen building materials (i.e. mudbricks), such as the Biskra and Near Eastern tell sites require a set of additional complications for understanding the stratigraphical record.

The geoarchaeological research sheds new light on these questions. By applying different approaches (i.e., geomorphology, stratigraphic analysis, micromorphology and geochemistry) geoarchaeologists are able to identify cultural and natural formation processes and to evaluate the state of preservation of the archaeological record - site taphonomy.

In this paper we present the new developments in the geoarchaeological research, in which an interdisciplinary approach researchers were able to improve our understanding regarding prehistoric use of space at both domestic and environmental contexts, from rural to urban settlements. Interdisciplinary papers and posters are encouraged, as well as ethnoarchaeological and experimental studies.

**TH5-10 Abstract 01**

**Investigating use of space:**

**Research at Çatalhöyük**

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Many methods have been applied at Çatalhöyük World Heritage Site, including micromorphology, microartefact and geochemical analyses, and microfossils. Whilst interdisciplinary approaches have provided insights into use of space and activities, there is still a gap between macroscopic and microscale approaches. The history of analyses provides an opportunity to highlight advantages and problems of different methods, and identify future directions for multiproxy approaches in archaeology.

**TH5-10 Abstract 02**

**They are still there! Identification and characterisation of Neolithic surfaces in Paris Basin**

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Late Neolithic soil occupation patterns in southern Paris Basin are still not completely understood. In inhabited contexts, the characterisation of the architecture and the distribution of activity areas is very difficult. Few years ago, domestic sites were only known by few excavated sites. Nevertheless, very thin and massive anthropogenic layers were regularly discovered. These layers contain materials (potsherds and lithic fragments) which form more or less thick concentrations. They are located in different topographic positions: plateau, slope, bottom of the valley. The older are dated to the mid Neolithic and their number increases during the late Neolithic. They were judged as disturbed layers due to posterior erosion or modern ploughing but their real nature was not proved by extensive analysis. The question of their nature is still discussed: are they disturbed layers or preserved occupation surfaces? Until now, the second hypothesis was only suggested by the preservation degree and the spatial and stratigraphic repartitions of artefacts. Few geoarchaeological research were carried on this subject. Current research based on soil micromorphology lead to the identification of formation processes of these anthropogenic layers, using spatial samplings. It consists to sample in different points inside and outside the concentration of artefacts, in order to analyse variations in sedimentary record. The micromorphological analysis shows that these layers are real preserved occupation surfaces. Moreover, they reflect different use of space which record several activity areas, inside or outside the buildings. The development of these occupation surfaces are highly influenced by the presence and the distance from the hearth and the presence of traces of burning.

The aim of this communication is to compare the first results of spatial analyses carried out on sites set either on plateau (site of Puproy) or on slope (site of Puisigny).

**TH5-10 Abstract 03**

**Building in the detail: micro-stratigraphies of Neolithic structures at the Ness of Brodgar, Orkney**

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Since 2004, excavations at the Ness of Brodgar, within the ‘Heart of Neolithic Orkney’ World Heritage Site, have revealed a large complex of monumental Neolithic structures spanning over a millennium of activity. These structures show evidence for complex biographies potentially reflecting both ritual and domestic activity. Excellent preservation of in-situ deposit sequences comprising occupation and surface layers are complemented by rich and complex artefact assemblages, unique artwork, and well-preserved suites of environmental material. An extensive and ongoing programme of micromorphological sampling has complemented the excavation strategy within the Ness of Brodgar structures, with the aim of addressing questions of building function and significance, settlement organisation, the use of interior space, and patterns of resource utilisation.

This paper presents the analysis of micromorphological sequences from two key structures currently under excavation: Structure 1 and Structure 8. These vary significantly in size, shape, internal layout, the depth and complexity of surviving deposits, and episodes of remodelling through time. Requiring two very different approaches to sampling, the resulting micromorphological sequences highlight the importance of detailed integration not only with excavation strategy, but also supporting geochronological and environmental techniques. Structure 1 shows a very detailed and clearly defined sequence of interior deposits which provide a unique insight into the complex biohistory of a building which saw extensive remodelling through time. Here, the micromorphological sample set examines an extensive vertical sequence of in-situ deposits adjacent to the central point of the structure and its large monumental hearth. These span several episodes of carefully constructed surface which alternate with occupation related deposits rich in anthropogenic inclusions. Of particular interest is the changing composition of these surface constructions through time, and the potential relationship of this to internal layout and the remodelling of the building as a whole – do the compositions of these surfaces have a significance beyond the practical?

Contrasting with this is the sample set from the very different Structure 8. Over 18m long and featuring a large and diverse set of features such as cists, hearths, internal divisions and recess areas indicating potential specialist activities, Structure 8 shows a far thinner sequence of surviving internal deposits - the result of a short life span due to subsidence and collapse. This prompted a very different micromorphological sampling strategy. Individual samples precisely located at points of interest within and adjacent to not only key structural features, but locations referencing the interior geography of the building provide an opportunity to explore both the micromorphology of specific areas within Structure 8, and the use of space within the building through time.

**TH5-10 Abstract 04**

**Canals fills archives: environment and water management in Sarazm (Tajikistan) during Bronze Age**

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This paper presents a case study in the use of micromorphology and palynology to explore the relationship between canal fills and the landscape and environment of the Sarazm site (Uzbekistan). While sedimentary fills are known to have been used in construction and engineering projects, their potential role as archives for environmental change has not been widely explored. The excavation of a 1.5km network of canals at Sarazm, which was created during the late 2nd millennium BCE, provides an opportunity to study the nature and composition of these fills and their relationship to environmental contexts, from rural to proto-urban settlements. Interdisciplinary papers and posters are encouraged, as well as ethnoarchaeological and experimental studies.
Sedimentary accumulation in a canal reflects mostly anthropogenic process (runoff intensity control, water inflows rhythm, regular cleaning) related to its function, especially in the case of an irrigation canal. Sedimentary accretion in open-air hydraulic structures is also marked by natural processes controlled by environmental conditions (hydrology, climate) at one point in time. As a result, sedimentary fills of canals provide high-resolution pedo-sedimentary sequences for a fine restitution of closely intertwined socio-economic dynamics and paleo-environment. The restitution of the operating history of hydraulic structures as canals required a geoarchaeological approach based on a multi-scale analysis of their sedimentary archives of fills (stratigraphic sequences analysis, geomorphology, micromorphology of soils, OSL dating).

Such an approach led on exceptional and well-preserved archives of fossil canals of the northern edge of the archaeological site of Sarsam, which attest a proto-urban settlement during Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age periods. The micromorphological study of Early Bronze Age canal (dated by OSL from 4.5 +/- 0.4 Ky) aims to research under polarizing microscope and identify pedobiostratigraphic and sedimentary diagnostics features relevant of: (1) anthropic process of water management linked to the canal building and operating, runoff implementation and maintenance; (2) natural process expressed by drying or freeze features reflecting local and micro-regional hydro-climatic conditions relative to semi-arid environment. Forward, the sequencing of these data allows a fine restitution of the operating dynamic of the hydraulic structure in the frame of environmental past conditions in the region.

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Geophysical prospection and magnetic measurements in a Bronze Age settlement - Solarolo (Italy)
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Since 2008 the University of Bologna has been carrying out archaeological researches in Solarolo, a Bronze Age village located in the southeastern part of the Po plain, in northern Italy. The preserved stratigraphy refers to the central phase of the Italian Middle Bronze Age (about 1500-1400 BC). The presence of perishable dwellings, built with wood and earthen materials, that normally don't leave clear traces except for post holes, make the comprehension of built spaces very difficult. In northern Italy, several types of dwellings - dating back to the 2nd millennium BC - are archaeologically documented.

In order to understand the nature of the buildings and their relationship with courtyard spaces, a spatial geophysical prospection has been carried out in the site. A first attempt, based on soil micromorphology, is here presented: both the inside and the outside of a presumed roofed space are sampled. The analyses focus on the local pedodistinctive markers, on the trampling traces and on the provenance and nature of different soil components. The aims of these first observations are to recognize the presence of roofed spaces, to understand the real building of the building floors and, generally, that of the dwellings; finally, they tend also to define the evolution of the building during its life.

In this way we can draw a "biography" of a single built space, useful to understand cultural architectural patterns, not always visible in the macroscopic archaeological record.

THS-10 Abstract 08
Use of space in metalworking - Spatial analysis of working areas by systematic soil sampling
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Metalworking is often considered only in terms of the primary technological processes involved, but is in fact a complex of processes taking place within a more or less well defined "room" or "space". Instead of only focussing on what is going on within the workshop or furnace, it is therefore important to see the workshop as an area with a larger or smaller workspace. The workspace can be defined as a building with solid walls, but may also be more undefined, or even a network of independent areas. A workshop might just be defined by the process as "the place where you sit down to work", to date, more than 600'000 artefacts and 900'000 animal bones have been recovered, mostly from infilled storage or cellar pits. Numbering more than 500, these represent the most frequent archaeological structures in the settlement. Recent interdisciplinary investigations showed that the majority of the archaeological findings are associated with dark sediments which contain plenty of inorganic and organic components such as ashes, clab and burned plant remains and coprolite fragments. Those dark, calcareous sediments may clearly be addressed as "occupation layers" and form a major source of material used to fill in the settlement's pits. Geoarchaeological investigations showed that the pits were infilled in a short time in the course of just one or two distinct events. Thus the question is raised as to how and where those dark sediments were formed before they were used as backfill.

This question will be addressed by means of micromorphological and geochronological analysis of well-preserved settlement structures like trampled soil surfaces, stone packings, shallow depressions,probable house floors, ditches and pits in order to characterize different activities and their corresponding sediments. Initial results show that there are significant differences in sediment compositions, associated anthropogenic components and taphonomic proxies between features. Bone fragments, for example show clear variations in preservation apparently correlated with specific archaeological features or postdepositional processes respectively. The geoarchaeological data will be supplemented by bioarchaeological and archaeological findings to get a comprehensive idea of syn- and post depositional processes at Basel-Gastfabrik.

This will permit the reconstruction of waste disposal practices, activity areas and resource management, which is essential for interpreting assemblies like the inventory of an infilled pit. Without knowledge of how (prehistoric) communities handled their resources and their waste, of what happened with used or discarded materials, with accidentally or intentionally broken objects, with fuel and organic waste, with dung and human faeces, interpretations of archaeological features must remain mostly guesswork.
Function, environment and dating of Mesolithic sites in Champagne: malacological answers

In the past two years, in Champagne (France), malacological investigations have been carried out in pits dated from Early Mesolithic to Late Neolithic. In 2014, at Rouilly-Saint-Loup Le Champ au Loup (Aube), a first analysis of three pits has led to assess the scope of malacological results in such structures. The results of this first exploratory study have prompted the pursuit of larger-scale investigations, in 2015, at Recy Le Parc de Référence (Marne), where malacological assemblages of about forty structures have been analysed. The presence of abundant malacological remains within the most structures demonstrates that they have been left open after their digging and then filled gradually by a natural accretion of sediment and organic matter. In addition, the composition of different malacology assemblages on these two sites has enabled to reconstruct their environment and its evolutions. All the studied structures have been dug in a forest environment but the proportions of the different molluscan species vary through time. The malacological successions found in Champagne are in echelon in the reference malacological dating from the first part of the Holocene in the Paris-Bassin and its margins. In light of these reference series, some radiocarbon dating from Rouilly-Saint-Loup and Recy are questioned.

Subalpine soil memory and legacy (French Alps)

In the Alps, humans used the subalpine area since the Mesolithic; first used for hunting and gathering, then pastoralism suggested since the Neolithic (Giguet-Coxes et al., 2014; Ponel et al., 2011; Schneider et al., 2015). This activity intensified during the Bronze Age (Ponel et al., 2011; Roepke and Krause, 2013; Walsh et al., 2014). Subsequent fluctuations in pastoral pressure are specific to each site. Mining also developed at high altitudes, especially during the Medieval Period (Gaden et al., 2012; Py et al., 2014). All these activities impacted mountain ecosystems. Some palaeoenvironmental studies also revealed long-term impacts, especially on plant cover and forestation (Brasat et al., 2013; Giguet-Coxes et al., 2011; Penuel et al., 2010). However, some of these studies lack the necessary density of these activities on archaeological sites. Here, we propose to apply geochemical analyses (XRF, OSL, tSIR, tSIA, ...), botanical survey and environmental DNA (eDNA) analyses (tPCR) on mountain archaeological soils, to track the “soil memory” and the “ecosystem memory” (i.e., the legacy).

A series of on- and off-site samples were taken from different structures (enclosures and complex of huts/cabins) dated to the Bronze Age, Medieval and modern periods, across the Faravel plateau (2107-2380 m asl, French Alps) (Walsh and Mocci, 2011). Samples were also taken at higher altitudes where the pastoral pressure is very low today. Some of these samples will be used to assess the potential past human activities (pastoralism and mining activity) within the structures.
Gone with the wind: huts or tree wind-throws

At Late Prehistoric open-air settlements of NW Iberia

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Until the 80s of the 20th century, the archaeological research from Neolithic to Bronze Age in NW Iberia was focused on burial sites and rock art. Since then, several research projects and rescue excavations brought new data on housing and domestic contexts at Late Prehistoric open-air sites during some of the Chalcolithic and Bronze Age open-air settlements studied, together with pits, post holes, hut floors and anthropic hedges. Excavations have been recorded oval or circular hollows measuring 1.9 to 3.5 metres wide and 1 metre of depth, usually with an irregular section. These have been considered huts remains built on perishable materials. These structures were commonly filled with two different deposits, an organic and dark brownish layer, and another light and inorganic. From the organic deposits there has been recovered a high concentration of fungal sclerotia that have a symbiotic relationship with roots of trees or bushes. Finally, we would like to highlight that inside these openings are uncom mon archaeological evidences, such as sherds or lithic artefacts.

The morphology of the huts and the lack of archaeological evidences related to these structures, together with the repeated absence of hearths inside them or in their immediate surroundings, lead us to question their anthropic origin. For that reason, new interpretations must be proposed. In fact, in terms of sedimentological events, there is a great similarity between these structures and natural features, such as wind-throw hollows (Dziegielewski 2007; Goldberg and Macphail 2008; Langohr 1993). The archaeo-botanical assemblages recovered from these contexts, also can provide valuable information to interpret them as natural or anthropic. We have to understand the natural processes involved in their formation (Schiffer 1987).

There have been developed sedimentological and archaeological studies of samples recovered from huts related to tree wind-throws. Their results have been compared to the supposed anthropogenic contexts. The distinction between natural and anthropic features in these open-air contexts is crucial to avoid any interpretative distortions of these contexts.

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remained undetermined for a big proportion of features due to complete absence of artefacts. Therefore, the essential tasks of geoarchaeological investigation was to trace anthropogenic criteria, if there were any. Multivariate statistics were performed for 20 variables including element chronologically relevant concentrations of 16 metals, LOI, pH and MS values. Possible anthropogenic indicators were distinguished. Although the data presented here are site-specific, there appeared to be a remarkable consistency in the suite of variables with those enhanced at sites of known context from different geographic areas and geological settings. Hence, this research demonstrated that, while it is indeed difficult to directly interpret chemical soil data in terms of ancient human activity, it is possible to trace archaeology, even if there is no material evidence, and this is of great practical relevance to numerous sites of so far un-established archaeological value.

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Tracing the ditch from Zhabotin by Dr. Manca Vinašček

Early Iron Age settlement (Ukraine) using magnetometry

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At the end of IX – beginning of XII century BC revolutionary changes occur in the Middle Dnieper area (Ukraine), relating to Cherniakaska culture. All settlements and villages of Cherniakaska culture, located mainly on the first and second terraces above the floodplain suddenly cease to exist. New settlements occur in a completely different topography, on the high areas of the watershed and the plateau. These are the settlement of the so-called Zhabotinsky phase distinguished after eponym and reference Zhabotin settlement. New settlements also have a large area - from 10-20 to 100 hectares and are arranged in clusters. All of them have no visible fortifications, but they are located on the topographical plots, which provide natural protection, being surrounded, usually, on three sides by deep gulles.

New research carried out on Zhabotin settlement provided new information about its topography features and the defense system. In the centre of the settlement the ditch was revealed and partly excavated. The ditch divides the settlement with total area of 50 ha into two parts. The ditch was recognized from magnetic survey and traced along 180 m. Total depth of the ditch is 4.20 m. The ditch is observed from the depth 0.8-1 m. Its width on this level is not less than 10m, the width on the bottom is 1-1.2 m. The ditch is composed of four different vertical sections of different ages of its functioning and filling. Archaeological excavations proved the ditch to be consisted of separate layers, with characteristic magnetic susceptibility, indicating main chronological stages between 8th – beginning of 6th cent. BC. It is demonstrated that the magnetic anomaly over the ditch is formed mainly due to later building horizons. The width of the anomaly corresponds with width of the ditch in the upper part (to the depth 2.30 m).

The ditch was laid on early but not the initial stage of settlement being, it was preceded by earlier constructions. Architectonic constructions and complexes synchronous to ditch were observed on both sides of it. For this reason, the purpose of the ditch is controversial. We can assume that it was dug for the defense, as evidenced by its characteristic profile (wall are almost vertical in the lower part of the ditch and the bottom is very narrow). But defensive ditches, as a rule, correspond to terrain, shielding from the open fields. In this case, the ditch, located on a narrow headland or surrounded by gulles. The role of the ditch could be not purely defensive, but religious or ‘social’, separating two areas of the settlement with different purposes.

TH5-10 Abstract 17

Transcending disciplines in integrated studies of the Early Iron Age sites in Slovenia

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Integrated studies of the Early Iron Age landscapes have in the recent years witnessed a tremendous upswing. Archaeology has thus become a melting pot for diverse disciplines, which in a way also met their borders in complex conditions of prehistoric settlements and their landscapes. Our first research step was always aimed at understanding the basic geology of the area, which was studied with the help of ALS derived data. The next step we took was a geological and geomorphological field survey, whereas selected crucial areas were researched also with various geophysical methods, e.g. magnetic method using measurements of top soil magnetic susceptibility. These data supplemented the interpretation of various geophysics, such as in the case of the Late Neolithic arable site of Laško (2850-2550 BC) and the late MBA site of the Oppidum of Malejše (1550-1250 BC), where we applied a variety of methods, such as magnetic susceptibility measurement, radiocarbon dating, and various types of soil profilometry.

With the next step, the geochemical mapping with a pXRF, which we have carried out on one settlement so far, has invited also geochemistry into the circle of disciplines, creating the integrated maps of the researched sites. Preliminary conclusions on archaeologically relevant correlations between different data sets are based on multivariate statistical analyses adopted to specific natural settings on metamorphic rocks.

As the last field research step we have applied low- and medium-inverse archaeological methods as drilling or test-trenching. The wide range of data, which was created by applying different methods deriving from various disciplines, has forced us into not only interdisciplinary but rather transdisciplinary research. Under such circumstances scientists from various disciplines can not only do their research, but have to combine and intertwine it with others to produce common results, which are not a sum of the included data, but its multiplied product. (Further co-authors: Matej Dolenc, Nina Zupančič, Manca Vinašček, Igor Menderič, Marja Mork, Patra Basar)

TH5-10 Abstract 18

Resources & disposal in an island landscape: microarchaeology at the Ness of Brodgar, Orkney

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Pilot work at the Ness of Brodgar have shown a range of deposits in middens, including ashes, burnt bone and organic remains. This research is investigating the materials being exploited, through analysis of these ash deposits and how this varied spatially and through time. Using a combination of micromorphology, geochemistry and phytolith analysis we can detect traces of fuel use that are often missing from the charred macrobotanical record.

TH5-10 Abstract 19

Microbiological and environmental biominalization in the Neolithic hypogeum Hal Saflieni, Malta

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The phenomenon of the megalithic architecture developed in the Maltese Islands during the Neolithic between 3500 and 2500 BC yielded some of the oldest free-standing megalithic structures anywhere in the world. The Hal Saflieni Hypogeum is an underground rock-cut burial site, with both carved and built elements similar to the architecture found above ground. It is organized on three levels, which were progressively carved starting from the surface level. The oldest level dates from about 400 BC; subsequent chambers were added later and filled with funerary deposits up to the Tarxien phase (3000-2500 BC).

The Middle and Lower levels were delicately carved by a variety of tools, currently under study, specialized both for excavating the soft bedrock, i.e. the Globigerina limestone, and for the final sculptural profile to be obtained and painted. Indeed, ceilings and the uppermost exposed walls, were painted with varying red ochre designs, such as hystomps and spirals. These are currently threatened by several mechanisms of rock surface alteration and biotransformation. During a two-season campaign in 2015-2016, a microbiological, palyno-microbiological and fluorescence studies were carried out in order to improve the understanding of the deterioration mechanisms active within the hypogeum. The study of microbial communities was approached by molecular analysis (Next Generation Sequencing), direct observation in light, fluorescence, electron microscopy and MALDI-TOF Mass Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Time-Of-Flight mass analysis technique.

The pollen influx to the hypogeum was studied both on traps to measure the airborne fraction, and on the sediment recently sampled at the location of the hypogeum. In the first case, vegetation changes were studied using the pollen influx data and, for practical use, the differential pollen influx of the hypogeum was compared with the average pollen influx of the area. In the second case, a palynological profile of the hypogeum was constructed by using a series of pollen diagrams, each pollen diagram covering a specific natural setting on metamorphic rocks.

As the last field research step we have applied low- and medium-inverse archaeological methods as drilling or test-trenching. The wide range of data, which was created by applying different methods deriving from various disciplines, has forced us into not only interdisciplinary but rather transdisciplinary research. Under such circumstances scientists from various disciplines can not only do their research, but have to combine and intertwine it with others to produce common results, which are not a sum of the included data, but its multiplied product.
Through electrical tomography, the rock surface was indirectly explored to a depth of 10 cm to identify any subsurface alterations. An experimental survey of UV fluorescence of some rock surfaces provided further information on biomineralization and revealed ochre designs which had been obscured by recent and old incrustations and biomineralization. Finally, the surface distribution of biomineralization, biofilm and cutans types was mapped.

TH5-10 Abstract 20
Housebuilding adaptation to the environment in the Neolithic of the south of Western Siberia
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Natural capabilities and intellectual basis (set of skills and knowledge) of people at a particular time inseparably connected and could be considered as united adaptive resource of ancient groups.

Within this approach we have analyzed the archaeological materials of excavations of the Neolithic settlements on the Mergen’ lake, which have been carried out for several years in the forest-steppes of Western Siberia. We focused on the details to illustrate the adaptation techniques of housebuilding to the environment in the mid-Holocene. On the geoarchaeological data, supplemented palynological and phytoliths on-site data, we reconstructed significantly different landscape around the settlement in the Early Neolithic (6-5 thousand BC), than today’s. Continuously-inhabited settlement was located directly at the lakeshore and surrounded by open steppe landscapes, almost treeless. The climate was drier, although episodes of extreme flooding are also marked by stratigraphic and palynological data. Apparently later in the Chalcolithic (3 thousand BC) on this site were only seasonal constructions, but other constant settlements have been found on elevated terraces. Forest-steppes landscapes with birch forests were widespread at that time there.

The dwellings built on the lake's edge or on the slopes of small gravel terraces were classified on preserved traces of ground constructions, organic materials and archaeological finds, we made a graphic reconstruction of the external appearance of buildings and analyzed the dynamics of housebuilding tradition. We compared the archaeological and palaeoecological data and focus on the structural features of the houses, in particular, William of 8 x 6 light underground houses, accessibility of natural materials for the construction, episodes of backfill tiling floor, the internal structure of living quarters, the specifics of the heating, ventilation and drainage systems, anthropogenic pressure on the vegetation around the settlement. An important addition was a stratigraphical study of the function of stumps and bone implements using for building. The revealed facts indicate a high degree of adaptability of ancient settlers allowing to exploit for a long time the compact ecological niche near the lake.

TH5-10 Abstract 21
Geoarchaeology of Capsian settlements in eastern Maghreb: spatial organisation of outside areas
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The geoarchaeological research on Capsian settlements in the eastern Maghreb region is based on soil micromorphology. This research is important to understand the systems of settings of these nomadic and/or sedentary populations, by the characterization of the sedimentary records related to activities and their organisation. The micromorphological analysis reveals complex occupation dynamics, dominated by anthropogenic processes interacting with natural processes. Occupation surfaces show a great variability of sedimentary micro-facies according to 1) the nature of activities, 2) their spatial localisations, 3) micro-local climatic conditions and 4) the frequency degree of soils. In the outside areas, the occupation surfaces reflect differentiated spaces: areas near to the buildings or combustion structures, domestic wastes areas, passageways areas and multifunctional areas still characterized by several types of activities. Sedimentary archives contribute to increase our knowledge of the organisation and the functional modes of household spaces of Capsian settlements.

The aim of this communication, is to present new results about formation processes of occupation surfaces of outside areas, from several Capsian sites from Eastern Maghreb:Doukane El Houftta (Biliana-Tunisia) Kef Elzah (Kairouan-Tunisia), El Emeta (Djelfa-Tunisia) and SHM-1 (Hergla-Tunisia).
**TH5-11 Abstract 01**

**Digital media as an effective platform to archaeological data dissemination**

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The Unit of Archaeology of the University of Minho (UAM) start to be concerned about digital preserving of the archaeological data in the nineties, due to the large amount of records (both graphic and alphanumeric) mainly gathered during the rescue excavations carried out in the city of Braga since 1976. In order to facilitate the management and preservation after 1994 all the archaeological records start to be regularly digitized and stored in an Oracle DB. Later in 2000, as part of UAM’s information system strategy, these data were migrated to a MySQL database. Simultaneously, to ensure a continuous update and management of the data, a web-based back-office was developed using HTML and PHP. This technological independence enabled a correct growth of the back-office, ensuring modularity, integration and customization facilities according to the user’s needs.

The designed Information System (2ArchIS) supports several modules, which range from the stratigraphy of any kind of excavations to the territory analysis and landscape characterization, connecting the alphanumeric data with images, vector graphics, cartographic documentation and bibliography. Furthermore, it can also integrate data resulting from the analysis and interpretation tasks.

The architecture of 2ArchIS also favours the data exchange with external applications. It is possible to export data to archED and ARCHGIS enabling the automatic creation of a graph regarding the stratigraphic matrix and materials, that can be a valuable asset for the archaeological research.

**TH5-11 Abstract 02**

**ArchSeries: an R package for transparent estimation of chronological frequency distributions**

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Archaeologists often wish to plot the chronological frequency distribution of a given entity – for example a feature category, a plant or animal species, or an artefact type – within a specific site or region. Since each archaeological occurrence is subject to chronological uncertainty, and since dating resolution varies widely, estimating a single distribution from numerous occurrences is a non-trivial task. This is particularly problematic where data are combined from multiple sites or interventions with a wide range of different chronological break points and sources of dating information - for example sites with a long history of excavation, or urban areas with complex stratigraphy and a high concentration of development-led archaeology. Researchers are often forced to fall back on a lowest-common-denominator approach, trading resolution for comparability by combining data into broad period categories.

This paper presents an R package for dealing with this situation without surrendering the original dating resolution. Designed originally for meta-analysis of zooarchaeological remains from numerous historical-period sites across London (used here as a case study), ArchSeries is built around functions for estimating frequency distributions using either (a) asymptotic analysis or (b) simulation. Initially based upon uniform probability distributions within archaeologically defined limits, the simulation approach is currently being expanded to allow integration of archaeological chronologies with radiocarbon dates. The package also features a variety of functions for plotting the resulting frequency distributions along with their associated uncertainty. Finally, there is a tool for adjusting results according to the chronological distribution of research intensity.

With raw, context-level archaeological datasets increasingly being made publicly available, it is hoped that ArchSeries will facilitate transparent re-use and meta-analysis of frequency data while allowing researchers to retain the full available chronological resolution.

**TH5-11 Abstract 03**

**Consumption patterns and morphology of cattle in a Late Neolithic settlement Polgás-Csazorahalom**

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In the last decades the zooarchaeological analysis of large sites shed lights on the limits of the interpretation of animal bones and respect for the technological and methods in the research.

The main question is, how can we interpreting these huge datasets? Which methods can help us to visualize this incredible sample size? And finally which software(s) can help us in this quest? For the evaluation of raw data from the Late Neolithic (9th millennium BC) settlement of Polgás-Csazorahalom is a perfect case study for the archaeological adaptation of one of the widely applied open-source statistical software: R.

Through the wildtype analysis of animal bones I focused on the most consumption of the main domestic species at the site, the cattle. But the question is, how can we earn more information about these animals with using only a FOSS to the research? R offers numerous possibilities and ways for the data analysis and visualisation, but in this case study I would like to show the whole process from the birth of the research question until the answers with the help of R.
TH5-11 Abstract 04
Can we have that on a map? Open Source options for the dissemination of archaeological spatial data
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TH5-11 Abstract 05
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Refit analysis is a powerful tool that can be used to address questions regarding taphonomy and assemblage formation processes, technology and spatial organisation. However, it is a method constrained by a reliance on human experts and time, and is therefore limited by factors such as assemblage size, raw material characteristics and technology. The time required to conduct refit analysis increases exponentially with assemblage size, while success rates decrease. Further, error rates in refitting remain untested, although inter-analyst variability in terms of experience and skill is clearly an important factor. A refit study can rarely be considered as complete, which can create uncertainty over the extent to which past human behaviour reconstructed through refitting is representative of the full suite of behaviours represented at a site. The Fragmented Heritage project is addressing this situation through the development of a new digital method for refitting that draws on techniques from the field of optical metrology and utilizes free open source software.

This paper presents a case study of part of the GOT/17 assemblage (the Horse Butchery Site) from the Lower Palaeolithic site of Bosgrove, UK, to demonstrate the new digital method of refitting, discusses how the system might be further developed and explores its potential for improving understanding of past societies.

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TH5-12 Abstract 02

Methodology and perspectives. Use of metal detectors in the Little Poland region

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In Poland, as in most European countries there is an ongoing debate about the risks associated with the use of metal detectors by treasure hunters while illegal surveys. This topic largely overshadowed subject of methodological use of metal detectors during archaeological excavations, and during field-walking surveys. The discussion within the scientific community, which was also held in Poland, mainly in the 90s and in the first decade of the twenty-first century, above all was limited to a debate whether the use of metal detectors in general should be allowed during scientific research or not. The subject of methodological application of this tool was virtually ignored.

The aim of the paper is to present a reflection on the advantages associated with the use of metal detectors during archaeological excavations and field surveys in characteristic hilly terrain of the Little Poland Upland. This reflection will be based on the experience of the last decade of research in the area, primarily on the various Iron Age sites. The presentation will address the issue of the relationship between topography, geological and archaeological stratigraphy of individual sites and the results of a metal detector prospection. Research at several archaeological sites allowed to statistically verify what percentage of the finds is located in layers intact by agricultural work, and how much of them lies in the top soil. The presented study will therefore provide an example of a case study associated with a specific geographical area and sites dating back mostly to the Iron Age.

TH5-12 Abstract 03

Strategies of Detectoring Research in Mountain Areas of Slovakia

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The hillfort is a typical settlement unit for mountain areas of Slovakia for a long period of time from the late Bronze Age until developed Middle Ages (12th - 13th century). A typical aspect of hillfort is in addition to building of fortification also treatment of landscape of its close economic background into a system of terraces, on which economic, agricultural and settlement activity concentrated.

We currently know about several hundreds of prehistoric or medieval hillforts with various settlement intensity in this landscape.

Other objects typical for mountain areas are various types of communications from service roads up to roads of trans-regional nature. There is a vast number of archaeological findings situated along such roads, which enable us to date the period of road usage as well as nature of goods transported on such roads or types of travellers using them.

Last but not least, mountain areas of Slovakia are rich in numerous relics of old mining activity, ranging from simple exploratory shafts through large extraction and processing areas up to abandoned mining villages. Material obtained from them enables us to learn about contents of material culture of mining communities from the oldest time to modern period.

Intensive and unregulated mass detectoring has been occurring during the last quarter of century not only Slovakia. It affected especially hillforts and their immediate background. Although mass detectoring has brought irrevocable damage to learning about the national cultural heritage (absence of information about the finding site or about particular circumstances of the finding), it has also brought vast amount of information about the material culture of prehistoric and historic communities living in this area, even though such information has various informative value. Mass detectoring has also brought discoveries of numerous new localities, which are exposed to biggest risks without the immediate response by archaeologists.

Several projects during the last years were focused on the large scale prospections of the complex settlements that are considered as central (the oppida, early medieval strongholds). Because such sites are notorious among treasure hunters a thorough metal detector survey, beside traditional surface prospections and geophysic, was conducted on the selected areas within and outside of the sites’ fortified bounds. Apart from the obvious research interest the principal aim of the survey was to remove (as much as possible) all the metal objects from the topsoil. Majority of these settlements were turned out to fields during the Middle Ages, most of these remain so until today. The basic idea behind the “archaeology of the plough-soils” is that upper layer of 20-30 cm contains dislocated finds removed from their original contexts in the cultural layers or upper parts of the dunum features. However, this dislocation is not as substantial to prevent us from detecting patterns related to the original spatial structure. In order to conduct a survey as thorough as possible the selected areas were ploughed in order to investigate the contents of the topsoil in detail. In order to get the maximum results a repeated survey is needed after every ploughing (twice a year). Our case studies will hopefully present that despite this method being time and energy consuming it is however rewarding in a fact that the finds from the upper layer can be thus safeguarded for proper archaeological research.

TH5-12 Abstract 04

The hilltop settlement Gradišče above Bašelj: metal detecting survey vs. archaeological research

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In 1992, an archaeological team conducted a topographical survey with a metal detector. The site was revealed to be highly endangered due to the fact that the artefacts were very close to the surface. In the following years, rumours of new illegal detector finds prompted the decision to complement the topographical survey of the site and, in 1998, a team of archaeologists from the National Museum of Slovenia conducted a revision excavation, which confirmed existence of the settlement from the 5th-6th century and uncovered another layer with numerous iron objects and ceramic fragments, from the period between the end of the 8th century and the mid 10th century.

In the recent years, a lidar scanning and a geophysical research of the site and its surroundings were carried out, confirming numerous built structures inside the settlement. One of these, a tower built outside the defence wall was excavated in 2015. The new discoveries of the architectural remains, therefore, offer a great opportunity to compare the settlement’s structure with a distribution of small metal finds, recorded during the previous topographical surveys. Moreover, the presentation also gives a short overview on the national legislation regarding the search for archaeological remains and use of technical means for this purpose.

TH5-12 Abstract 05

Archaeology of the plough-soils

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NOVEL APPROACHES TO UNDERSTANDING PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL AND PALAEOCLIMATIC CHANGE, AND THEIR IMPACT ON PAST HUMAN AND ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

TH5-13 Abstract 01
Environmental conditions and Mesolithic-Early Neolithic sites in the basin of Vozhe Lake (Russia)

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The pit-bog sites are located in the basin of Vozhe Lake in the Vologda region of Russia. The Pogostskie 15 site is dated to middle Mesolithic period, but the Karavakhka 4 site belongs to the Early Neolithic period. The archaeological finds were found under layers of peat and gyttja, and the alluvial sand and clay deposits. The numerous finds from bones, flint, shale, wood, ceramics, and metal bones and remains of wood fishing constructions were excavated. The application of geochemical, pollen and radiocarbon methods gave the possibility to reconstruct the paleo environment and to clarify the chronology of sites. The investigations of cultural layer successions on these sites allows us to trace not only changes in the material culture of the ancient people, but also the environmental development during the period from the beginning of the eight (Boreal period) to the middle of the sixth millennium BC (Atlantic Period), and the way ancient people interacted the natural environment. The human groups occupied this area around 7800 cal BC. In the end of Boreal in beginning of Atlantic period the interruption of sedimentation occurred. The next stage of sedimentation was in the period of water level increasing. The climate became warmer. The large-leaved trees were spread. The early Neolithic people occupied the Karavakhka 4 site around 6300 cal BC. Probably, the favorable environment was the main factor that attracted the ancient people at this place of the lake. The wood fishing constructions belongs to this period. The birch fishing construction was used by climate change around 8,200 years ago. Relict submerged forest vegetation composition remains confirms that the natural conditions at the time of former Baltic coastal water basin were favorable to live and succeed in farming for Early Mesolithic Kunda culture (Pulli stage) and Maglemose cultural communities. The tested area was favorable place for human settlement which included coastal fauna, coastal migratory birds and marine resource, seals especially in the Late Pre-Boreal and Early Boreal. Yoldia Sea and Ancylus Lake shore zone examined small lake surroundings could have been settled by Mesolithic inhabitants. In the first case – Early Mesolithic Kunda culture (Pulli stage), and second – Maglemose settlers.

TH5-13 Abstract 02
Baltic Sea Lithuanian coastline changes in Mesolithic: landscape and peoples subsistence economy

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The submerged prehistory of the eastern Baltic has attracted great archaeological, geological, pollen, macrofossil, diatom, radiocarbon analysis the last years. The exploration was concated in order to localize the former Yoldia Sea and Ancylus Lake coasts, their seabed underwater landscape reconstruction (coastal vegetation, relics of composition, their age, pollen, diatom analysis) and their potential settlement development in Lithuanian waters. Studies in 2014-2015 revealed northern part of the Curonian plateau (underwater peninsula) sea bottom formation and cost lines in the 15-30 m depths. Yoldia Sea and Ancylus Lake shorelines were drawn. The site studies were compared with the data from the Samogitian Highland (West Lithuania) ongoing pollen, diatom and archaeological investigations, which showed that in the Mesolithic period of human living and farming conditions were different. Palaeoenvironmental situation plays a leading role in the reconstruction of the human settling during the Early Holocene in coastal and continental area of Lithuania. Relict submerged forest vegetation composition remains confirms that the natural conditions at the time of former Baltic coastal water basin were favorable to live and succeed in farming for Early Mesolithic Kunda (Pulli) and Maglemose cultural communities. The tested area was favorable place for human settlement which included coastal fauna, coastal migratory birds and marine resource, seals especially in the Late Pre-Boreal and Early Boreal. Yoldia Sea and Ancylus Lake shore zone examined small lake surroundings could have been settled by Mesolithic inhabitants. In the first case – Early Mesolithic Kunda culture (Pulli stage) and second – Maglemose settlers.

TH5-13 Abstract 03
Mediterranean foragers exploited cetacean strandings caused by climate change around 8,200 years ago

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Cetacean strandings occur globally along coastal regions for a wide range of causes. It has been hypothesized that climate-driven environmental changes associated with global warming may dramatically increase cetacean mortalities. However, the compounded effects of natural and anthropogenic factors often make it difficult to establish the cause of present-day strandings and mortalities. Here we show that environmental changes driven by the abrupt climatic event of 8,200 years ago are linked to increased cetacean strandings in the Mediterranean Sea. We found that, at this time, portions of many large carnivores of four Odontocetes (i.e. Globicephala melas, Grampus griseus, Delphinus delphis and probably Phasera macrocephalus) and one Mysticete (Balaenoptera sp.) were butchered by the hunter-gatherers occupying Grotta dell’Uzzo. Stable isotope analyses on bone collagen from a large sample of remains recovered at this cave in NW Sicily show that only a red fox and a human that lived around 8,200 years ago acquired at least 40% of their protein from cetacean meat. The fact that a fox fed on cetaceans, and the abundance of whaling technology, suggest that stranded animals were exploited. Numerous carcasses should have been available yearly for at least a decade for a human to obtain such high proportions of cetacean protein. Frequent strandings probably resulted from starvation-induced disorientation linked to the impacts on primary producers, and consumers up the food chain, of year-on-year decreases in sea surface temperatures and salinities around 8,200 years ago. We hypothesize that the cetaceans beaching at a local site south of Grotta dell’Uzzo, because, at lower sea levels, the SW corner of the Gulf of Castellammare was an acoustical ‘dead zone’, such as mass stranding hotspots worldwide. Our study confi rmsthat climate-driven environmental changes associated with global warming may represent a serious threat to cetaceans in the near future.

TH5-13 Abstract 04
Changes in seawater temperatures in northern Iberia during the Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene

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Changes in seawater temperatures in northern Iberia during the Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene
The Cantabrian region Northern Spain was an archaeologically important region throughout the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic, presenting a crucial time in human evolution. It has been claimed that Neanderthals exploited species for food that are often associated with warmer, more forested environments. Meanwhile, AMH apparently exploited a more diverse array of species, however, most of these are associated with more open, cooler habitats. These observed differences in resource exploitation by the different hominins have undergone little statistical testing, thus the aim of this paper is to test if these observations remain probable after statistical testing and interpret the data in more detail, as was previously impossible.

We conducted statistical analyses on a database that consists of radiocarbon dates from over 400 archaeological sites and associated faunal assemblages, with a geographical range of Europe limited to the East by the Urals and Caucasus and a temporal extent of over 10 ka BP. The faunal part of the database comprises of mammals that are of medium to large size. The multivariate analyses are run on different aspects of the fauna; the herbivore, omnivore and the carnivore guild are tested separately and together. The temporal component, which reflects the palaeoenvironmental and palaeoclimatic changes, is taken into account by running the analyses over meaningful time-intervals. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is used to study the differences in resource exploitation between Neanderthals and AMH. Improvements in radiocarbon dating allow us to track changes in diet through time and space for both Neanderthals and AMH. We used Cluster Analysis (CA) in a GIS setting, showing that sites cluster according to similar species composition through time and space.

The PCA confirms that Neanderthals are indeed more closely associated with species living in forested environments and AMH are more closely associated with species living in open environments. The geographical application of CA shows that there are geographical changes through time and space in species composition of archaeological sites, and this suggests that both Neanderthals and AMH have changed their diets through time and space. These analyses increase our understanding of the hominins adapting to changing climates and the results may be used in modelling the demise of Neanderthal populations.

Neanderthal extinction has been approached from many perspectives in recent years, one of which is the difference in diet between Neanderthals and Anatomically Modern Humans (AMH). Difference in diet between the species may have influenced their ability to respond to climate change, i.e. the ability of AMH to diversify food resources has been suggested to have been advantageous and responsible for increases in population density. Both Neanderthal and AMH relied heavily on meat resources as proven by both zooarchaeological studies and stable isotope studies.

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Science and multidisciplinarity in archaeology

The Cantabrian region Northern Spain was an archaeologically important region throughout the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic, and was home to some of the last surviving Neanderthals in Europe, and during the Last Glacial Maximum the region acted as a refuge for plants, animals and humans. Changes in the environment are thought to have been driving factors behind the extinction of the Neanderthals, the rise of Anatomically Modern Humans (AMHs), and later the development of the rich cave art assemblages. Carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis of hunted animal bone collagen from Palaeolithic levels of archaeological sites can be used to understand past environments at this time. Changes in the environment including factors such as temperature, aridity produce different isotopic signatures within plants, and the animals that consume them, and analysis of these specimens on a large scale. This research uses large scale isotopic analysis of animal bones, before making comparisons to existing zooarchaeological assemblages, to characterise how the environment changed, and human responses to these environmental changes throughout the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic in this archaeologically important region, at this crucial time in human evolution.

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with strontium isotope analysis) is commonly used to infer childhood geographical origin. However, given that dental tissues form incrementally, and only capture isotopic inputs from a fixed period (i.e., during their formation), their analysis only offers short-term information. Analysis of faunal stable isotope values from these geographically distinct sites constitute the first step in addressing questions of how different environments shape the development, spread, and ultimate divergence of different animal husbandry strategies. The domestic chicken presents an interesting case study. Introduced into Europe during the Iron Age as a non-native exotic bird, its spread is recorded in archaeological faunal remains and also in bone collagen ($^{18}$O), and also in bone collagen ($^{18}$O), tooth carbonate ($^{18}$O) representing both rural and urban populations. Oxygen isotope values were determined in bone and tooth phosphate ($^{18}$O), tooth carbonate ($^{18}$O), and also in bone collagen ($^{18}$O). Isotope analyses were combined with FTIR in order to provide additional insights into sample integrity. The implications of this research for the planning of future archaeological isotope investigations and sampling strategies will be explored.

Stable Isotope Markers of Herd Management in Prehistoric Croatia

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We use stable carbon, nitrogen, and sulphur isotope values as proxies of diet and local environment to highlight differences in herd management and practices between domesticated species in prehistoric Croatia. Bone samples from known domesticated (sheep, goat, cow, and pig) and wild species (deer and wild boar) are taken from sites from two distinct Croatian landscapes: central Dalmatia and Lika. Sampled Dalmatian sites are all Neolithic coastal open-air villages with evidence of a heavy reliance on domesticated species and possible seasonal transhumance routes between valleys and the nearby Dinaric Alps. Iron Age settlements in Lika, in contrast, are located on rugged karstic terrain and ringed by mountains that made movement of livestock to the sea unlikely. We expect stable isotope values to reflect differences in management strategies (e.g., transhumance vs. local grazing), and explore the use of sulphur as a tool both for more fine-grained dietary analyses and an environmental indicator. Analysis of faunal stable isotopic values from these geographically distinct sites constitute the first step in addressing questions of how different environments shape the development, spread, and ultimate divergence of different animal husbandry strategies.

TH5-13 Abstract 10
Changing cultures, changing environments

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Climate and environment are critical factors for the survival of every living species. Animals and plants are not only conditioned by, but also change their environments. The interaction between different species and their environments changes over time and as such can be very informative, but identifying this complex relationship in the archaeological record is challenging. The domestic chicken presents an interesting case study. Introduced into Europe during the Iron Age as a non-native species, its novel presence necessarily alters its ecosystem, both in terms of inter-species relationships and on account of humans altering the local environment to accommodate this newly-domesticated exotic bird. Application of ecological community models to archaeological faunal data forms the basis of a macro-scale approach to explore the complex network of interactions that determined past ecosystems. Europe-wide comparison of faunal and floral evidence at site level from the period prior to the introduction of the chicken up until the end of the Roman Empire enables us to better understand how change in culture and attitudes over time have been influenced by, and shaped, the environment within which these communities existed.

TH5-13 Abstract 11
Revisiting the impacts of coastal sand movement in prehistoric Scottish Islands

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Islands and their coastlines have long been important landscapes for settlement, resource procurement and structuring social interaction. Such environments have also proven fruitful in exploring environmental change and its impacts on human activity. Coastlines are by their nature dynamic and locally-variable. Manifestations of environmental change such as flooding, erosion and sand movement can have immediate and visible impacts on coastal activities and geomorphology. Historical sources provide a detailed view of environmental deterioration and its far-reaching effects on coastal populations throughout Britain, particularly during the Little Ice Age. One notable impact is that of coastal sand movement and inundation, leading to the marginalisation and abandonment of agricultural land in response.

The presence of blown sand horizons at coastal archaeological sites attests to similar movements in the prehistoric period across northwest Europe. However, the nature of impact and response in the prehistoric record is less clear, with environmental proxies often proving ill-defined. Prehistoric archaeologists face the challenge of reconciling temporal scales provided by the environmental sciences with scales that are archaeologically-meaningful to explore similar human-environment relationships at deeper timescales. This paper will introduce a doctoral research project which aims to catalogue and characterise episodes of coastal sand movement in the prehistoric period using the Northern and Western Isles of Scotland as a case region. A mixed-methods approach has been taken to this research, combining archaeological evidence with geoarchaeology and historical analogy. The project also utilises geophysical survey and luminescence dating to investigate the nature, source and chronology of sand movement on archaeological sites and landscapes. This will then be placed within the wider socio-cultural context of a region where suggested ‘buffering’ responses such as mobility and diversification can be reviewed. Selected multi-period sites in Orkney and the Outer Hebrides are being used to explore the ways in which this complex archaeological and environmental record can be approached.

TH5-13 Abstract 12
Anthropogenic impact on the changes in landscape in the tract “Adzhieel” in the Eastern Crimea

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The connection between location of ancient settlements with the conditions of the environment and agricultural potential is obvious. It is equally obvious, the dependence of the choice of location for the settlement with the landscape. In this connection, great interest is the analysis of the historical situation in a particular area in the presence on it of one or more dominant objects of human impact on the environment. In our case, that is the territory of the tract Adzhieel. The tract occupies part of the territory of the Eastern Crimea adjacent to the Sea of Azov, is located 45 kilometers west of the eastern point of Crimea, and covers an area of about 40 km. The name of this area connected with Adzhieel guch, located here. As a result of studies of the XX century, there are discovered many barrows and more than a dozen ancient archaeological sites of other types. For detection the relationship the provisions of the identified objects of natural-geographical and landscape features of the tract, GIS has been prepared, including layers, describing the soil, properties, topography and hydrology of the area. On a large part of Tracts Adzhieel, with modern agriculture field, there are no traces of settlement structures, that says, that in ancient times these territories were not built up, but could also been used for agriculture. Settlement structures are located primarily along the boundaries of the modern fields, in areas with less fertile soils. The territories occupied by modern fields as underlying paleo-landscape in the middle and lower Pliocene rocks - sand, clay, iron ore, shelly limestone; rocks of Meotis tier of Upper Miocene - shelly limestone, Ectropocra reefs, clay. Quaternary rocks represented by aeolian-talus deposits, with material composition - loess-like loam and loess. Soils, occupying a significant part of Tracts - southern micelic carbonate brown earth, are one of the most fertile soil types on the Kerch Peninsula. There is a spatial matching soil types and underlying pre-Quaternary rocks, which in turn is likely to determine the features of talus formations of the Quaternary period, directly acting as a soil-forming grounds. Erosion, complications about the possible nature of the tract in antiquity, based on the absence of archaeological material in the territory of modern fields correspond to the conclusions made based on the analysis of geological and soil conditions of the area - the types of soil in the tract Adzhieel determined by soil-forming rocks, and are not associated with anthropogenic or other influences, and it can be assumed that in ancient times they were the same, i.e., highly suitable for agriculture.
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Geomorphic and early Neolithic migration routes into the Transylvanian Depression

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In this paper we discuss the geomorphological conditioning of the migration routes of the early Neolithic communities into the Transylvanian Depression (Carpathian Mts., East Central Europe), as reflected by the spatial and temporal distribution of the Starčevo – Criş archaeological sites in the western part of Romania. The inventoried archaeological sites are located along rivers, preferentially positioned in the floodplain and low fluvial terraces; between 70 – 450 m asl, with few sites at higher elevations along rivers in the mountainous areas. The main access route across the Carpathian Mts was eastward from the Pannonian Basin along the Mureş River. During Starčevo – Cris III, the communities were present only in the western part of the Transylvanian Depression, at the edge of the Apuseni Mountains. They have split along the main river and some small tributaries, and moved to the north, along Someşul Mic River and its right side tributaries. Starting with Starčevo – Cris III, the number of the early Neolithic communities has increased, mainly along Mureş River and its main tributaries (Târnava Mică, Târnava Mare, Argeş), associated with a slow eastward movement. A secondary eastward route was along the low alluvial plains (known as The Western Romanian Plain) of Mureş, Criş and Someş Rivers. Here too, the peoples moved from the area of Mureş alluvial plain to the NE. They arrived in the perimeter of the Someş alluvial plain only during Starčevo – Criş III and IV. From there, further to the east, neolithic sites are generally absent along the main (1.5 km wide) floodplains but present in the valley area (crossed but smaller and narrower valleys), suggesting a possible geomorphologic control on the spreading routes. The third route was along Olt River and seems to have occurred only during Starčevo – Criş III and IV. These communities moved to the east, along the main river and occupied Brâgove Depression and other small scale intramountain basins, at the eastern edge of the Transylvanian Basin. However, it is controversial whether Neolithic populations have crossed the Carpathians south to north to reach this route, or have spread eastwards, branching off route I above. Based on these observations, the authors discuss the natural condition in some specific case studies, in order to offer answers to some key questions: (1) Why Someaul Mare – Someul Valleys seems to had been avoided by the early Neolithic communities? (2) Were the Carpathians crossed only along the Mures river, west to east, or did Neolithic populations used two routes, the second along the Olt River, south to north? (3) Are there preferential routes in the western alluvial plains, being known the complex fluvial relief in the area (abandoned palaeomeanders, extended wet zones, isolated fluvial relicts, low fluvial terraces)?

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North Atlantic and Labrador seasonal climate: isotopic evidence from micromilled bivalves and wood

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High-resolution records are exceptionally important for reconstruction of past environmental and climatic conditions. Micromills are particularly important devices because they obtain discrete samples at high temporal resolutions, thus allowing for reconstructions of intra-annual environmental and climate variability. Seasonality of temperature and precipitation are one of the most significant parameters of climate that directly influences terrestrial and marine environments. Here, we present sub-seasonal climate data obtained using our custom-designed robotic micromilling device from bivalve shells retrieved from a North Atlantic core near Iceland and a wood disc from a white spruce tree collected near the tree line in coastal Labrador.

We provide the first whole Holocene temperature record of seasonality for the North Atlantic, a climatically important region with significant transregional effects. Thirty-five well-preserved aragonitic bivalves were extracted from a marine piston core from NW Iceland and sequentially micromilled concordant with growth banding. Carbonate aliquots were subsequently analyzed for δ18O(CaCO3) values to obtain snapshots of ambient seawater temperatures at a sub-monthly resolution. Our data suggest that the Early Holocene (10,650 to 7,600 cal yr BP) exhibited the most persistently warm summers, with maximum summer temperatures ~2°C higher, and with greater seasonality than during the subsequent cooler Neoglacial Period (7,000 to 4,750 cal yr BP). The Neoglacial Period was a relatively stable cold period, with the lowest summer maximum temperatures, as well as the lowest seasonality during the Holocene. Sporadic warm periods and increased seasonality are observed in the record after 4,500 cal yr BP, when maximum summer temperatures reached between ~7 and 9.5°C. The highest reconstructed temperatures of the entire record occurred during the Roman Warm Period at ~2,200 cal yr BP.

Three centuries of subannual/annual climate data were retrieved from the δ18O and δ13C values of tree-ring cellulose in the temperature-sensitive region of central-coastal Labrador, Canada. A large cookie of a white spruce (Picea glauca) tree was micromilled to retrieve multiple samples per year and/or early and late wood that were subsequently analyzed for δ18O cellulose and δ13C cellulose values. The coastal Labrador region is a climatically dynamic region that is influenced by ocean-atmosphere interactions and thus has excellent potential for studying both, terrestrial and marine climate variability. We found a good agreement between reconstructed mean-annual temperatures and major climatic trends and events, including midHolocene warm and cold climate episodes, historical meteorological measurements collected by the Moravian missionaries, modern mean-annual temperatures and salinity anomalies in the NW North Atlantic Ocean, as well as cooling trends induced by major volcanic eruptions such as Lakiaggar in 1783-84, Tambora in 1815, and Krakatoa in 1883. Persistent cold intervals are found from 1790 to 1810, 1875 to 1895, and 1950 to 1970, while the warmest intervals are found during the mid-18th and 19th centuries.

Moreover, continuous transform wavelet analysis was used to analyze δ18O cellulose and δ13C cellulose periodicities and suggest that their interannual and multi-decadal periodicities are similar to those of the NAO.
TH5-14 Abstract 01
Towards a global history of human land use over the Holocene
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This paper outlines the aims of the PAGES-funded Landcover6k project (http://www.pages-isdp.org/en/reg/landcover6k/intr0), an international and interdisciplinary working group dedicated to reconstructing global Holocene land use and land cover. The goal of the project is to provide relevant, empirical data on global past anthropogenic land-cover and land-use change to climate modellers. The LandCover6k working group infers land-use data from fossil pollen records (lake sediments and peat deposits), and uses a combination of archaeological and archaeological records (including pollen, wood and plant micro-macromains). We focus on regions of the world where humans have had a significant impact on land cover during the last 6000 years (6k calendar years in some regions earlier than 6k ago) through deforestation and diverse agricultural practices.

We outline why land-use change is important for understanding climate forcing and why its effects on climate remain poorly understood. Among the effects of land-cover change over the last 6000 years is the biogeochemical cycle. In particular, the influence on the exchange of CO2 between the land surface and the atmosphere. The biogeochemical effects are less well understood. Moreover, the net effects of both biogeochemical and biophenological processes due to land-use change are still a matter of debate. The pollen-based reconstructions of past land use are consistent with the modelling approaches, with mapping of pollen inferred land-cover change using spatial statistics. Historical and archaeological data are upscaled and summarized on maps of major land-use categories, linked to quantitative attributes. The results of both activities will then be used to revise existing Anthropic Land-Cover Change (ALCC) scenarios, which presently use models to construct human impacts (e.g. Kaplan et al 2009; Klein Goldewijk et al 2011).

Our major focus is on the reconstruction of land-use history; the goal is to ensure that interpretations are archaeologically robust, well-informed by current understandings of land use history and useful to the archaeological community, as well as the modeling community. We present initial results from our land categorization work and consider some of the challenges and opportunities associated with these efforts. These include some of the assumptions around the nature of hunter-gatherer human impacts, early farming and ongoing land use activities and the role of Europe in the world, than the reality of human impacts, agricultural and pastoral activities in other continents. We hope the project will facilitate a more realistic understanding of the contribution of human land use across space and time and offer the opportunity for the archaeological community to contribute towards globally important issues.

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TH5-14 Abstract 02
Land Use 6k: A First Assessment of South Asia
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This paper will review the current state of archaeological evidence for human land use in South Asia in the middle to late Holocene. The review forms part of a larger effort of the PAGES-supported Landcover6k and LandUse6k project (http://landuse.uchicago.edu/about/) to reconstruct global land use and land cover datasets for the purpose of improving models of anthropogenic land cover change being used by climate scientists. Here we will present archaeological and paleoecological data from different regions of modern day India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh in an effort to identify significant changes in agricultural, pastoral, hunting and foraging land use and anthropogenic land cover changes between ca. 6000 BP and 3000 BP. As we will detail, during this period there was an intensification and expansion of agricultural and pastoral land use across many regions of South Asia that significantly affected land cover and other environmental conditions.

TH5-14 Abstract 03
Long-term Patterns of Human Land Use in the Temperate Woodlands of Northeastern Mississippi, U.S.A.
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Decades of archaeological survey and excavation in the upper Tombigbee River drainage of Mississippi, southeastern U.S.A., have produced a large body of data related to demographic, settlement, and subsistence patterns over the course of the Holocene. Using ceramic distributions and radiocarbon dating results, we chart fluctuations over time in human population densities and the exploitation of a range of resources. Marked changes in human landscape use are seen to have occurred during 1) the mid-Holocene, when climate change led to fluctuating environmental conditions; 2) the 500 B.C.E. – 1000 C.E., when human population growth related to the advent of sedentariness led to increasing hunter-gatherer pressure on local-scale environments; and 3) the adoption of agriculture at ca. 1000 CE, which was selected for in the face of such pressures. We also discuss the different roles that construction of monumental architecture may have played across the changing selective environment over the last 10,000 years in the study area.

TH5-14 Abstract 04
North American Land Use from 6K Onward: A First Look
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Using seriations of ceramics and hafted bifaces and absolute dating results, we chart fluctuations over time in human population densities and the exploitation of a range of resources. Marked changes in human landscape use are seen to have occurred during 1) the mid-Holocene, when climate change led to fluctuating environmental conditions; 2) the 500 B.C.E. – 1000 C.E., when human population growth related to the advent of sedentariness led to increasing hunter-gatherer pressure on local-scale environments; and 3) the adoption of agriculture at ca. 1000 CE, which was selected for in the face of such pressures. We also discuss the different roles that construction of monumental architecture may have played across the changing selective environment over the last 10,000 years in the study area.
Integrating syntheses of land use by archaeologists, historians, and historical geographers, we present a preliminary meta-analysis of land use, including different modes of land use - foraging, agriculture, pastoralism, and urbanism - by indigenous and European colonizers of North America, the Great Plains of North America, and Middle America, including Mexico. We focus on specific time periods within the Middle and Late Holocene, as land use rapidly transformed from generalized foraging, to specialized foraging, to intensively managed commodification (including forms of pastoralism) and later agriculture, with urban centers appearing by 1000 AD in various parts of North America. We conclude with the historic era, 1850 CE, by which time agriculture and other land use practices were industrialized. Land use characteristics such as these are the foundation for the construction of higher fidelity models of recent climate change. This effort contributes to understanding the connections with the environment are strengthened, a vital thing for an efficient exploitation of local potential.

The presence of the first tell settlements in the southeastern Romania and their development between 4700-3500 BC allowed some observation about animal paleoeconomy evolution over several cultural sequences (Boian, Gümehnila, Sâlcuța and Cernaivola I). Thus, the existences of numerous tell settlements with a complex stratigraphic and chronocultural sequences attested (e.g. Harsova, Vaducaia, Caciocarole, Vitănești, Dragomirescu OI, Gümehnila) gave us the opportunity to record some changes in the livestock and hunting activities. Regarding the livestock activity, cattle and sheep/goat which prevail, shows highly significant variations from one phase to another. The slaughtering curve study shows that the cattle are grown for milk while sheep/goat is bred for meat. In this manner, the different species of animals involved in the Eneolithic period in Romania are highly dynamic and associated with several factors. Thus, the connections with the environment are strengthened, a vital thing for an efficient exploitation of local potential.

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TH5-14 Abstract 07

Middle Neolithic transformations of food economy in the upper Vistula basin (SE Poland)

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In the first half of the fourth millennium BC, in the upper Vistula basin, from the perspective of the past material culture, the last units of the Long-Range-Police Complex (included to the so-called Danubian Neolithisation) disappeared. In that period a new archaeological phenomenon appeared and was gradually spreading; it was the south-eastern group of the Funnel Beaker Culture (SE TRB). In central-European prehistory, significant changes in systems of Neolithic food economy and settlement have been associated with this culture. In the most complete and systematic way they were modelled by J. Kruc, in the 1970s and 1980s. These transformations would consist of overcoming of ecological and topographical constraints (barriers), characteristic of Danubian Neolithisation, and including into the Neolithisation oecumenes virtually all landscapes of a given territory (“second stage of Neolithisation”), i.e. western part of Lower Poland in our case. These processes would involve a much more widespread use of fire as a basic agrotechnological tool and the formation of a shifting, slash-and-burn mode of cultivation. The long-term functioning of such a system would lead to the appearance of large, deforested areas (grasslands and parklands) of anthropogenic origin, in the second half of the fourth millennium BC. The main aim of the presentation will be to evaluate that model, with the use of new archaeological, paleoecological and paleoenvironmental data, obtained i.a. in the settlement of the TRB at Mozgawa (the Prliczów district). In the view of these data, it seems that the aforesaid model can be applied only to certain areas of the upper Vistula basin, mainly lowlands. Economy and settlement of Neolithic groups living in the fourth millennium BC in other ecological and physiographic regions, not associated with broad-spaced, extensive human interference in the environment.

Consequently, the presentation will also be an attempt at explaining and understanding the causes of this variability.

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TH5-14 Abstract 06

Animal subsistence in the Eneolithic period from South-East Romania

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Animal subsistence in the Eneolithic period from South-East Romania - Oral

TH5-14 Abstract 05

Intensity of human impact inferred from pollen and-cover reconstruction and archaeological models

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Recent global change accelerates the need for understanding of human-climate relationship and for quantification of anthropogenic climate change in the past. We inferred human impact both from the pollen-based land-cover reconstruction and from archaeological data. We present a current state of the research concerning this cross validation for the Holocene period in the selected regions of the Czech Republic.

We used pollen data from the PALYVČ database (http://botany.natur.cuni.cz/palycz) and recalculated them by the REVEALS model into vegetation estimates. The algorithm considers pollen productivity, pollen dispersal and deposition, when interpreting fossil pollen assemblages. The setting of model parameters was adopted from the previous testing, in which the model was adjusted to the recent vegetation in the same regions. Actual regional vegetation (60 km radius) was obtained by combining the CORINE Land Cover map with forest inventories, agricultural statistics and habitat mapping data. Among the vegetation estimates of different taxa, Cerealia is ca. 10 times higher than the prediction of the archaeological model. We interpret the mismatch by providing sources of possible biases.

REVEALS model assumes that pollen record originates from one large site or several small sites in the even vegetation mosaic, but vegetation in our study area is distributed very unevenly, i.e. sites in the region with the highest signal of cereal isostones are 15 km apart from each other and the semi radius of the region could be smaller than 60 km. We calibrated pollen productivity in the recent landscape, where autologous Trifolium prevails, however pollen productivity of prehistoric cereal species could vary in the time. Moreover, large grains of wild grasses (Glycine maxima) could be often misclassified as cereals.

Miscalculation of human influence on vegetation derived from archaeological data; existing estimates based mostly on assessed past population densities are still very problematic. Although we do not know what is the contribution of each bias, we critically evaluate widely used REVEALS model and significantly contribute to the understanding of human land use history in Czech Republic.

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TH5-14 Abstract 08

High resolution record of land use, vegetation and erosion history from Lake Skogstjern

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High resolution record of land use, vegetation and erosion history from Lake Skogstjern - Oral

TH5-14 Abstract 04

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TH5-14 Abstract 03

Complex (included to the so-called Danubian Neolithic) disappeared. In that period a new archaeological...
In connection with two rescue excavation projects in Southeastern Norway, the Vestfoldbaneprosjektet and the project E18-Rugtvedt-Dal, a cooperation between the Museum for Cultural History, University of Oslo, and the Graduate School “Human Development and Prehistory” at Kiel University was established, to extract and analyse a core from Lake Skogstjern, Bamble, Telemark. The aim was to supplement archaeological excavation results, mainly traces of coastal settlement dating to the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods, with knowledge on vegetation history. From the comparison of archaeological and archaeological-technological questions of human impacts on the vegetation during the Mesolithic as well as the process of neolithisation, with the introduction of agricultural practices and animal husbandry in Southeastern Norway, can be discussed. While the latter contributes with important data to an ongoing discussion, the former is a new field of research.

The coring site Lake Skogstjern provides pollen analytical investigations with a high temporal resolution of 12 to 38 yr/cm, showing a detailed picture of landscape development in a long-term perspective. Complementary techniques of non-pollen palynomorphs- and microscopic charcoal analysis as well as loss-on-ignition and determination of geochemical element distribution were also employed on its sediments, allowing the consideration of the palaeoecological interactions, climate, and human influence for more than 10500 years. Lake Skogstjern has, due to its rather small size, an extra-local signature.

The pollenanalytical data shows that first evidence of human activity emerges already during the Mesolithic, reflecting small-scale openings of the forests by the assistance of fire. First traces of agriculture occur during the Early Neolithic. Those are, however, signs of rather small scale ‘cereal cultivation’ and of only limited animal husbandry. During the following periods, there are again and again traces of agriculture, nevertheless, human impact remains on a more or less low-level and does not generate any significant palaeoenvironmental changes. The palaeoecological record evidences some intensification in animal husbandry only during the second half of the Bronze Age, involving slightly higher degree in landscape openness and the utilization of wet meadows for grazing purposes. Crop cultivation, however, plays a minor role even up to the pre-Roman Iron Age.

According to the pollenanalytical data the establishment of a full farming community is taking place exclusively in the centuries AD, characterized by a general expansion and intensification of the land-use as verified by extensive forest clearances and fires, crop cultivation on permanent fields and the presence of open pastures as well as associated therewith advanced soil degeneration and increased erosion rates. These results both support as well as challenge the archaeological discussion on the relationship of humans and surroundings and from a mobile to a sedentary way of life.
The main focus of this presentation will be the carpological data available for northwest Iberia, including unpublished material. Carpo-botanical data from late prehistoric and protohistoric sites allowed the identification of key-moments in agricultural history, the introduction of some crops and the development of new social-ecological systems. These key-moments include the Middle/Late Bronze Age (c. 1800 – 700/600 BC) and the Iron Age (700/600 BC to the 1st century BC) and correspond to significant changes in Human societies as suggested by data regarding the evolution of settlement, technology and demography, among other features.

Developments in storage facilities are also recorded. Especially, underground storage (pits), that proved to be an important strategy for long-term preservation. Moreover, the palaeoenvironmental records suggest significant changes on several levels such as the development of new crop covers. Increasing erosion events occur as the result of anthropogenic deforestation to obtain farmland and pasture. Besides their clear differences, these two important moments revealed important economic and social changes.

Human communities became sedentary and a process of territorialization took place, enhancing the connection between settlements in Northwest Iberia, a region where good agricultural soils are not abundant.

In the first moment (Middle/Late Bronze Age), the oldest evidence of millet, (Panicum miliaceum), a crop, suggests changes in agricultural practices and territorial strategies. During the Iron Age, an agricultural system based on a diversity of crops, namely different varieties of wheat, existed. In particular, hulled wheats (Triticum dicoccum and Triticum spelta) which were good choices for undemanding and erosive soils.

These different environmental and archaeological records will be presented in order to address the main changes in land cover and land use, namely their relation with the evolution of agricultural strategies and social-ecological systems in Northwest Iberia.
activity derived from palaeoenvironmental records. The study opens up new perspectives on this critical period in Irish prehistory and also illustrates the methodological and theoretical challenges of interpreting archaeological and palaeoenvironmental data.

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TH5-14 Abstract 16

Land use and vegetal biodiversity in the Iron Age landscape of Brittany (France)

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Biodiversity has been a popular research topic in the last decades. With the rapid current loss of biodiversity, estimated at about 5% per decade, it is easy to understand why. Palaeo-ecological research can provide insights into the relations between past vegetal biodiversity and environmental change. Climate changes and human activities are generally accepted to be the prime drivers behind these processes. Nevertheless, detailed analyses of the correlation between past human agency and vegetal biodiversity in Northwest Europe are still quite rare. In this paper we aim to reconstruct and explain spatio-temporal trends in past vegetal biodiversity by integrating data on vegetation dynamics, human subsistence economy and land use patterns. The landscape of Brittany (North-Western France) during the Second Iron Age (450-50 BC) is selected as a case study. Compared to many other parts of Northwest Europe, Brittany is rich in high-resolution palaeobotanical data. These allow for the reconstruction of the main long-term trends in vegetal biodiversity, and more generally of the changing fabric of the Breton landscape. At the same time, increasingly detailed images of the Iron Age rural landscape of Gaul start to emerge due to a steep increase in archaeological data (aerial photography, surveys, programmed and development-led excavations).

On the eve of the Roman conquest, the landscape of Brittany was dotted with numerous farmsteads and had a ‘mosaic’ vegetation structure. In this paper we wish to integrate these different types of data and assess how the results contribute to wider discussions on the link between human behaviour and biodiversity.

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TH5-14 Abstract 17

Invisible Prehistoric sites: development of land use by Eurasian nomadic population

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A new methodological approach used to detect seasonal campsites occupied by Bronze and Early Iron Age pastoralists living in the desert and steppe areas in the South-East of the Russian Plain helped identify different subsistence and economic activities. Comprehensive studies of two types of the sites by employing the methods of archaeology, soil studies, geography, geomorphology, pedology, palaeohydrology, and palaeobotany provided an opportunity to obtain conceptually new data on the location and operation pattern of winter and summer pastures and camps themselves.

To identify temporary camps, it is important to identify those land areas located in proximity to the camps where grazing was the most suitable at certain times of the year, taking into account natural features. For the winter season it has been demonstrated that deeply cut gullies with rather steep slopes facing south, south-west and south-east are most suitable for winter grazing, determining the existence of temporary winter camps in such areas.

The arrangement of summer temporary camps demonstrates a reverse pattern. It is assumed that summer camps and pastures were located near streams on open wind swept watershed sections rather than near subordinate features of the relief. Such camps can be discovered only if the soil was overlaid by natural deposits, which may occur on sections with sand.

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TH5-14 Abstract 18

Hunter-gatherer exploitation of biodiverse Kwongan heathland in Holocene southwestern Australia

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The Kwongan sandplains of southwestern Australia are a global biodiversity hotspot, characterised by diverse, fire-sensitive heathland vegetation and niche-restricted mammalian fauna. Archaeological evidence indicates that Aboriginal peoples exploited littoral resources along the region’s coastal fringe during the mid- to late Holocene, but use of the biodiverse Kwongan heathland landscapes is poorly understood.

In this paper, we explore the archaeological and palaeoecological evidence for human land use and terrestrial resource exploitation in the northern section of the Kwongan sandplains. We compare the palaeoecological evidence provided by the small mammal faunal record from two cave sites with the regional archaeological evidence for human occupation and subsistence during the mid- to late-Holocene, and explore the connections between human activity, environmental change, and ecological composition through time. This study indicates that while littoral resource exploitation may have been a minor feature of human occupation of the region, particularly after sea levels stabilised in the mid-Holocene, terrestrial and lacustrine resources played an important role in regional subsistence and land use.

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TH5-14 Abstract 19

Palynological fingerprint of demographic changes during the Migration Period in northern Poland

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Pollen analysis is a method frequently used in studies on environmental changes provided by past human activity. Pollen data help to assess dynamics of settlement and provide evidences on some aspects of the economy based on natural resources. In our study we gathered the palynological arguments to reconstruct the timing and dynamics of settlement activity during the first millennium AD in northern Poland. The reported period, was a time of considerable demographic, cultural and economic changes which left distinct signatures on the natural environment. In northern Poland, these processes were regionally differentiated because of variation in timing and scale of anthropogenic pressure and due to variation in some natural factors. The main subjects of our lecture are: pollen based reconstruction of settlement dynamics changes in both time and space in northern Poland; - an assessment of the scale of changes in forest cover in the period of interest; providing new data for the discussion on the potential persistence of small-scale agricultural activity in the regions of general economic decline during the Migration Period. The results summarizing the pollen data from a number of sites from northern Poland indicate that in the Roman Iron Age the scale of human impact on the forest cover in the most western part of the region was much lower than in the central and eastern parts of the area. The demographic crisis in the Migration Period resulted in a large-scale regional reforestation of the whole area but the scale and duration of reduced settlement activity was different. In this respect the pollen data conform well with the archaeological information. The woodland expansion concerned different dominant tree taxa in the western, central and eastern parts of the area. The new deforestation phase connected with the early medieval took place in different centuries and varied as concerns intensity of the land use.

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Multiprediction analysis of colluvial fan deposits: approach to reconstructing the land use history

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We've hypothesized that such disturbances as forest clearing, burning, ploughing, grazing, and trampling on small watersheds in the forest-steppe transition zone can lead to a rapid and substantial increase in the surface run-off, mass transfer, and accumulation of colluvium in closed depressions and gulles within the catchment areas. Depopulation of the catchment area would, in turn, cause the surface stabilization and either grassland or forest soil formation. The combination of pedological, ichnological, palinological, and archaeological studies was utilized to reconstruct the history of human occupation of 6 small watersheds on the East European Plain.

The sites with a good archaeological record were used to form "training sets" for our study. From 4 to 8 cycles of erosion and accumulation occurred in our study sites during the holocene. Each cycle began with fires, leading to the increase in run-off and accumulation of colluvial fan deposits, and ended with the stabilization of the surface as grassland or forest was reestablished and an immature soil was formed. The cycles were correlated with the periods of human occupation of the catchment area known from the archaeological surveys and radiocarbon dated using the soil charcoal.

Sand and gravel size fractions of soils and colluvial deposits contained charcoal of trees and shrubs, herbaceous char, charred seeds and bone fragments, heated mineral aggregates, and insect and animal feces. Eight type assemblages were described in association with various types of forest fires, swidden cultivation, permanent fields, woodland pastures, and open (frequently burned) pastures. Some criteria were proposed to discern the utilization of gullies as roads and drowneys. The assemblages were compared with the pollen spectra from the same samples and trace fossils from the same soil horizons/ depositional layers to define a multi-proxy signature of each land use type. Only a few of the multiple fire occurrences could be attributed to the natural forest fires, the others were associated with the land use practices. According to the radiocarbon dating of charcoal from the type assemblages, a combination of fire and grazing has triggered wide deforestation of potentially forested areas within the forest-steppe zone during the warm climatic phase of the middle Holocene (IV to III millennia BC, the Chalcolithic/Bronze Age). Small-scale deforestation associated with the swidden cultivation is dated here by VII-XII cent AD. Frequent burning of potentially forested areas as means of maintaining grazing grounds did not begin until X–XII cent AD. The widespread advance of pine in the Late Medieval time could be a direct result of the co-action of herbivory and linear erosion due to overgrazing. Signs of long-term cultivation (plough fields) appear in various regions of the forest-steppe in VII-X cent AD. Both the Medieval Warming and growing networks of open fields contributed to the large-scale deforestation of the forest-steppe in X-XII cent AD. That entails a considerable expansion of home ranges of burrowing rodents, typical steppe inhabitants.

The results can be applied to reconstruct the land use history in areas with poor archaeological data, and determine when certain land use practices came in use.

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Investigation of soils from archaeological monuments using biological methods
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During thousand years of history of agriculture the total area of settlements and arable land reached a very significant scale. Due to the different systems of the people’s settlement in ancient and medieval times, it can be assumed that large areas of land in a particular moment of history had different forms of anthropogenic influence, traces of which are not currently recorded at the morphological level. It is assumed that the ancient evidence of human impact on the landscape would remain at the level of the soil biota, the most sensitive and mobile soil component. The aim of this work was to identify the soils which had anthropogenic impact in different historical periods, as well as reference sites, where soil developed without human intervention. The reconstruction of some aspects of agriculture in the territory of the ancient city Bolgar (XXV centuries, Tatarstan, Russian Federation) has been carried out based on the basis of archaeological, microbiological and biochemical data and has been obtained new data about anthropogenic impact.

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**TH5-15 Abstract 01**

**Extending the human provenancing repertoire: Neodymium isotopes**

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Recent developments in mass spectrometry have made it possible to explore the potential of new isotope systems for the provenancing of humans, complementing the existing systems: strontium (Sr), oxygen (O), hydrogen (H) and lead (Pb). The addition of another isotope system to the isotopic human provenance repertoire can potentially provide us with more specific information on the region of origin and thus address some of the limitations that are still associated with the now commonly used isotopic techniques. This study reports on the viability of using neodymium isotopes (143Nd/144Nd) as a candidate to track the origins of humans. Due to the isotopic variations in the crust the samarium-neodymium isotope decay system has previously successfully been applied to identify the production centres of glass artefacts, usually in combination with oxygen or strontium isotope ratios. The tendency of the human body to bio-purify non-essential elements means that REE concentrations are low in human teeth (Nd <0.1 ppm), such that previously Nd isotope analysis was not possible. We report the optimisation of chromatographic methods to separate Nd from bioapatite. Sub-nanogram amounts of neodymium were analysed using a latest generation thermal ionization mass spectrometer (TRITON-Plus) equipped with 1013 resistors at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. This study presents the neodymium concentration and composition results of third molars from modern Dutch residents.

These results will be compared to other isotopic systems (Sr and Pb) and the possibilities for Nd as an archaeological human provenancing tool will be discussed.

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**TH5-15 Abstract 02**

**Zinc isotope compositions of bone and dental enamel and their relationship to diet**

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Isotopic analyses of carbon and nitrogen are conventionally employed in bioarchaeology for dietary reconstructions. These elements are however contained in the bone collagen which deteriorates over time. Mass spectrometry advances now allow trace element isotope analyses of bioapatite. First studies on Zn isotopes in blood showed its potential as a new dietary tracer. This contribution aims at testing the influence of diet on Zn isotope compositions of bone and teeth. We investigated the Zn isotopic variability in bone and tooth enamel of mammals and archaeological human populations characterized by various diets, environment contexts (arctic, arid, temperate) and historical periods. The samples were purified by column chromatography and the Zn isotopic ratios were measured using MC-ICP-MS. The isotope composition of traditional food tracers (13C and 15N) has been assessed in parallel. We will show that the Zn isotopic composition in the bones and teeth is strongly influenced by the trophic level, but that some dietary and environmental factors can generate additional variability. We will discuss the advantages and limitations of this new tracer by comparing its performance to that of classic isotope analyses.
Stable isotopes and trace elements in modern mammal tooth enamel

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Bioclasts from modern mammal tooth enamel is a popular biomineral used in the reconstruction of palaeoenvironment and palaeodiet. It records information about the animal’s environment and diet on a sub-seasonal scale and is proven to be highly resistant to diagenesis, allowing the presentation of its original chemical composition through archaeological and geological timescales. In this study, stable carbon and oxygen isotope analysis are used as a stepping stone to investigate the use of other chemical proxies for the reconstruction of environment and diet from mammal teeth. Concentration profiles of trace element distributions (measured with µXRF and cross-validated with Laser Ablation ICP-MS) and stable isotope ratios (δ13C, δ18Oc & δ18Op) are combined to test the reliability of trace element profiles from mammal teeth in recording seasonal changes in environment and diet of the animal. A method is presented that links the various geochemical records within a tooth sequence using mineralization sequences and oxygen isotope seasonality. This way, a 3 year trace element and stable isotope record from horse tooth enamel is created showing seasonal variation in trace elements and isotope ratios linked to changes in climatic conditions and diet through the animal’s lifetime.

This study shows how an entire new set of trace element proxies, that can be measured quickly and non-destructively, may yield information on palaeoenvironment and palaeodiet. These trace element measurements yield information from precious archaeological samples that could otherwise be obtained solely through destructive sampling. The versatility of the µXRF and LA-ICP-MS methods opens up a wide range of applications for trace element analysis in archaeology.

The geochemical relationship between soil, plant and streamwater; implications for migration studies

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Strontium isotope (87Sr/86Sr) and rare earth element (REE) analyses of rock, the leachable fraction of soil, plant and surface water are applied as chemical proxies to assess chemical reservoir interactions, element bioavailability and geographic variability. These processes are the basis for geographic discrimination and associated archaeological provenancing. 53 biosphere samples were collected from a small geographic area in Co. Meath, a region of Ireland that has highly variable bedrock and surficial geology and hosts significant archaeological sites including, Newgrange, the Hill of Tara and Knowth. These multi-element and isotope geochemistry geocoarchaeologically record this region and the high degree of spatial variability in 87Sr/86Sr highlights the inherent requirement for high-density sampling in order to isotopically characterise distinct reservoirs. The results of this study provide a baseline of biospheric geochemical data that can be applied to archaeological studies examining the past migration patterns of populations in this archaeologically important region.

The potential of large-scale seasonality studies, results from the Farasan Island shell mound complex

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The Farasan shell mounds are one of the largest traces of the Arabian Neolithic Period, with over 3,000 sites having accumulated between 7,000 and 4,000 cal BP. Seasonality data based on stable oxygen and carbon isotopes have determined year-round exploitation of shellfish. Additionally, they revealed patterns of seasonal stratification within individual layers. This was used to determine sub-annual accumulation rates, exploitation intensity, and degree of bioturbation within the stratigraphy. This dataset is now being analysed more thoroughly by using Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS). LIBS is a rapid and cost-effective laser ablation method, that is able to measure the elemental composition of shell carbones to determine season of death. By providing a high sampling resolution (<100µm) and short processing time, large sample sizes can be analysed in great detail. In turn, it allows us to analyse exploitation and accumulation patterns of the Farasan islands in more detail. More specifically, this study aims to answer questions regarding (1) how analysing a larger number of shells per layer changes the interpretation of site seasonality, (2) whether seasonal layering of shell deposits are singular or repeated events, and (3) how accumulation rates based on seasonality can vary throughout the deposit and tells us more about the processes behind shell deposition.
Trafficicking copper: Source of metal artefacts from an Iron Age cemetery in Finland by Pb isotopes

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The Levänluhta archaeological site, located in western Finland, is an Iron Age (ca. 300–800 CE) cemetery, where skeletal remains of ca. 100 human individuals, buried or sacrificed in an ancient lake or pond, have been recovered. Based on studies, most of the dead were women and children. The artefacts recovered at the site include an assemblage of copper-based artefacts, mainly jewellery and items for personal adornment, made of bronze, brass, and copper. The artefacts include a variety of finger, arm and neck rings, and different brooch types, representing, for example, Scandinavian designs. In addition, a Vastland-type bronze cauldron, typologically identified as a foreign import, was found at the site. In this study, portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometry (pXRF) and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) were employed to examine the type of alloy, lead isotopes and geochemical compositions of the artefacts. pXRF analysis was applied on the entire assemblage and objects that allowed on-site-invasive, non-destructive measurements due to their extremely high antiquarian value. Nine of the metal artefacts were sampled for lead isotopes (206Pb, 207Pb, 208Pb) and trace elemental analyses by ICP-MS to examine their provenance and possible raw material origins, i.e. the locations of the extracted copper ores.

The results show that different types of alloys were used to manufacture typologically related objects. The source of the copper, however, appears to be shared by most of the samples analysed by ICP-MS based on the lead isotope data. The results of the analysis reveal that the copper extracted from southern European ores was trafficked to Finland, instead of relying on more regional sources. The study suggests that the networks seem to have extended even further than previously known, across yet another sea, the Baltic. It is intriguing that stylistically, most of the analysed artefacts indicate a Scandinavian origin – and most probably they were cast locally in Finland and elsewhere in Scandinavia. By combining typological details with source determination of the raw materials used in their manufacture, however, a far more multi-faced interpretation of the provenance of the artefacts can be established.

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Iron Slag and the Quest for Provenance

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Over the past few decades our growing ability and competence in determining the provenance of archaeological artefacts using scientific methods has been one of the most exciting developments in the field of archaeological science. However, when it comes to iron artefacts that attempt to determine its geological origin, more questions than answers have been posed. The 3-year research project launched by Unirnet centre based at the University of Aarhus is facilitating the collaboration of geologists and archaeologists and aims to employ a multi-analytical approach in order to determine the extent to which the chemical composition of iron ores is preserved in the iron slag. We investigate the slag from east Africa, South China, Southeast Asia, and coastal sites, presenting the potential for both, local and imported material. The artefacts are subjected to petrographic, metallographic, material and isotopic analyses in order to determine the validity of methods and the feasibility of further analyses. Thematic experiments are devised and performed so as to replicate thermodynamic processes and define their significance in altering elemental and isotopic ratios. We hope to share the preliminary results and stimulate conversation on potential further approaches that may be taken in order to improve the data and overcome some of the challenges we are facing.

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Iron isotopes as a new tool for ancient metal tracing: comparison with classical tracing methods

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The development of precise and accurate analytical techniques over the last decades has allowed the expansion of range for metal tools to study. Elemental and isotopic analyses are now widely used for this purpose. For a relevant archaeological interpretation, metallurgical processes must be taken into account, and analyses must be performed on archaeological ore, slag and metal. So far, isotopic methods were rather employed for non-ferrous metal tracing (e.g. 3) whereas elemental analyses were used for ferrous metal tracing (e.g. 2). However, currently used elemental and isotopic methods show limitations, which underline the need to develop new tracers to complement existing ones.

We used Fe isotopes as a new tool for ancient metal provenance studies. Isotopic ratios 57Fe/54Fe and 56Fe/54Fe were measured using a Multiple Collector Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer after sample dissolution and Fe purification. We first developed this approach by analysing materials from archaeological experiments on iron ore reduction. In order to compare our results with classical tracing methods, we also analysed the Fe isotope compositions of archaeological materials whose provenance hypotheses have been established with trace elements analyses of slags. Furthermore, some materials coming from different regions of ferrous and non-ferrous metal production were analysed to assess the tracing potential of Fe isotopes compared to trace elements and Pb isotope analyses.

Our first results show that the Fe isotope process does not induce Fe isotope fractionation, i.e., the signature of metals and slags reflect that of their corresponding ores. Moreover, Fe isotopes analyses tend to confirm the provenance hypothesis of ancient artefact established with trace elements analysis of slags. The results obtained so far suggest that Fe isotopes are a relevant tracer for archaeological materials, which can be applied to ferrous metals. The combination of this new method and the more classical involving trace elements or Pb isotope analysis could allow to refine previous provenance hypotheses of ancient metals.

are able to detect elements in traces; these, in prehistoric archaeometallurgy have been used not only to understand the composition of a prehistoric alloy, but even to understand which ores have been exploited to obtain the metal. There could be many ways of using these data. Recently, during the study of copper objects, it has been noticed that there is a pattern of particular concentration of heavy elements in traces of specific parts of objects from Early Bronze Age Anatolian contexts. After some speculations, it may be possible to hypothesise that these concentrations are due the precipitation of heavy elements in a liquid state copper melt. These indicators may allow identification of the orientation of objects during the casting phase, giving important data about the technologies used in the production of items and item categories, allowing production categories to be compared within object or type categories.

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Chemical and physical composition of disturbed and less disturbed soil of the Dūkšteliai 1 site

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In order to reveal the functional use of the prehistoric settlement elements, two structures were chosen for closer study - a probable hut and a hearth. The research was interdisciplinary: together with archaeological methods of investigation - examination on the distribution of the finds (find tools and their processing refuse, burnt bone, ceramic pieces, ceramic fragments) and their correlation with the two structures - several natural science methods were used to make a research on the content of the structures. Ground flotation and microscopic bioarchaeological research was done in order to find macro-botany remains that could reveal some details about prehistoric people diet. Geochemical analysis and loss on ignition method (LOI) were also used to find out if there are any elements significant for interpretation but undistinguishable during the archaeological excavation. The samples for geochemical and LOI analyses were collected from the structures as follows: in the middle of the structure, 20cm from the centre and in periphery. It was presumed that the latter represented less disturbed soil. Determination of major and trace elements Al, Ba, Br, Ca, Cl, Cu, Fe, Na, Ni, P, Pb, Pb, Sr, Ti, Zn, S was done using energy dispersive x-ray fluorescence Spectro Xepos equipment and the Turboquant calibration method for pressed pellets. Also samples were dried at the temperature of 110º C; then heated at 550º C and 950º C to burn out the organic matter and carbonates, respectively.

As a result, insignificant geochemical difference between samples has been observed and only minor inequality of element contents could be seen. Using Ward’s method and Euclidean distances a free diagram for 24 variables was drawn and trace elements were classified into groups representing: 1) clay minerals – Al, Rb, K, Ti, 2) carbonates – Sr, Ca, Ba, and 3) organic matter group with higher amount of Fe, Mn, Co, Zn, P, S. The new data show that higher concentrations of all three groups elements accumulated in organic richer samples, which yielded more charcoal and pottery – in the center of the structures. In this poster presentation the upcoming results of all the investigation procedures undertaken will be presented with the subsequent conclusions about the presumptive functional use of the prehistoric structures in Dūkšteliai 1 site.
This presentation reports on the results of multiproxy palaeoenvironmental investigations carried out in association with archaeological survey and excavation of later prehistoric woodentracks at Littleton Bog, Co Tipperary, Ireland. The site has a long association with palaeoecological research in Ireland, beginning with pioneering work carried out by Frank Mitchell at Littleton in the 1950s and 1960s that has provided a basic framework for the vegetation history of Ireland still in use to this day. Mitchell’s palynological work emphasised the significant effect that past human societies have had on shaping environments in Ireland, and hinted at complex interrelationships between environmental change and human activity. The archaeology of Littleton Bog, now a drained and milled peat production site, was surveyed in 2008 and this was followed by targeted excavations carried out in 2008 in advance of peat extraction; excavation revealed over 30 archaeological features, mostly wooden trackways, of which 13 features have been dated ranging from the Early Bronze Age (ca.3500 cal BP) to the Iron Age (ca.2000 cal BP). A high-resolution multiproxy palaeoenvironmental record from the site was developed to provide palaeoenvironmental context for the rich archaeological record, and to assess the interactions between human activity and past environmental change at the local scale. This record, spanning from ca.-4000 cal BP onwards, comprises testate amoebae, plant macrofossils, humification-derived bog surface wetness (BSW) records show broad agreement, but comparisons with recently published regional reconstructions indicate that the BSW record of Littleton Bog is influenced by the complex interactions between regional climatic forcing, autogenic internal bog processes, and other contingent factors. Regional-scale comparisons between peatland BSW and archaeological records indicate that there is no simple linear relationship between trackway construction and environmental conditions, a finding that is broadly supported by the data from Littleton; however, the timing of trackway construction at Littleton does indicate that localised, perhaps partly internally-driven, BSW changes may have had an important influence. The recent work at Littleton Bog, therefore, builds on the work of Mitchell by providing further detail into the relationships between human activity and Holocene environmental change in central Ireland; whilst broad patterns in these relationships are becoming clearer, the need for greater detail at the local scale is highlighted. Investigations of milled peat production bogs provide a key opportunity to examine the complex interactions between both allogenic and autogenic environmental change and human activity.

TH5-16 Abstract 03
A 8000 years history of climate and environmental change in South Greenland

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We propose here a synthesis about the Holocene environmental history of South Greenland, with a focus on the last millennium. Well dated palynostratigraphic records and a suite of biological and physical proxies (pollen, plant macrofossils, diatoms, chloroflexus, magnetic susceptibility, grain size distribution, C and N isotopes and molecular markers) were used to examine the evolution of Holocene environment and then the legacy of Norse farming activities (985-1450 A.D. – Medieval Warm Period) in South Greenland. From 8000 to 4000 cal BP, vegetation was characterized by a juniper and willow covering growing on poor soils. Increase in coprophilous fungi (Sporormiella, Stereoidae, Cercophora, Podostroma...) suggests grazing herbivores, probably caribou, in the surrounding area. From 5000/4000 cal BP, wetter conditions favor dwarf birch development. This change in vegetation is related to a decrease in coprophilous fungi. Evidence of grazing herbivores remains scarce until the settlement of Norse farmers at the end of the 10th century AD. Settlers arrived in a landscape dominated by birch and willow. Clearance and new occurrences of coprophilous fungi spores, correlated with a rise in faecal molecular markers (DOC) related to herbivores are the first evidences of settlement. The presence of Norse settlers and livestock is clearly recorded from the 11th to the 13th century AD with increasing frequencies in non-indigenous plants, coprophilous fungi, faecal molecular markers and soil erosion. This settlement phase is followed by a period of decreasing human impact. From 1300 A.D., the cooling of Little Ice Age results in reduced soil erosion and pastoral activities, a change in Norse diet and a progressive abandonment of South Greenland. The regrowth of willow and birch and the disappearance of anthropogenic indicators between the 15th and 19th century demonstrate the abandonment of settlement, until the development of contemporary agriculture in the 20th century. Recent agricultural activities (1920-1980 AD) had the same impact than Norse agriculture. However, the biological and sedimentological response to the last 30 years of modern sheep farming is marked, with drastic changes in diatoms and chloroflexus taxa, faecal molecular markers and C and N isotopes.

TH5-16 Abstract 04
Reconstructing cattle management in Neolithic Switzerland using multi-isotopic analysis

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The lake shore settlements in Switzerland provide the unique opportunity to study various aspects of the Neolithic society and its economy. Understanding cattle management is one of the key questions in our research project that focuses on several sites in the lower Lake Zurich basin and the site of Arbon Bleiche 3 at Lake Constance. The lower Lake Zurich basin is an archaeological micro-region that permits the study of a long chronological sequence of more than 2000 years, while Arbon Bleiche 3 is a single-phased settlement with a fifteen-year long occupational phase (3384–3370 BC) providing the opportunity to capture a ‘snapshot’ in time. At all sites investigated have provided vast and well documented cattle bones collections. We applied strontium, oxygen, carbon and nitrogen isotopic analyses to those remains to gain insight into strategies of animal management. Key questions were: Were cattle kept in or near the settlements or were they pastured further away? Where are potential pasture grounds? Is there evidence of regular mobility, maybe linked to seasonally varying patterns of alpine summer pasturing? On which level was cattle herding organised (household, village, networks between villages)?

TH5-16 Abstract 05
Insights into crannog occupation phases from National Sites and Monuments Registers

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Crannogs are man-made islands that are ubiquitous on the north-western fringes of the British Isles. Over 1500 have been identified, but their function is not that well understood, with some crannogs apparently simple workshops, while others were royal occupation sites. They were built mainly during the Iron Age and Medieval Periods, but there is evidence that this tradition started in the Neolithic and some sites were occupied in the 17th century.

In this paper, the potential drivers for crannog construction are examined, by analysing the distribution of crannog dates both chronologically and spatially. For this purpose, a database of crannogs was constructed from the sites and monuments records of Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland. Two types of analysis were performed on the database: a probability density function and the allocation of crannog dates to time intervals, which might be compared by comparing the distribution of crannogs to known climatic events, the theory that low lake levels might have contributed to their expansion can be explored. The spatial distribution of crannogs is also compared to the probable extent of nearby kingdoms and the timing of political events, such as the impact of the outcome of the Battle of Mòra in AD 637, to gain a deeper understanding of the defensive and/or status properties of these sites. To assess whether local wealth may have been a factor in their construction, the sites, distribution of crannogs has been compared to major transport networks in the late Prehistoric and Medieval periods.

This study can be used to support the archaeoological interpretation of the individual sites and attempts to develop a large scale understanding of crannog construction and occupation.
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Here, we present palaeoentomological data, in particular Coleoptera (beetles) and Chironomidae (non-biting midges), from archaeological excavation deposits and parallel lake core sediments from Black Loch of Myrton, Scotland. This Iron Age Lochside settlement consists of a small number of structures constructed on peat/fen material at the margins of a small, productive loch. The main aim of the work is to inform our understanding of living conditions on the site, any associated impacts upon the nearby lake system and explore the wider implications for our understanding of lakeside settlements of this period. Beetle remains provide an understanding of both the environmental conditions across the site and on-site activities. Analyses indicate beetle and faunal remains, coprophilous (e.g. fungal) spores, characteristic of decomposing floor litter layers and less than salubrious living conditions. Chironomidae data from parallel lake core indicate a shallow, productive lake system showing nutrient changes over long timescales, and highlight the effects of lake settlement construction on the adjacent small lake system. Results are compared with other lakeside sites and crannog of comparable situation to provide an overview of living conditions associated with these types of sites.

The results of the work form part of a larger project that uses survey, palaeoenvironmental, biological and geoarchaeological analyses to study crannogs and lakeside sites across Ireland and Scotland to study patterns in construction, function and longevity of these monuments, across wider geographical scales. The Celtic Connections and Crannogs project, funded by AHRC, sets out to re-examine crannogs as both a cultural and environmental phenomenon that link Iron Age and Medieval communities of SW Scotland and N Ireland.

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Investigating Iron Age lakeside settlements within their palaeoenvironmental context
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Crannogs, or artificial islands, were constructed during the Iron Age to Medieval period throughout Scotland and Ireland. At least 1500 crannogs are recognised, but little is known about their longevity and continuity of use, and they are difficult and expensive to excavate. An alternative, or complement to excavation is to assess these questions through the impacts of crannog construction and use on adjacent lake sediments. However, it is unclear what the impact of crannog construction and use has been on lake environments. Using sediment cores we investigate crannogs in ten lakes and one archaeological site. The cores will be analysed for loss-on-ignition, stable carbon and nitrogen isotopes, and high-resolution XRF to highlight input of clay, gravel, and stones from crannогconstruction.

Increased loading of heavy metals (Cu, Zn) might be related to metalworking on crannogs. In addition, the analysis of pollen, invertebrates, and ancient DNA, will provide insights into land use around the lakes and the conditions on the crannogs themselves. Changes in C/N ratios, diatoms, biogenic silica, and invertebrates will demonstrate how crannog construction and use are driving changes in lake environments. Preliminary results indicate that XRF data (Cu, Ti, Zn) corroborate sediment stratigraphy and can be used to distinguish periods of crannog construction and use. In one of the sites, Lough Yoan, diatom assemblages indicate a substantial increase of nutrients during this period. The increased variety of submerged substrates due to crannog building led also to a more diverse cladoceran assemblage.

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From the lakeshore: settlement and technology in the later Mesolithic
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Excavations undertaken under the aegis of the Discovery Programme, Dublin (www.discoveryprogramme.ie) between 2013 and 2017 on the shores of Lough Kinale, Co. Longford, Republic of Ireland, uncovered a well-preserved Late Mesolithic (c. 5000-4500 cal. BC) platform crannog.

This lake-side site is one of very few wetland archaeological occupation sites in Ireland that extends over the Mesolithic-Neolithic transition. The site consists of a series of constructed brushwood layers with intermediate peat lenses built beside, or into, the adjacent lake, with up to five different occupation phases. Within these layers are a variety of archaeological features, including upright stakes, wooden 'planks', hearths, and abundant lithics (Friedengren, 2010).

Bioarchaeological investigations of the site have been undertaken as part of a DfE funded PhD research project. Results from fossil beetle and dung fungal spore analyses suggest the presence of structures maintained over the Late Mesolithic phases of the site's usage. Synanthropic beetles typically associated with thatching and/or bedding materials indicate the persistence of dry, sheltered areas across the site. This evidence is significant and challenges assumptions about the nature of late Mesolithic settlement in Ireland (Woodman, 2000). Analyses of coprophilous spores reveal the presence of the dung of grazing animals within several specific contexts over the same period. This is intriguing given the apparent absence of large grazing herbivores in Ireland prior to their introduction during the Neolithic. The platform crannog 'appears to have been a well-established site occupied on a seasonal or refuging basis. Here, we explore the significance of these findings within the context of current debates around the nature of the Mesolithic, its implications for the Mesolithic-Neolithic transition in Ireland as well as broader debates around the origins of the synanthropic fauna.'
Insights into the occupation of a Scottish Iron Age wetland village using organic geochemistry

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The first wetland village discovered in Scotland – Black Loch of Myron, exhibits excellent preservation of early Iron Age life. It is therefore an excellent opportunity to explore how Celtic people lived and interacted with their environment. This study uses organic geochemistry to answer key questions about the settlement: how many construction and occupation phases occurred? What activities took place and how did they vary over time?

We reconstruct environmental conditions during village development using lipid biomarkers, organic molecular fossils that can be traced back to known biological precursors, and carbon isotopes from a sediment core recovered from the centre of the wetland. These results are compared with other regional climatic reconstructions to explore the role prevailing environmental conditions had on the start of the roundhouse construction and the demise of the village. Human-environment interactions within the wetland are assessed using biogenic silica concentrations, a measure of the abundance of the siliceous primary producers within the ecosystem, which reveal overall changes in aquatic productivity. The extent to which these changes can be attributed to the addition of nutrients from human and animal waste and changes in land use practices is currently being investigated by quantifying sterols, a group of biomarkers that are characteristic of faecal matter input.

During the last decade, an increasing number of studies were interested in the use of lake sediment DNA to trace past landscape changes (plant DNA), agricultural activities (plant, mammal and bacteria DNA) and the human presence (human-specific bacteria DNA). However, as all sedimentologists know, the sedimentation in a lake can vary temporally and spatially depending of the variations of processes at the origin of the sediment formation. Moreover, depending on the geological, topographical, climatic and ecological contexts, the sedimentation can be very different from a lake to another. These lake sediments characteristics might affect the aDNA archiving in a various ways including potential biases related to both, the taphonomic processes (DNA source, transfer and deposit) and the analytical process. Consequently, it is now crucial to study these processes to ensure reliable interpretations of the lake sediment DNA results and to improve its potential for palaeoenvironmentalists, archaeologists and historians. In this aim, we combined sedimentological/geochemical analyses with DNA metabarcoding analyses (focused on plants and mammals) on three different mountain lake-catchment systems in the Alps (different relative to their physico-chemical and biological characteristics). We showed the extracellular aDNA retrieved from the sediment mainly comes from upper soil horizons and is transported to the lake being fixed into/onto soil particles. Lakes with high detrital inputs are thus more suitable to archive terrestrial DNA than lakes dominated by autochthonous sedimentation. Furthermore, the hydrographical web has to be well developed to provide a good spatial representativeness of possible plant patches in the catchment. Specific chemical/biological conditions affecting aDNA preservation and/or analysis success were also proposed as explanation for the non-detection of aDNA in one of the lakes. Other less predictable factors, e.g. pastoral practices and animal behaviour, also affect the archiving of aDNA from domestic animals. In particular, determining the type of source of DNA ("point" vs "diffuse"), these factors will affect the detection probability of the animals. All the factors affecting the aDNA record in lake sediments can change over time and can thus significantly affect the reconstructions of plant cover and livestock farming/pasturing histories.

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The Bronze Age of Eurasia (around 3500–1000 BC) was a period of major cultural changes. However, it has been debated for decades if the many cultural changes that occurred during this period resulted from the circulation of ideas or to which extent they were accompanied by human migrations. To investigate these questions, we sequenced low-coverage genomes from 101 ancient humans from across Eurasia. We show that the Bronze Age was a highly dynamic period involving large-scale population migrations and replacements, responsible for shaping major parts of present-day demographic structures both in Europe and Asia. We find genetic evidence for the expansion of the Yamnaya culture from the Pontic-Caspian both into North Eastern Europe as well as into Central Asia. Our findings are consistent with the hypothesized spread of Indo-European languages during the Early Bronze Age.

What ancient DNA can tell us about the origin and spread of Indo-European languages

Ancient DNA studies on Mesolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age individuals from Western Eurasia have recently thrown fresh light on migrations in Europe’s prehistory. The Early Neolithic period in Europe (~8,000-7,000 years ago) was characterized by closely related groups of early farmers, which were different from indigenous hunter-gatherers, while Russia was inhabited by a distinctive population of eastern hunter-gatherers with affinity to Palaeolithic Siberians. The Middle Neolithic saw a resurgence of hunter-related groups of early farmers, which were different from indigenous hunter-gatherers, while Russia was inhabited by a distinctive population of eastern hunter-gatherers with affinity to Palaeolithic Siberians. The Middle Neolithic saw a resurgence of hunter-related groups of early farmers, which were different from indigenous hunter-gatherers, while Russia was inhabited by a distinctive population of eastern hunter-gatherers with affinity to Palaeolithic Siberians. 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regards both fire-sacrifice, and also cremation, the link to homology is evident. One significant example is the Vedic fire-rituals (including cremation of the dead), that are performed as repetition of the creation and has a deep cosmological significance. This cosmology — with parallels in several old Indo-European religions, including for instance the Old Persian (Zoroastrian) religion, Old Baltic, Germanic and Old Norse beliefs had a fundamental impact on the eschatological beliefs, and accordingly on the burial rituals. Flesh and earth, for example, are considered to be of the same material substance and can thereby be transformed into each other. In the same way, bones, the hard part inside the soft flesh, are equated with the stones in the earth and with rocks and mountains, while hair is associated with plants. Life consists of a limited number of elements from which everything is composed. My paper will discuss this with focus on finds from some recently excavated ritual places in eastern Sweden, and interpret the finds in the light of a broader Indo-European background. I will use the Old Vedic ritual system as one important comparative, and also focus on a discussion of the interpretations in the light of the new results from ancient DNA studies.

TH5-17 Abstract 05
Can scholars envisage a Baltic Origin of Homer’s Epic Tales?

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According to a recent challenging hypothesis by the scholar Felice Vinci, the real setting of the Iliad and the Odyssey can be identified not as the Mediterranean Sea, where it proves to be undermined by many incongruities, but rather in the North of Europe. The saga that gave rise to the two poems came from the Baltic regions, where the Bronze Age flourished in the second millennium B.C. and where many Homeric places (Troy, Ithaca, Faun) along with Ulysses’ wanderings can still be identified today. Moreover, this archaic Achaean civilization extended on all the Baltic coasts, such as, for instance, along the Swedish coasts, where today’s Bay of Nörrland is the ancient Aulis, where the Achaean fleet, gathered before sailing for Troy. As regards the Baltic Republics (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) there are many convergences with Greek mythology. The blond Achaeans who founded the Mycenaean civilization in the Aegean in the 16th century B.C. brought these tales from Scandianvia to Greece after the end of the “post-glacial climatic optimum”. They then rebuilt their original world — where the Trojan War and many other mythological events had taken place — farther south in Mediterranean waters, transferring significant names from north to south. Through many generations, they preserved the memory of the heroic age and the feats performed by their ancestors in their local homelands. This oral tradition was put in writing around the 8th century BC, when the alphabetical writing was introduced in Greece. According to Felice Vinci’s theory, both the Homeric poems and the rest of Greek mythology are the last memory of the feats and events happened in the lost Nordic homeland of their Achaean ancestors, before they moved towards the South of Europe. This new perspective conforms to the most recent views of archaeology: the “radio-carbon revolution”, based upon radiocarbon dating, adjusted with dendrochronology, has backdated of many centuries the rise and development of the European Bronze Age and, on the other hand, a very ancient city, dating back to the third millennium BC, was recently found by Swedish archaeologists in the site of Båstamon, near Hernosand.

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The Settlement System of Pit-Grave Culture of Central Ukraine

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Having excavated dozens of Pit-Grave burial mounds in Central Ukraine the author began the search for Pit-Grave settlement relics and as a result of a 20-year-long research has discovered more than 30 such objects, divided into two types: 1) basic long-term settlements; 2) temporary cattle herders’ sites.

The author has partially excavated one of these basic settlements (Dasiyatyn). It belongs to the most widespread type; 1) the settlements on small (0.5-1 ha) sites (or peninsulas) in wide floodplains of the Dniester River and its tributaries. The Dasiyatyn type settlements have a relatively thin (0.4-0.7 m) and a rich archaeological layer (up to 100 finds per 1 m²).

Small (0.1-0.3 ha) and poor in relics (1-20 finds per 1 m²), temporary sites have been found in 2a) floodplain islets/peninsulas (often near basic settlements) and under the conditions of high topography; 2b) at the tops of watersheds but next to a water source; 2c) on the high bank terrace of small rivers of the 2nd and 3rd order; 2d) on the low promontories of small rivers. The last subtype is more known in a number of other territorial variants of PA Grave culture, though the watershed subtype is a new one.

The data deriving from the study of these settlement relics suggests that the PA-Grave population of the Middle Dniester Area practised transhumance, insignificantly complementing their diet with the help of fishing, hunting and food gathering. The vast majority of the population lived in basic settlements, located on the floodplain islets in collectives of 50 to 100 persons (with large patriarchal families), which could unite into a clan together with the inhabitants of nearby settlements. During a warm period, the fully mature men departed with the herds to the temporary sites (some 5-10 persons per site) within the radius of several kilometres, while women, children and old people remained in the basic settlements.

No analogies of the large potestarian settlements, such as famous Low Dniester Mikhyaylivka, have been discovered so far. However, the ruined Pit-Grave object 3) on the promontory of the high (20m) and steep bank of the Dniester River in the town of Kenzy could represent the remnants of a local potestarian centre.

TH5-17 Abstract 08
Archaeological Modeling of the Spread of Indo-European Traditions in Late Prehistoric Eurasia

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Echoes of Marija Gimbutas’s highly influential research still permeate the more recent work on the spread of the Indo-European languages. While work focusing on the homeland of the Proto-Indo-European has had the most visibility, many of the recent methodological efforts are focused on how culture history and change might be applied to the multi-dimensional, and subsequently multi-disciplinary, nature of the problems inherent in research on the Indo-Europeans. While much of the discipline of archaeology has levied trenchant critiques against the broad brush strokes of culture history, recent Indo-European scholarship shows little to no overt interest in the updated, and now commonplace, theoretical approaches in archaeology.

This paper seeks to provide more nuanced understandings of event and process into archaeological inferences about the prehistory of the Indo-Europeans, with a primary focus on how populations aggregations break down and disperse. Current efforts in the study of Indo-Europeans have focused on individuals or small groups including: sharper focus on the genetic make-up of individuals, specific burial, and specific words associated with ancient concepts with corresponding instances or appearances of material culture. Despite the numerous reviews of the Eurasion steppe and Central and Eastern European archaeological material, a sustained inquiry into middle-range demographic and socio-political processes has yet to be implemented. To accomplish this, I present a preliminary demographic model that seeks to account for the socio-political, spatial, and temporal nuances that have been and remain crucial to anthropological and sociological studies of culture. Through an integrated methodology comprised of demographic, spatial, and statistical analyses, as well as a new theoretical approach - the afterlife of population aggregations - I explore some of the contributing socio-political and demographic factors in the dispersal and adoption of the material, linguistic, and symbolic traditions often attributed to the spread of Indo-European cultural groups.
smaller innovations or gradual local changes played the main role in the cultural transformation of a very wide region (Bankoff & Winter 1999, 175). However after 3000 BCE a new type of sites and artefacts appeared in the Baltic Region. On the basis of these radical changes in material culture one can claim that almost all aspects of human life, social, ideological and economic has changed radically. After a recent studies of ancient DNA (Allentoft et al. 2015; Haak et al. 2015) a new important data were added to old debates of linguists and archaeologists.

The aim of the paper is to compare archaeological data of Corded Ware and post Corded Ware people from the East Baltic Region to the data of Pontic-Caspian steppe, and to try to find traces of cultural influences. A new DNA discoveries will be used as well.

TH5-17 Abstract 10
Visitors from the Steppes. The Scandinavian perspective
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The archaeological interest in the Steppes has deep roots, including hypotheses about an eastern origin of the Corded Ware Culture, supposed migrations of the same, and even the introduction of the Indo-European languages, as suggested by G. Childe in the 1920s and later elaborated by M. Gimpel (Gimpel, among many others. Recent ancient human genome studies (DNA) have added new dimensions to the old debate.

By suggesting that the Indo-European languages in Europe were introduced from the East, at the latest by 2500 BC, a number of concomitant issues need to be considered concerning cultural origins and processes. A particular problem is the rise of Indo-European languages in Western and Northern Europe, as well as the status of the Indo-European languages in the Mediterranean.

C. Renfrew’s viewpoint of the 1980s was that the first Indo-European languages arrived with and developed in Europe among the first people carrying Neolithic farming and rearing of domesticated animals (Renfrew 1987). This idea has a ring of simplicity about it when correlated with the basics of archaeology: Neolithic expansion from the Near East and Anatolia to southeast Europe extended to Central Europe and later on to the North, with a parallel Neolithic expansion from Anatolia to the Mediterranean and on to Western Europe.

The paper examines the archaeological elements of possible Steppe origins in Scandinavian Neolithic and how these correlate with the aDNA findings.

TH5-17 Abstract 11
The introduction of Indo-European in the later South Scandinavian Neolithic
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With the exception of Basque, Finnish, Estonian, and Hungarian, the modern linguistic landscape of Europe is almost entirely shaped by a single language family: Indo-European. This perhaps surprising linguistic unity is likely the result of a prehistoric cultural expansion that erased almost all previous languages. By the dawn of history, Europe had at any rate become covered by a patchwork of Indo-European dialects - that is Germanic, Celtic, Italic, Baltic, Slavic, Albanian, Armenian, and Greek. These formed the seeds from which the modern European languages, such as Italian, German, Lithuanian, and Swedish, among others, have grown from.[2] As the Indo-European languages slowly spread across Europe, they were modified and transformed by the people who spoke them, leading to the development of the modern languages. The Indo-European family is divided into several subfamilies, each with its own distinct characteristics.

Language is an important pillar of human self perception and a creator of identity among human groups. Therefore, language is an important factor when trying to understand cultural change in prehistory. Northern Europe is a region that saw profound cultural change in the third millennium B.C.E. Within southern Scandinavia the first agrarian culture, the Funnel Beaker culture came to an end overlapping with the emergence of "sub-Neolithic" Pittie Ware influences that reached the northern and eastern coastal areas of present-day Denmark from the Scandinavian Peninsula. From around 2500 B.C.E early Corded Ware (Single Groove) societies appeared on the Jutland Peninsula introducing among other things new burial customs, new pottery shapes, new amber ornaments, and new types of stone battle-axes.

The third millennium B.C.E was, no doubt, a period of great material and cultural changes and language must not be ignored when considering these. Instead, language must be viewed and treated as a deeply integrated part and facilitator of the transmission of new ideas, cultural processes and substantive economic and material changes. This paper draws on evidence of change in both material culture and in language that took place in the third millennium B.C.E and combines these evidence into a unified hypothesis on when and how Indo-European language was introduced into northern Europe and southern Scandinavia. After being introduced together with Corded Ware features in central and western Jutland it seems that the introduction of Indo-European happened gradually via long-term cultural transformation processes.

However, in order to understand the cultural and linguistic processes that allowed the introduction of an entirely new language family it is important also to consider the long gone predecessor of Indo-European. This extinct language we refer to as "Proto-Neolithic". Did this unknown language for instance contribute to the new Indo-European language family? Is it possible to form the basis for the vast majority of modern European languages? One further aspect is where we should place the language spoken by the Pittie Ware people and furthermore if it had any impact on the larger language development. Do we still carry relics with us in modern Germanic that can be traced down to the Proto-Neolithic language spoken by the Funnel Beaker farmers - and perhaps even also elements of a Pittie Ware language?

TH5-17 Abstract 12
Linguistics and archaeology: A reassessment of the Indo-European homeland problem
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When searching for the co-called Indo-European homeland – the place from which the Indo- European languages spread at some point in prehistory – there is a discrepancy between the opinions of archaeologists and historical linguists. Different methods and research fields have led to different results. This has led to a situation where the Indo-European homeland problem is not yet fully resolved.

In this paper I shall reassess the linguistic evidence on the time and location of the Indo-European homeland, focusing on the methodological questions that have frequently given rise to misunderstandings between historical linguists and archaeologists.

TH5-17 Abstract 13
The canonical Indo-European model and its underlying assumptions
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Throughout the 19th century, resemblances and correspondences between Indo-European languages formed the foundation of modern Indo-European studies. At the same time, these resemblances and correspondences were explained, from the start, by the postulated existence of an original people (Uralto) who spoke an original language (Proto-Indo-European). However, in recent years, the view that Indo-European languages are a single family has been challenged. While comparative linguistics, exemplified in the work of Georges Dumézil, still reveals undeniable connections across Eurasia, the family tree is, again, not the only possible model. After the mistakes and dead ends of craniometry, genetics are producing increasingly interesting and reliable results, but with a risk of circular reasoning which is amplified by the influence of the English-speaking academic world. Finally, archaeology is still wavering between three main contradictory geographical explanations with no possibility of reconstructing with certainty the suggested routes which might have led Indo-European speakers from an original homeland to their various historically attested settlement locations. This is why we are entitled to question the underlying canonical model as an alternative origin myth to the Bible, while at the same time seeking more complex explanatory models.
DNA Analysis of Late Bronze Age Funerary Context from Eastern Romania

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The aim of this study is to analyze the ancient DNA and to identify the haplogroup, presenting also the first results obtained on samples extracted from a Late Bronze Age funerary context discovered in Eastern Romania and to identify an efficient and reliable protocol for aDNA extraction. To test whether the protocol is efficient and capable of yielding good quality DNA, extraction was first performed by using the phenol:chloroform protocol and DNA IQ protocols. The funerary context from Tarnia, Bacau county, was discovered in 1972 and consists in a pit in which was discovered a human skeleton in a left supine position. The left hand was flexed and sustain the skull while the right hand was flexed and slightly lodged on the pelvis and the legs were strongly bent on the left side. The osteological remains were in a poor state of preservation. The burial contains two vessels as grave goods which were attributed based on their typological characteristics to the Noua culture (Late Bronze Age).

The sequences were subjected to Nucleotide BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool, Altschul et al, 1990) to identify the similarities with the previous sequences from data base and haplogroup assignation. The T72 sample shown an identity of 97% with HV1 sequences from a previous study conducted by Lippold et al., 2014. According to Eupedia database, Haplogroup T is composed of two main branches T1 and T2 and the both of them have very different distributions, which are diametrically opposed in most regions. Furthermore, the T72 sequence was aligned with haplogroup T sequences from NCBI and used to construct a ML tree, in order to identify the haplogroup assignation.

Circadian rhythms, moods, and Neanderthals: testing a biological explanation for behaviour

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Many archaeological studies of Neanderthal mobility and behavioural complexity have begun to draw on biological explanations for behavioural differences from Homo sapiens. If Neanderthals demanded higher energetic requirements than H. sapiens, then it follows that behaviours enabling Neanderthals to maximize energy intake would be selected for. Circadian rhythms and moods are closely linked to energy intake. This study investigates the phylogeographic distribution of alleles linked to regulation of circadian rhythms and moods in twenty-one modern European, Asian, and African populations in order to test the hypothesis that these alleles originated in Neanderthal populations in Upper Pleistocene Europe. It is hypothesized that presence of two alleles, rs10994336 and rs1006737, may have conferred an adaptive advantage on populations living in northern temperate zones during the Pleistocene. The presence of these alleles is linked to both manic and depressive mood states, enabling increased productivity in the summer and conservation of energy during the winter. If these alleles arose in Neanderthal populations, they would be present in higher frequencies in African populations. It was discovered that latter susceptibility allele is present in higher frequencies in African populations and the former is present in higher frequencies in Eurasian populations. This suggests that these alleles were not selected for solely in Neanderthal populations. The results of this study are significant because they caution against solely biological explanations for differences in the archaeological record.
TH6 SCIENCE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARITY IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology is a discipline without chronological, methodological, political or territorial borders. Yet current territorial divisions and traditional and local ideologies often bind and constrain the discipline in its study of the wider social processes of the past, thereby limiting the development of important, if broad, narratives. There are practical issues also. Lack of sufficiently detailed archaeological datasets, or the inadequate synthesis and integration of the data sets generated by multiple sources hampers interpretation. It presents additional challenges for researchers that seek to build broad regional or, indeed, global narratives. This theme invites contributions that deal with a wide range of phenomena on a regional or global scale, such as technological diffusion, cultural interaction, distribution and spread of plant and animal species, cultural identity, human and cultural mobility and social complexity. In particular, contributions that identify and examine wider social processes through the prism of local datasets are welcomed.

TH6-01 TIES THAT BIND. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MOVEMENT OF RAW MATERIALS AND THE MOVEMENT OF ARTISANAL KNOWLEDGE ACROSS EUROPE 2000–1500 BC

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Recent developments in proveniencing methods, in particular analyses of stable isotopes, have provided new insights into the movement of materials such as copper ore, wool and amber on the European continent during the dynamic 21st – 16th centuries BC. Today we are able to demonstrate that materials moved from A to B, but the maps fraught with arrows tell us little about what happens in the receiving context. In this session we would like to explore the implications of raw material movement from the perspective of the local artisans. How does the introduction of a new and previously unknown raw material, or objects made from that raw material, affect local artisans, who in many cases lack knowledge about how to manipulate it? One response visible in the archaeological record is skeuomorphism, where local artisans, lacking adequate access to the new material, imitate foreign forms in locally available raw material. This is often interpreted as an attempt to block the influx of new materials seen as a threat by local artisans. Another possible response for the local artisan is to gain the necessary knowledge in order to be able to manipulate the new material him/herself. A third possibility is that the new raw material is accompanied by artisans who are already familiar with its properties.

As raw material movement affects the whole continent, we hope to attract scholars from north to south and from east to west. We would like to gather concrete examples of the three possible responses we outline above, but welcome other possibilities as well.

TH6-01 Abstract 01
The introduction of metals and metalworking in Sicily

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Metallurgy was introduced very late in southern Italy, with copper becoming present in the archaeological record with some regularity only in the local Middle Bronze Age. There is a very slow process of introduction of metals that started during the Copper Age, when metallurgy was already developed in northern Italy. Evidence of metalworking is exceedingly rare, with few sites yielding any such evidence until the Middle Bronze Age. There are few mines in the area, mostly in nearby Calabria and only one possible in Sicily. Chemical analyses carried out with a pXRF have demonstrated that the early metals were copper and bronze alloys made with the content of natural ore of copper mines and only later tin was introduced. The limited evidence has been poorly studied, with the main theory remaining for long that artisans from the Aegean developed metals.

In this presentation I aim to assess the development of local metallurgy, focusing on alloys and any technological clue present in the archaeological record, in order to understand the role of local artisans in introducing metals in the region. The preliminary results show that the lack of raw material locally could have played some role in delaying access to the new material, but the most likely reason is some form of control of the new technology, which may be deliberate or accidental. There is no evidence of traveling artisans that could spread the technology or produce demand for the new material by making it known, and Sicily being a large island at short distance from the mainland, it ended up fully embracing the technology unusually late in spite of the raw material circulating and being mined not far from it. This case study therefore reveals how the movement of artisans, and their technological knowledge, was far more important than the availability of the raw materials in the vicinity: you cannot make metal artifacts if you do not know how.
TH6-01 Abstract 02
What\’s new? The first bronzesmiths in southern Scandinavia
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The study of technological innovation is often abstract, tending to concentrate on large-scale changes in material culture. However, non-industrial material culture consists of objects which were crafted by individual artisans who worked within an artisanal tradition. According to Helé Vandkilde, bronze casting technology was introduced to Denmark during the early Late Neolithic. Whereas flintknapping had been an integral part of the technological knowledge here since humans first migrated to the Scandinavian peninsula, bronze casting know-how has no apparent domestic predecessors; it is a novel technology for which researchers are the reasons of this phenomenon and its dynamics. An equally important matter is the perception of amber as a raw material and items made from it in the Mycenaean World. In this regard, it is difficult to talk about the \"processing\" of amber in the Mycenaean culture. We should rather talk about the \"usage\" of amber. It seems that this raw material is very easy to work with, therefore, we should be able to find a specific types of amber products as well as its production residues characteristic for the Mycenaean culture. Despite many decades of research on the history of amber in the Mycenaean culture, dating back to the time of H. Schliemann and his excavations in Mycenae, none of this has been found. In the proposed paper I will address the reasons for this surprising state of research.

TH6-01 Abstract 03
The Settlement Agglomeration in Mikulovice, Eastern Bohemia
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The issue regarding the interregional and long-distance connections, networks, exchange, trade and mobility of people and objects in the Bronze Age has been intensively discussed throughout Europe. The newly excavated Early Bronze Age inhumation cemetery with approximately 108 graves in Mikulovice (eastern Bohemia) at which 30 % of the graves contained imported \"exotics\" and highly valued commodities such as Baltic amber in hundreds of pieces, sea shells, gold, bronze, is positioned directly on the important long-distance route, the so-called \"Amber Road\". Extraordinary in the context of the EBA period is a single female grave, which contained more than 420 amber beads, seashells and bronze jewelry.
In addition to a complex analysis of the cemetery, a hypothesis should be verified, that the analyses of skeletons and artefacts from the cemetery situated on the \"Amber Road\" should reflect the anticipated greater mobility, long-distance contacts and a higher living standard of the members of the local population. Without doubt, this offers an opportunity for a comprehensive study of the significant settlement agglomeration along a prominent long-distance route and gives us chance to join actively the highly current discussion.

TH6-01 Abstract 04
Local Responses to a Regional Aesthetic. Production of Encrusted Ceramics in the Carpathian Basin
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Encrusted ceramics are a visually striking group of objects characterized by the use of white inlay. They are found in the material repertoire of several prehistoric groups throughout Europe but are particularly prevalent in the Carpathian Basin where they form an important, long-standing tradition that transends individual cultural units. However, although encrusted ceramics ostensibly look similar, our recent analyses have revealed significant variation in the production of inlays. They have also demonstrated local production at sites where encrusted ceramics have hitherto been considered imports. This paper considers the implications of this variation in terms of small-scale responses to a wider regional aesthetic - how to make the colour white - in a range of Bronze Age cultural groups in the Carpathian Basin.

TH6-01 Abstract 05
Transmission and transition, relationships between craft-knowledge and textiles across Europe
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Recent research has clearly demonstrated that the movement of textiles and specific textile raw materials in northern Europe is more complex than hitherto known. Analyses have indicated that some wool in Scandinavian Bronze Age textiles is not local, coming from outside present day Denmark (e.g. Frie et al. 2015). It is likely that already in this period wool was being exchanged in Northern Europe, and trade in textiles and wool is well known in the Eastern Mediterranean in much earlier periods (e.g. Michel and Nosch 2017). However, the demand for a new raw material only arises to meet a need and desire in society. Use of a new textile raw material would, furthermore, require new artisanal knowledge. In this paper we will, from a conceptual perspective, discuss the implications of this with regard to textile fibres and cloth cultures in European societies.

TH6-01 Abstract 06
Understanding Bronze Age Life– from an Artisanal Perspective
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There are traces of communication in ancient artefacts and craft materials. Often archaeologists are interpreting this as results from trading or import. The question for this paper is to explore and understand how the ancient artisan reacted and used new ways of working and new ways of thinking in connection to “moving artisans and crafts knowledge”. Prysgården area in the South East of Sweden bear traces of distant artisanal communications and could be described as a node for new expressions and techniques in the Late Bronze Age. The question of craftpeople and their role in prehistory has been discussed in many different ways and from different theoretical perspectives. In my thesis The Artisanal perspective-an archaeology in practice (2016) I have described how artisanship can be the reason for moving material and or techniques around large geographical distances. Learning and sharing knowledge develops new links between people. These circumstances might be the departure for ancient artisans to leave the known area and try new paths. I use and widen artisanal knowledge to interpret artefacts based on my own tacit knowledge as an educated professional and a researcher. Often other crafts I collaborate with skilled artisans as expertise to extract valuable knowledge that gives a good base for archaeological synthesis concerning crafting issues.
The interplay between technology and geography in the development of trade networks

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The archaeological record shows that artefacts have been exchanged over huge distances at times in the distant past when such exchange must have been very difficult. In this paper we attempt to describe how these elusively and intermittently interactions can evolve into established trade networks.

Trade implies organised exchange in sufficient volume to provide a definable pattern. Most simply, the ability to conduct trade encodes two very different ‘distance’ scales: the ‘distances’ that traders need to traverse in order for the network to be robust (e.g. well-connected) and the ‘distances’ for which the available technologies permit the ready transportation of goods.

As shorthand, we term the former ‘geographic’ distance and the latter ‘technological’ distance. There is a symbiosis between the two; the technological improvements that make travel more reliable and viable encourage network growth, conditioned by geography, which exploits this ability to travel longer distances. We stress that by ‘geography’ we mean not so much Cartesian separation as a reflection of the ‘ease’ of exchange between sites and that the application of ‘technology’ (e.g. the wheel, pack-animals, sail) is conditioned by its ownership.

We shall argue that a simple characterisation of network dynamics can be made on the basis of the ratio of these distances. As time passes, improving technologies lead to a growth in technological distance. The establishment of ‘trading’ networks is necessarily constrained when technological distance is relatively small. At the other extreme, trading networks have become well established by the time that technological distance is relatively large. The tipping point between struggling and established networks arises when the distances are comparable. Technology then permits exchange over just those distances necessary for robust networks to exist and a vigorous growth in exchange occurs.

To exemplify these ideas we examine the evolution of maritime networks in the Aegean and E. Mediterranean from the Early to Late Bronze Age. The tipping point for the rapid growth of trade and exchange occurs at the transition from Middle to Late Bronze Age with the large-scale adoption of sail. This becomes clear when Minoan maritime networks are modelled in a way in which this sensitivity to ‘geographical’ distance is explicit. However, on either side of this transition point sensitivity to distance is less important and different computational approaches are required. The implication is that network dynamics in Early, Middle and Late periods has to be understood in terms of different social agency for network formation.

An earlier formulation of these ideas can be found in our paper, From Oar to Sail, published in ‘Maritime Networks: Spatial structures and time dynamics’, C. Ducruet (Editor), Routledge Studies in Transport Analysis, Routledge (London and New York), 2016.

Copper ore: the path from the Tien Shan to the South Urals in the Late Bronze Age

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Widespread of bronzes production in the Bashkir Urals is connected with the Late Bronze Age. The study of settlements and funerary monuments of the Late Bronze Age in this area gave massive material on bronze production in the region (waste products, casting molds, copper drops and ingots, particles of copper ore, containers with traces of waste products) and also numerous products made of bronze (knives, chisels, awls, hilt slabs for vessels, sickles, ornaments and so on). E. Chernykh distinguished in this area a West-Asian metallurgical province connected with the Eurasian Steppe. It is connected with a contact between the two groups of population in the southern Ural’s: Srubnaya and Andronovskaya (Alakulskaya) cultures. In Bashkir Urals, in the area between the rivers Duma and Urshak, Kazburunovsky archaeological micro-district belonging to the late Bronze Age is distinguished. There is a group of 5 settlements and 4 barrow burials here. In the process of investigation the complex of sites consisting of five simultaneous settlements - Usmanovo I - III settlements, Muradymovo I, VII, VIII settlements and 57 Kazburun barrows was examined. Radiocarbon dating (Beta Analytic: 1890 – 1750 BC), proved chronological unity of these barrows and settlements. Numerous traces of bronze production were also found on the territory of Kazburun district. In Bashkir Urals, close to Kargaly mines, there are 770 mines for the extraction of copper sandstones. V. Lunkov (Laboratory of Naturally Scientific Methods, Institute of Archeology, RAS, Moscow) and M. Radivoyevic (Jesus College Research Fellow, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research) carried out a complex of analyses of all bronze material belonging to one of the large settlements - Muradymovo settlement (Kazburun archeological district). Metal was worked on this site – refining, melting, casting. The primary (Cu) metal could have been imported from other regions as raw ingots (bars) artefacts. The provenance analysis imply that the metal worked in the site of Muradymovo settlement was likely acquired from the ores exploited in the Tien Shan mountains. The UCL and RAS analyses show that there is a significant number of pure copper artefacts that represent stock, ingots, working debris. The pure copper artefacts as implements (knives, etc.) need a closer look typologically etc. (RAN analyses). The tin bronzes are already present as finished artefacts and there is no evidence for their production thus far in this site. Due to the research, a new interesting problem in Bashkir Urals archeology came up. Having a large number of copper sandstones and mines, developed in the Late Bronze Age (Kargalinskoye mines), we got an interesting result: the export of ore from northern Tien Shan. As a result, deposits of copper sandstone of Upper Permian red color formations in Southern Urals from Kargaly mines to Eek River in the area of 16379 square km were examined. Paleo-genetic studies have identified several groups in Kazburun archaeological micro-district. Probably in the late Bronze Age the ore came with population of Andronovskaya (Alakulskaya) culture of South-Eastern Kazakhstan. This confirms the theory of E. Chernykh about the unity of West-Asian Metallurgical Province.
TH6-03 Abstract 01
Early farming and the transmission of ceramist traditions in the western Balkans

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The ERC EUROFARM project focuses on the processes of cultural transmission associated with the spread of farming across Europe. This is investigated through comparisons, within and between both streams of neolithification, of four technological innovations: farming practices, landscape use, pottery and lithics.

Farming practices diffused across Europe following two main routes, inland and maritime. The inland stream initially corresponded to the Starčevo-Körös-Criş complex across the Balkans from 6000 cal. BC onwards, and then expanded across continental Europe as the Linearbandkeramik culture. The maritime stream is associated with the Impresso-complex in the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian seas, and the French Mediterranean coast, and then with the Cardial culture across the western Mediterranean Basin.

The EUROFARM research area is the western Balkans where the two streams are discernible and the only one where they are present in such close geographical proximity. The project is focused on two aspects. Both inland and maritime streams involved an initial phase in their respective core areas. Did both streams follow similar trajectories? These secondary episodes of farming expansion seem to correspond to the meeting and mixing of both inland and maritime streams. How can we account for this in terms of cultural transmission?

Differences between the streams are marked in terms of pottery assemblages. Cultural transmission is the process by which information is passed from individual to individual through social learning. It is well recognised to be the mechanism by which excellent cultural change. It raises the question of the signal of cultural transmission in the archaeological record.

The ceramic chânes opératoires, defined as a series of operations which transform raw material into finished products, is a particular relevant signal for tracing and identifying histories of transmission. Examples have been found in the learning process, it has been demonstrated that learning involves a tutor and a model. At the end of the learning process, the learned skills are literally embodied. At the collective level transmission occurs within groups made up of individuals linked by social ties. These ties determine the social perimeter into which ways of doing are transmitted. As a result of these learning processes it appears that: (a) the chânes opératoires are by excellence inherited ways of doing transmitted through successive generations; (b) changes within chânes opératoires express cultures' histories and the factors affecting them. In the latter case, evolution of technological behaviours can be generated through endogenous processes (or phylogeny) resulting in innovation(s), or through exogenous processes (or ethno genesis), taking place beyond social boundaries through horizontal transmission(s).

In this paper, we will present the first results based on the ceramic chânes opératoires analysis from the western Balkans.

TH6-03 Abstract 02
The Neolithic Volga-Kama pottery as a source of reconstruction of cultural interactions

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The research presented here focuses on the following issues: 1) identification of areas in the Middle Povolzhie and Prikamye with early pottery traditions, 2) establishing chronological frameworks using radiocarbon dating of pottery, 3) definition of the relations between the Neolithic cultural groups of Volga-Kama.

The methods used to achieve these objectives are: 1) morphological grouping of pottery based on the ornamentation technique, 2) radiocarbon dating, and 3) technological analysis of pottery (Bohrinsky, 1999).

The study of the ancient Volga-Kama pottery revealed areas with two types of pottery raw materials: silty clay rich in sand in the Middle Povolzhie and plastic clay tempered with chamotte in the Prikamye region (Vybornov, Vasilyeva, 2013). Flat-bottomed pricked pottery is present in the Middle Povolzhie in the early Neolithic period (5500 cal BC). It is made of silty clay when still plastic.

Round-bottomed comb-ornamented pottery of the local Kama culture is present in the Middle Prikamye in the early Neolithic period (3300 cal BC). It is only made of clay tempered with chamotte. The raw material was milled in a dry form.

Comb-ornamented pottery was introduced from the Prikamye culture to the Middle Povolzhie at a later period (5000 cal BC). The proportion of local pricked pottery made of clay and chamotte increases to 15%. Kama comb-ornamented pottery made of clay tempered with chamotte does not exceed 10% further to the west (Mariyskoye Povolzhie, Primokshanye, and Posurye). The rest of the ceramics were made of silty clays. This recipe (clay and silts) is typical for the pricked pottery from the forest-steppe of the Middle Povolzhie.

Pricked-ornamented pottery is found from the Middle Povolzhie to Prikamye around 5000 cal BC. The percentage of comb pottery made of clay with chamotte decreases to 70%, whereas 30% of comb-ornamented pottery is made of silty clay, following the recipe typical for pricked pottery of the Middle Povolzhie. Among pricked pottery of the Middle Povolzhie type, the proportion tempered with chamotte, which is used to make comb pottery found in the forest of Prikamye, increases to 50%.

At a later stage (4500 cal BC) comb pottery made of plastic clay and chamotte represents 70% of the ceramics in the Prikamye region, and in the Middle Povolzhie comb pottery began to be produced with silty clay. This suggests a complete change of the idea of raw materials used by the communities of the Kama culture. The results indicate the long duration of the mixing process between the Middle Povolzhie population with comb pottery and different cultural groups. This demonstrates the coexistence, interaction and blend of different pottery traditions. Full transformation of ideas about raw material could occur during 5-6 generations of potteries. In addition, each new generation had contacts with communities with other technological traditions of pottery making (Bohrinsky, 1998). Thus, the study of the Neolithic pottery technology and its radiocarbon dating allows us to reconstruct the important processes of cultural character.

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TH6-03 Abstract 03
At the border line? The Neolithic and Copper Age pottery of Alto Ribatejo, Portugal

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The Nábař and Zákere are two nearby rivers in the Alto Ribatejo region, in the hinterland of Central Portugal. The Nábař is a temporary watercourse which runs along the Zákere, and not far from their meeting point where they enter into the Tagus River. Despite their proximity, they are crossing geologically different landscapes: while the Nábař is cutting through limestone hills, the Zákere passes through the acidic terrain of the Central Iberian Massif and ends up in the fluvial terraces of the Tagus. This diversity has been reflected in the archaeological studies of the region. The caves around Nábař are considered as the easternmost representatives of the Neolithic group of Estremadura, a group whose roots are in the Cerdial pottery tradition. On the other hand, the open-air sites and megalithic monuments in the Zákere valley are associated with the archaeological amalgam of Alentejo and the Iberian interior, marked by the Bouque potter style during the Early Neolithic.

This work is reviewing the ceramic collections from two sites, one from each of the regions: Gruta do Cadaval from Nábař and Anta 1 de Val da Laje from Zákere. The first is a burial cave, dated at the transition from early to middle Neolithic, and the later is a Chalcolithic dolmen, suspected of being built over more ancient remains. Through pottery characterisation, an attempt is made to answer several questions concerning stratigraphy and intra-regional variability, but also regional communications and mutual influences. In addition, organic residue analysis offers a functional and social dimension to the role of pottery in the activities taking place in these two sites.

TH6-03 Abstract 04
Mixed assemblages and social relations in the Neolithic transitional period of the Central Balkans
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The transitional period from the Early to the Late Neolithic of the Central Balkans is characterized by the presence of mixed ceramic assemblages on several archaeological sites. Mixed assemblages (not only pottery, but also so-called cult objects - altars and figurines), consist of the specimens typical both to the Starčevo and Vinča technological traditions. However, another very important features occur in these assemblages: hybrids and the presence of carelessly, roughly finished products. The paper focuses on social aspects of these phenomena: do they suggest mixing of people with different group identities? Do they represent a temporary stage in the transitions between the teachers and apprentices in the craft? Does the variability of ornamentation techniques and design motifs imply lack of social pressure in learning framework? And finally, do the roughly finished products suggest the presence of inexperienced artisans or newcomers unaware of local traditions?

TH6-03 Abstract 05
Transforming traditions behind the gloom: 6th millennium BC pottery styles of Transdanubia
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Southern Transdanubia in western Hungary is a region that serves as a transitory area between the Balkans and Central Europe during the 6th millennium BC. Current scientific analyses of the research team focus on four broadly contemporaneous sites in three different microregions. Balatonaszőlős-Kis-enredő lies on the southern shore of Lake Balaton, while Tolna-Mózs is located at a distance of 80 km to the southeast closed to the right bank of the Danube. Szeckény-Kukoricázög and Versend-Glincsa has been discovered 50 km further to the south, located only a few km from each other. The evidence of original buildings are similar, they represent the timber-framed architecture of the Linearbandkeramik culture. The ceramic materials, however, show considerable differences.

The pottery from Balatonaszőlős can be described as an assemblage that reflects the formerly recorded Transdanubian LBK characteristics. There are many more detectable Starčevo and Vinča traits along LBK elements present at Tolna-Mózs and Versend-Glincsa. In contrast, the vast majority of the pottery material from Szeckény can be hardly distinguished from the early Vinča ceramic style, while Rábafürdő-style pottery – probably the earliest manifestation of the Mostov culture – is also present in a separate part of the settlement.

According to the analysed settlements, an abundance of spatial variations of coevally existing pottery styles has been observed both on household and intrasite levels. Facing the problem of entangled assemblages, when different pottery styles coexisted in the material of various contemporary households of the same settlement, the specificity in the proportion of different ceramic styles is particularly noteworthy. The perhaps most intriguing variation is when contemporary but spatially clearly separated pottery styles are present on the same settlement, that means amalgamation cannot be detected at household level. Significant differences are obvious even if adjacent, contemporary sites are contrasted. The observations on pottery were also reinforced by robust formal modelling of absolute chronological dates in most of the cases. As a consequence, we are facing extremely colourful microregional patterns. Attention must be paid to this mosa ic nature of the contact zone and to the stylistic variability within the entire settlement system.

The various pottery styles that existed partially or wholly coeval in the very same microregion or even within a settlement, raise several questions in terms of the categories of typochronology and in terms of pottery styles as identity markers. Although, according to the above, concepts of both stable identities and sharp boundaries should be challenged. However, we also pay attention to distinguish not only the shared aspects of the pottery range, but such particular elements that could not be noted in entangled assemblages, and so allow us to detect real entities within a Neolithic pottery tradition. Finally we attempt to answer the question if any regional rules can be set to define elements as hallmarks of the phenomenon.

TH6-03 Abstract 06
Cultural and technical identities through Middle Neolithic paste recipes in the Paris Basin
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For a few years, archaeological investigations on temper and ceramic raw materials procurement and processing have been developed for the Middle Neolithic (4600-3800 B.C.), showing a certain diversity in the north of France. My PhD work aims at developing this research dynamic by studying 15 middle Neolithic sites, most of them are located in the Paris Basin. The mid-fifth millennium BC in the Paris Basin is a period of major sociological changes. The demographic trends are pushing the population to occupy all kinds of landscapes. Territories are organised through large enclosures. Monumental tombs can also be observed in the funerary practices. This demographic dynamism gave an enhancement to agricultural practices as well as cultural diversity. Indeed, several cultural groups developed for a millennium. Roessen and Cerny cultures are identified for the beginning of this period followed by Chasséen, Michelberg, Groupe de Noyn and Groupe de Spire cultures.

The use of organic tempers (bones and plants) during early Middle Neolithic in Roessen and Cerny cultures has long contrasted with a main use of grog and first tempers as can be seen later in time. However, current researches consolidated by petrographic analyses show a more complex picture. Major diversities in paste recipes can also be observed according to sites and their locations. Those preliminary results might question some criteria used to define the various Middle Neolithic cultural groups in the Paris Basin. Further investigations will mainly focus on tools and techniques involved in ceramic raw materials processing.

TH6-03 Abstract 07
Fuzzy Boundaries, Permeable Borders: challenges in the interpretation of ceramic assemblages
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It is tempting to treat borders as fixed, lines drawn on a map, but to do so fails to take into account that borders are permeable. They may be crossed by people, ideas, and objects in a variety of ways as part of an ever changing social landscape. In order to interpret and respect this dynamic force of the lives of people, our ways of perceiving these borders must alter. Thus arises the issues of mixed assemblages. There are many reasons why an assemblage might end up being perceived as mixed. Our approaches are developed by a detailed ceramic study in the northern Greek Late Neolithic (a time of social change at ca. 5400-4300 BC), concepts of interaction, and ethnoarchaeology.
Do ut des: pottery “imports” and imitations in Romanian Neo-Neolithic

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Amongst all finds recovered from the archaeological record, pottery is one of the most common types. Since the beginning of professional archaeology, pottery was used to establish exchange relationships between social groups from different areas and/or to construct relative chronologies. In this presentation we try to review so-called "imports" and imitations found in archaeological record in the Romanian Neo-Neolithic and discuss their meaning. With the help of ethnographic record we can assume the significance of "foreign" pottery in areas with different traditions as a product of exchange, exigency or imitation. The separation between "imports" and imitations is usually very hard to identify with the naked eye, in this case archaeometry could be a useful tool to answer the questions.

Hybrid Societies: the vagueness of Neolithic "cultures" in the Balkans

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The determination of culture was a reference for the culture-historical archaeology in the Balkans and abroad, and leads many to identify particular regions with finds unearthed from Neolithic sites. This was a helpful tool for the early stage of prehistoric archaeology and contributed to the understanding of particular regional attributes common to the societies that inhabited various areas in the Balkans. However, recent research indicates that these cultural borders and material features are not so rigid and often are re-estimated beyond the proposed geographical frames. The concept of culture itself is questioned and often reconsidered with the issue of identity, as more evidence is available concerning the Neolithic societies, their villages, pottery, tools, images, burials and human remains.

Since the first definition of Neolithic, cultures some regions were regarded as separated and isolated areas and mainly considered within modern political borders. This was a significant step towards the first definition of cultural features of these regions and as such contributed in the identification of sites into cultural groups. Hence, the reconsideration of published material, artifacts from museum stores, documentation and new excavations indicated that some geographically divided and different regions were barely "culturally" diverse. Thus, pottery regarded as the main feature of one culture appears in another which was classified as belonging to a different cultural group.

The case-study of the Neolithic pottery in Pelagonia and its production within the agricultural communities of the Skopje valley, Lake Ohrid basin, Ohrid-Pole and Pešiq will be presented. Late Neolithic Vinča pottery will also be considered, as some of the temper types and design features appear at earlier tell sites in Pelagonia. In addition, the anthropomorphic house models from this area will be discussed. Originally, these were attributed by archaeologists to different cultures due to their typological variations in these regions.

Therefore this paper will mainly consider pottery design and human representations in order to emphasise the common Neolithic features of the isolated regions and the modes of networks which integrated shared identities of distant societies. The issue of culture will also be discussed as it often invokes a contemporary notion of communities that inhabited particular geographical areas. Their intensive communication and common material culture go beyond the archaeological cultural frameworks of the Balkans and as such will be emphasised for further revision.

Modelling interaction at the peripheries: LN/EC Levant and the Halaf/Ubaid interaction spheres

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Several Late Neolithic and Early Chalcolithic Levantine assemblages (6th-5th millennium cal BC) contain pottery identified as Halaf and/or Ubaid. In most cases, these ceramics are not very similar stylistically or formally to the ‘classic’ Mesopotamian specimens, and the Levant is in fact considered to lie outside the area where Halaf and Ubaid ceramic traditions emerged. More interestingly, however, the Levant is located on the periphery of both Halaf and Ubaid horizons or interaction spheres. Here, like in other ‘peripheral’ regions, pottery is one of the few elements, if not the only, to be shared, and its higher variability, both in terms of decoration and forms, indicates the differential spread of traits over space and time. The traditional narratives mainly emphasise possible cultural or ethnic affiliations to northern Mesopotamia, but, in this paper, Levantine ‘mixed’ assemblages are rather conceived primarily as a peculiar expression of the vast Halaf and Ubaid supra-regional socio-material networks.

The uneven distribution and networking of traits attest the significance of the role played by local socio-economic conditions and cultural practices in their dissemination, even if available evidence rarely allows us to reconstruct the contexts of production and use of the Levantine Halaf- and Ubaid-related ceramics in detail. Local production, however, was deposited locally in most cases, and, since the manufacture of such pottery presupposes the use of specialised technological chains, the Levantine autochthonous traditions, its spread surely involved technological transfers. Interregional contacts, thus, appear to have structured potting activities within the Levantine communities, contributing to the establishment of extended communities of practice.

Focusing on pottery manufacturing, based on old and recent data, this paper seeks to better understand the interaction dynamics implicated in the diffusion of Halaf and Ubaid traits at the boundaries of their respective interaction spheres, in order to further explore the global character and meaning of Halaf and Ubaid phenomena.

The Comb/Narva interface in the E. Baltic: pottery form and function in the dynamic 4th mill. BC

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In the 4th millennium cal. BC the eastern Baltic region experienced various striking developments that occurred more or less simultaneously and are likely to be inter-related. Thus, a wide exchange network emerged at this time, involving a coast-to-inland flow of Baltic amber, complemented by a transfer of lithic materials. At the same time, the indigenous tradition of shelland organic-tempered ceramics, representing what is known as the ‘Narva Culture’, encountered the starkly contrasting Comb Ceramic tradition of rock-tempered, densely ornamented pottery – evidently an intrusive phenomenon that arrived from neighbouring areas to the north.

‘Hybridisation’ is a concept frequently employed to characterise the ceramic assemblages of this time, exhibiting mixed-temper fabrics along with decorative elements and designs that seemingly imitate Comb-Ceramic ornamentation but at the same time depart from its strict canons. Adding to the complexity, there is new evidence that pottery should also be added to the list of items circulating within the long-distance exchange network. Primarily utilising assemblages from present-day Latvia, this paper seeks to look behind the material and unravel what the encountered ceramic variety means in terms of pottery-making and pottery use.

A Technological Study of Pottery from the Archaeological Site Gradište-Iđoš in Serbian Banat

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The archaeological site of Iđoš (Gradište Iđoš), situated in the south-central Hungarian plain, in the Serbian Banat region, had been occupied for over 5000 years, from Europe’s first Neolithic farmers to the Late Bronze Age period. Its scale and character have made it to be a site of great cultural importance and national heritage. The on-going archaeological research (BORDERLAND: ARISE project) explores three chronological key phases of its prehistory, consequently yielding large amounts of ceramic material. One of the main focuses of the project is to investigate social boundaries between Neolithic communities characterised by ‘Tisa’ and ‘Vinča’ style pottery. The expansion of Tisa material culture from the core area of its development in the middle portion of River Tisa began in the period when the Vinča phenomenon was already fully developed in the northern Banat. On several sites in the Serbian Banat the evidence of mixed assemblages and the presence of hybrid vessels, exhibiting typical style of both communities, was recorded.
Very interestingly, the results of the previous archaeological research conducted on Idjoš revealed that materials characterised by both “Tisza” and “Vinča” styles could be found in the same contexts, for example in the house excavated in 1954 in Gradilice. Therefore, Idjoš represents an ideal case study to investigate the dynamics which result in the formation of mixed assemblages in this region at that time.

In this presentation we provide the preliminary results of the pottery technological project which gathered experts from different fields of expertise and aimed at analysing pottery technology and archaeometry. Through different types of analyses (macroscopic and microscopic examinations, thin section petrography, portable X-ray fluorescence and FTR analysis), we aim to shed light on different aspects of pottery production at the site during the Late Neolithic, in order to understand if these different pottery styles could be connected to different chaînes opératoires and could reflect different organizational principles of productions. The aim is to interpret the existing mixed inventory and understand if these different styles are reflecting the co-habitation of different social groups on Idjoš, or if they are the expression of ideas and communication among communities characterised by different material culture.

TH6-03 Abstract 14
Technology of Neolithic-Eneolithic ceramics in the territory of Nevada-Ladoaga basin (NW Russia)

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Presentation Preference - Oral

There are unique Neolithic-Eneolithic sites in the territory of the Neva-Ladoaga basin (NW Russia). The site of Okhta 1 is located at the mouth of the Okhta River in St. Petersburg city region. The first people occupied this territory around 4300 BC. These were the first communities of the Neolithic Pit-Combed culture. Changes in the landscape and the climatic conditions around 3200-3000 BC made this area attractive again for habitation. In the late period, on the coastal zone the houses, fishing constructions, animal shelters and graves of the Great Kurgan Plain are found with the Typical Comb ceramic tempered with leather and asbestos. One site is Podolie 1 which is located in the southern part of Ladoga Lake, and was occupied intermittently depending on the water levels of the lake and the Baltic Sea. Pottery belongs to different cultural traditions: Neolithic Pit-Combed ceramic (5000-4000 BC) and Typical Comb Ceramic of the Late Neolithic-Eneolithic (tempered with feathers, shafts or asbestos 4000-3000 BC). Investigations of the sherds in thin sections, by XRF, SEM-EDS and microtomography have allowed several ceramic groups made using different technologies to be identified, and the types of raw material sources that have been used at these sites to be established. Research on ceramic has expanded our knowledge of cultural traditions and chronology of the ancient societies that occupied the Prinesvikiy lowland territory during 5000-3000 BC.

TH6-03 Abstract 15
Corded Ware Culture in the North-West of Russia: mix of traditions

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There are a lot of settlements in the North-West Russia with Corded Ware Cultures (CWC) materials. They appear in the first-pot-dwelling settlements also. On the ceramic materials we could trace mix of different archaeological cultures: local and indigenous. First appearance of the CWC was observed in the middle of the III millennium BC on the pot-dwelling settlement Uyavskoye-V (Paloyn region). I want to describe the settlement – layer a settlement Seryevo II. This is settlement on the mineral bank near the river. Ceramics introduce different traditions: local, Uvasetskaya, and indigenous. CWC we could trace them in technology of making pottery (the way of using vessels, admixture in the molding dough), in pottery forms and in ornamentation. For example, admixture of gruss was never used in Uvasetskaya culture, but on the vessels with cord ornamentation this is a main additive. On the other hand, technique of “blade and anvils” was widespread in Uvasetskaya culture, but in the CWC materials on the settlement this technique was found only a few times. Cord ornamentation was never used in the North-West Russia until the end of Neolithic. This tradition came with CWC inhabitants in the end of III millennium BC. More interesting, that in couple vessels we see the mix of different traditions: ceramic was formed by using slabs, ornamentation represents a horizontal lines of 2-twisted cord and as admixture in the molding dough was used gruss. Possible, that newcomers (CWC inhabitants) were mixed with local inhabitants and we trace now some new archaeological tradition, new archaeological culture.

TH6-03 Abstract 16
Making pottery on the Neolithic settlements in the north of the Sozh river basin (Eastern Belarus)

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This study is based on the ceramic material from the main Neolithic sites of the in the north of the Belarusan Paozhozha (Eastern Belarus). Hrona, Rudina 1 and Stary Dzedzin 4. In the course of excavations multi-period material were obtained, but Neolithic finds dominate. The Hrona 3 settlement is situated on the first terrace of the left bank of the Sozh River. The site was discovered by V. Trepjavlov in 1794. In 1975 A. Kaledin excavated here an area of 140 m². The presented poster discusses the results of the study of 1612 Neolithic potsherds from more than 100 vessels. The Rudina 1 settlement is situated on the first terrace of the left bank of the Sozh River (Eastern Balarus). The site was discovered by V. Kopylin in 1994. In 2007-2008 A. Kolosov excavated here an area of 300 m². The presented poster discusses the results of study of 2042 Neolithic potsherds from more than 100 vessels. The Stary Dzedzin 4 settlement is situated on the first terrace of the left bank of the Oster River. The site was discovered by A. Kolosov in 2006. In 2006, 2010 and 2012 A. Kolosov excavated here an area of 232 m². The results of the study of 782 Neolithic potsherds from more than 80 vessels will be presented. Ceramic material is separated following three main parameters: technology, morphology and decoration. This allows a division of the pottery into several groups, which should reflect peculiarities of cultural situation in the northern Belarusan Paozhozha region during the Neolithic period.

Group 1 is represented by slightly shaped vessels with slightly bent rim. The vessels were tempered with organic and coarse-grained crushed stone. The dominant ornamental element is called “lapka”. Ornamentation is dense – with closely packed rows of prints. These types of ceramics are similar to those from the sites of the Dnieper River basin.

Group 3 represented by vessels with shoulder, wide neck, narrow upper part and slightly bent rim. These vessels have complex zonal ornamentation, elements of decoration are varied. This group represents the last phase of the Upper Dnieper culture. In addition the pottery with features of the Pit-Comb Ware culture and the Middle Dnieper culture is also found at the sites.

The results of the analysis indicate the presence of several traditions in the pottery making on the Neolithic settlements in the north of the Sozh river basin. Location of these sites in the upstream of the Sozh River and their proximity to the area of Dnese river basin has played a key role in the formation of these traditions.
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**Sub-Neolithic pottery from the territory of Belarusian Pabužža**

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Investigations of the last decade significantly increased the resource base for the study of the Neolithic of Belarusian Pabužža (Belarusian part of the Bug River basin). During recent excavations, Sub-Neolithic pottery was found at 19 sites in the region. For the first time pottery of the Dubčiai type was discovered in the region. This fact gives the possibility of defining more exactly the area of the Prypiat-Neman culture. Some finds attributed to the Sokolówka pottery type were also found. The latter type is most probably a result of a local development of the Dubčiai pottery in the western part of Prypiat-Neman culture area. Neman culture is represented by pottery of Lašija Hara and Dobry Bor types. The finds which belong to the former are not numerous. It may be connected to the main area of its distribution (upper reaches of the Neman River). The Dobry Bor type pottery is much more frequent. It was found at most of the studied sites. It can be divided into two groups: the first one is represented by hybrid pottery with features of both Lašija Hara and Dobry Bor types. Analogies to such pottery can be found in the Upper Prypiat River basin. The second group consists of “classic” Dobry Bor pottery.

**TH6-03 Abstract 18**

**Crkvica-Bukovlje: Identifying Copper Age pottery from disturbed stratigraphy**

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The site Crkvica-Bukovlje in central Croatia has been systematically excavated since 2012. Primarily, it was recognized as a Late Antique site dating to the 5th and 6th centuries AD. During the archaeological excavations, prehistoric layers from the Iron and Copper Age were also found. Due to the erosion and later occupancy of the site, the oldest Copper Age layers were severely disturbed. Hence, the affiliation of pottery finds is based on their ornamentation, shape, and technology. Although most of the finds could be ascribed to the Lasinja culture, there are some pieces that show traits of the Retz-Gajary culture. The appearance of pottery belonging to these two cultures is known from several sites in Croatia, Slovenia, and Austria. Sometimes they are found together in the same layers and sometimes Lasinja culture pottery is found in layers beneath the ones with pottery ascribed to the Retz-Gajary culture. New radiocarbon dated assemblages have brought some new insights regarding some of the ornamentation that was previously connected to the late phase of Lasinja culture, supposedly influenced by Retz-Gajary culture. The question raised is whether we can suppose the presence of Retz-Gajary culture or its influence at the site Crkvica-Bukovlje based on several ornaments that are usually ascribed to Retz-Gajary culture or are we dealing with Lasinja culture pottery and these ornaments appear regardless of Retz-Gajary culture? Clay pastes of Lasinja culture pottery and pottery with Retz-Gajary traits will also be analyzed in order to see if there are some differences between them.

**TH6-03 Abstract 19**

**Neolithic pottery from Ljubič cave (Istria, Croatia)**

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Due to its exceptional geographical position on the crossroads of ancient paths, the Istrian peninsula was an important link between east, west, north, and south ever since prehistoric times. The Ljubič cave is situated in southern Istria (Croatia) near the village of Marčana and only 15 kilometers east of Pula, the peninsula’s largest city. Since 2008 to 2011 archaeological excavations were carried out in cooperation between the Musee d’Anthropologie prehistorique de Monaco (Principality of Monaco) and The Croatian Conservation Institute (Croatia). Recorded findings, particularly ones from the Neolithic period, implied that the cave was intensively in use during this period. A large number of pottery fragments were nicely decorated with different motifs and ornaments characteristic of the cultural phenomena from Early (Impressed culture), Middle (Danilo culture) and Late (Hvar culture) Neolithic therefore making it the period of the most intense usage of the cave. With this poster we will put the focus on the Middle Neolithic (Danilo culture) pottery and its ornaments (S shaped decoration, different spiral motifs, incrustation). Furthermore, laboratory analyses of pottery and ornaments show the significance of this multidisciplinary approach to archaeology and pottery. With these kinds of experiments, interesting results were collected. This work would not be possible without good cooperation between archaeologists and the laboratory where the analyses were held (Metris, Pula, Croatia). We also emphasise the significance of the modern scientific technology and methods to improve and advance knowledge connected to technology and production of pottery during the archaeological periods.
ENTANGLED MIGRATION. THE MATERIALITY OF DIASPORA COMMUNITIES IN THE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN WORLD

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Migration is a hot topic, but not a new one: Diaspora communities are well-known in the medieval and early modern past. The question is if the otherwise of the migrants was as a hindrance or a resource in their new life. In this session we aim to take on this question by approaching links between individual identity, community and host- and homelands.

The session brings together three research areas: the study of migration, urban development, and the study of the formation and expression of group- and individual identity through materiality. The examples are many: The medieval Hanseatic migration was followed by refugees and economic migrants in Europe and beyond from the 16th century onwards, and the migrants were entangled in complicated networks of marriage, kinship and business relations in host- and homelands. This entanglement gives rise to a series of core questions in the interpretation of the archaeological record. 1. How do we identify immigrant identities? 2. How do we assess social or other differences within the immigrant communities? 3. How do we assess reactions of the host land to the immigrants? 4. How do we separate diasporic identities from those of overlapping communities cutting across ethnicity, e.g. occupation, social and economic status, age, gender and rank.

The session takes its starting point from the ongoing Danish-Swedish research project Urban Diaspora, that focuses on Scottish, German and Dutch diaspora communities in Scandinavian cities. Urban Diaspora is based on the materiality of consumption reflected primarily in ceramics, eco/zoofacts and written records, but we invite speakers to give their perspectives on immigrant identities through papers dealing with all kinds of materiality, whether rooted in Scandinavian communities or of those of refugee Dutchmen, German craftsmen, Scottish traders, Portuguese merchants, Italian artists or something else in Europe and beyond.

TH6-04 Abstract 01
Ireland and its medieval diasporic communities

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Keywords: Acculturation studies, Migration, Postcolonial theory

Presentation Preference - Oral

For a region traditionally associated in recent centuries with its migrant diasporic communities, Ireland has had a long and complex history with external migrant communities. In fact, the main strands of the nationalist mythos formulated during the floruit of nationalistic Romanticism were constructed in the context of – and often in contrast to – the outcomes of these episodes of migratory activity. While recourse will occasionally be made to sixteenth/seventeenth-century migratory and colonial activity, this paper will mainly compare and contrast two medieval case studies: the arrival of settlers firstly from Scandinavia and the Scandinavian Diaspora between the ninth and twelfth centuries, and secondly from the broader Anglo-French world from the end of the twelfth century to the mid-fourteenth century. While each of these episodes differed from the others, in terms of scale and outcome, there were some commonalities. For example, both involved settlers from geographically disparate homelands, such as modern-day Denmark and Norway and areas of associated settlement in the case of the former, and modern-day England, France, Flanders, Wales and Scotland in the latter. Furthermore, both might be regarded as colonialism, seen here as a particular form of predatory migration, at least in terms of the intentions of the initial migrants.

Before assessing the outcomes of each episode, it is first necessary to determine the extent of the associated migratory activity by recourse to a combination of material settlement evidence, documentary sources, the toponomic record and the evidence of material culture. Following this, using the same sources of evidence, an assessment will be made of number of cultural phenomena associated with migrant, diasporic and/or colonial communities, namely osification, the carrying on of certain cultural traits from the homeland beyond their usage in that homeland, acculturation, the adoption of certain cultural traits by one group based on their contact with another, and hybridisation, the coming together of several packages of cultural traits of diverse origins to form a new cultural package. Such discussions should of course only take place having absorbed the various lessons of recent scholarship regarding the mutable nature of ethnicity, and the ability of both groups and individuals to identify themselves in several overlapping – if not conflicting – ways, and so the penultimate section of the paper will discuss the evidence for the holding of multiple identities in the case studies based on different spheres of social life. Following this, the paper will close with a discussion of the utility of the application of the lessons learned from these case studies to other examples of colonial, migratory or diasporic phenomena at other points in space and time.

TH6-04 Abstract 02
Jugs and pots - beer and stew? "Hanseatic "impact on medieval and early modern Bergen (Norway)

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Keywords: Germans in Bergen (Norway), Hanseatic league, Pottery, drinks and food

Presentation Preference - Oral

As widely known, the city of Bergen on the westcoast of Norway was an important element in the trading network of the Hanseatic league. From the 14th to the 17th century a considerable number of Germans from various Hanseatic towns were living here, making up partly up to a quarter of the towns overall population. There is a large collection of archaeological material that can be connected with these Hanseatic population, as the site of the Hanseatic lomtor was in the scope of extensive archaeological research from the 1950’s to the 1970’s. Based mainly on the analysis of a selection of pottery from Bergen, I want to discuss how far the archaeological material reflects the everyday habits of the persons that lived in the Hanseatic quarter of Bergen, presumable their eating and drinking habits. Are there significant traces that can be linked to the Northern German origins of these groups? Is it possible to pinpoint differences in the archaeological material that can indicate whether ethnic Norwegians or immigrants Germans lived on a particular site? What may have been possible areas of cultural contact and transfer between the different ethnic and social groups? By combining the archaeological material with historical evidence the outlines of social realities in an international trading town my emerge.

TH6-04 Abstract 03
Urban Diaspora - Entangled diaspora communities in Early Modern Scandinavia

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Keywords: Diaspora, Migration, Urbanity

Presentation Preference - Oral

The Early Modern period (c. 1450-1650) was a time of transformation in the Early Modern cities. Increasing Early modern migration into Scandinavia from the Netherlands, present Germany and the UK meant an influx of people, objects and ideas that profoundly transformed the cities, where the immigrants settled and formed diaspora communities with strong commercial and family ties to their homelands. The formation of such communities in established cities gave rise too series of reactions from the hostlands. Some meetings were peaceful; others were conflict-ridden. The migrants came with different agendas: conquerors and colonizers, traders, economic, political and religious refugees had their own agendas and aims, each of them influencing the interaction within the communities and between the communities and the local inhabitants. And they were met with different responses ranging from official welcomes to conflict and resistance. The urban Diaspora project is an ongoing cross-disciplinary and cross-national research project on immigration into medieval and early modern Scandinavia. In the course of the project our participants has uncovered traces of migration based in archaeology, history and science. All the projects is in its final phase The aim of this paper is to present the research framework and some results of the project, concentrating on the agendas of the many immigrant groups, that settled here, and the official and unofficial responses of hostland to the pressure of the immigrants. The Urban Diaspora is funded by the Danish Council for Independent research/Humanities.

TH6-04 Abstract 04
Migration in Early Modern Scandinavian towns. The Nya Lüdöse case

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Keywords: Early Modern, Migration, Scandinavia

Presentation Preference - Oral

The town Nya Lüdöse existed between 1473 and 1624 on the west coast of Sweden. The written sources from the town are sparse and cover only the last decades of its existence. In this paper I will discuss strategies for identifying immigrant households from the archaeological record with emphasis on how to distinguish between diaspora identities and other overlapping identities such as occupation, social and economic status.
TH6-04 Abstract 05
Early Modern Immigrants:
The City of New Lødøse in the Historical record
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Keywords: Early Modern, Immigrants, New Lødøse
Presentation Preference: Oral

The city of New Lødøse was established in 1473 as a gateway for trade between Sweden and Western Europe. About 150 years later, in the early 1620s, the city lost its privileges, and the citizens were forced to move closer to the sea, so what is now modern-day Gothenburg. In the research project Urban Diaspora – Diaspora communities and materiality in early modern urban centers, New Lødøse is defined as an “immigrant city”, while the other two cities in the project, Elsinore and Aalborg, are classified as a “cosmopolis” and a “provincial city” respectively. The amount of preserved historical records differs for these three cities. For New Lødøse, no written document has been found that makes it possible to identify owners of excavated plots or to study individual families thoroughly e.g. marriage strategies, networks, and materiality. On the other hand, the discovery of a number of tax poll lists from 1599-1610 has made it possible to analyze the town in other ways. The compilation of individual data from these lists not only shows a city with a number of inhabitants of Dutch and German origin and significant socioeconomic differences, but also provides a more precise idea about the city districts: their size, population, and economic capacity, and the occupational status of their inhabitants.

TH6-04 Abstract 06
Archaeological excavations of Dutch settlements from the 16th-17th century in Elsinore, Denmark
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Keywords: Diaspora communities, Historical archaeology, Migration
Presentation Preference: Oral

The magnificent borough of Elsinore, situated on the narrow Sound between Denmark and Sweden, is of special interest concerning the archaeology of the wealthy Dutch immigrants in the 16th-17th century. Since 1429 every ship passing through the Sound had to moor at Elsinore roads in order to pay the Sound toll taxes, and the Danish and foreign merchants made good money trading with the foreign ships. The increased Dutch immigrations following the wars in the Netherlands in 1587, coincided with the growth by growth and progress of the town as the king Frederik II rebuilt the castle of Kronborg. Many well-established Dutch merchants settled at the sandy area situated between the town of Elsinore and Kronborg Castle. This new town quarter, earlier known as Sanden, i.e. the Sands, got an abrupt end due to the Swedish attack in 1658. Recent archaeological investigations in connection with extensive construction work in this area, which were until recently hidden under the former shipyard area, have revealed remnants of buildings, culture layers, latrines and wells connected to the rich 16th-17th century settlements. The fauna and the botanical remains reveal, as do the archeological finds, that the Dutch merchants in Elsinore dined on the finest quality food and on imported tableware in faience and ceramics.

TH6-04 Abstract 07
Can an animal bone assemblage indicate a diaspora?
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Keywords: Animals, Diaspora, Enlarged Migration, Zooarchaeology
Presentation Preference: Oral

Analyses of archaeological animal bone assemblages sometimes provide evidence of successions and/or coexistence of different cultures. Thus, the species present and their relative frequencies at the site Gården under Sandet, Greenland (ca. AD 1000-1400) show that the Norse settlers imported European domestic mammals and partly subsisted on these, but that over time the importance of native seals increased, whereas the importance of cattle decreased. Cutmarks etc. on the bones may also provide clues for example bi-perforated metapodia, mostly of sheep, from the Danish site Ribe (AD 725-860) indicate that bone marrow was obtained this way which seems to be an ancient tradition in Scandinavia which has been exported to England several times, 9th-11th centuries AD, where bi-perforated metapodia have been found only in Anglo-Scandinavian layers. The representation of individual skeletal elements in the material may also reveal particular cultural traits, such as the herringbone material from the Danish site Silke/Vestby (AD 1290-1380) which shows that the procedure of gilling the herring is not a Dutch invention which has been exported, as indicated by written sources, but was practiced in Denmark much earlier. The interpretation of the animal bone assemblages is complicated by the fact that different classes within a single society used different species of animals.

Aspects of the animal bone material from Elsinore, Denmark (16th-17th centuries AD), analysed as part of the Urban Diaspora project, are presented with a view to establishing whether the material provides evidence of traditions of the Dutch diaspora.

TH6-04 Abstract 08
Tracing ethnicity in food consumption - the case of Nya Lödöse
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Keywords: consumption, ethnicity, fish bones
Presentation Preference: Oral

The present paper deals with the question to what extent ethnic identity can be traced in the archaeozoological remains of food consumption. Within the research project Urban Diaspora – Diaspora communities and materiality in early modern urban centers it was asked whether it was possible to distinguish differences in consumption between plots in the town of Nya Lödöse (1473: 1624), Sweden. The town was situated at the Swedish west coast, and was characterized by a multiethnic population largely consisting of merchants, soldiers and sailors. From 2013 and onwards comprehensive excavations covering large parts of the town have been conducted. A range of different features have been excavated, from houses and backyards to streets and refuse pits. The clearly defined plots form a unique possibility to map differences in food consumption between households, and possibly connect the variation with the identity of the plot owner; eg. ethnicity, status or class.

Archaeological features clearly connected to the consumption in five town plots were selected, and special attention was given to the fish bone assemblage. The names of the plot owners are not known through written sources. It was apparent early on that there did exist interesting differences, especially regarding the distribution of species. Anatomical distribution and size were also investigated. The challenge lies, as always, in explaining the differences found. Are they due to the resident’s birthplace, social class or personal taste, only to mention a few possibilities?

TH6-04 Abstract 09
Foreign beer and gruel traditions in late medieval town Nya Lödöse, Sweden
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Keywords: archaeobotany, beer, immigrant
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Food and beer traditions foreign to the local Swedish west coast have been traced by specific plant material in the late medieval town Nya Lødøse, and may linked the local bourgeois of Germans or Dutch origin. Traces of hop beer brewing from the late 13th century is an anomaly in an area strongly dominated by sweet gale beers as late as mid15th century. Likewise, the use of malted barley stands out as an foreign in relation to local tradition. It represents a imported foodstuff not always imported by German or Dutch households for the making of certain traditional dishes – like gruels consumed on specific occasions. The traces of foreign food and beer traditions bear witness of a multi-ethnic town, with populations of traders preserving traditions of their homeland.

TH6-04 Abstract 10
Plant finds and migration in early modern (15th to 17th century) Aalborg
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Keywords: post-medieval archaeology, migration

The Danish town of Aalborg from northern Jutland is known historically to have contained a number of immigrants in early modern times, mainly coming from the Netherlands. The perspective of the presentation will be to discuss the possibilities of observing signs of migration in analyzed plant material from the town.

The basis for the discussion is a number of recent archaeobotanical analyses dating from around 1400 AD until the late 17th century from Aalborg. The analyzed samples represent diverse archaeological contexts, ranging from 16th century garden soils or dung layers coming from a monastery and a later hospital area to different latrine samples. One latrine sample of particular note lists not only shows a city with a number of inhabitants of Dutch and German origin and significant socioeconomic differences, but also provides a more precise idea about the city districts: their size, population, and economic capacity, and the occupational status of their inhabitants.

TH6-04 Abstract 11
Freezing Danes and Strangers - The Tile Stove Heating in "Dansk" and "Strangers" Households
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TH6-04 Abstract 12
In the houses of urban strangers?

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TH6-04 Abstract 13
A newcomer’s burial: anthropomorphic graves in medieval Transylvania (12-13th c.)

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Very little is known about the first generations of colonists: written sources (very modest for the entire region during the Middle Ages) are scarce, and existing archaeological evidence is limited. However, one of the most obvious manifestations of these communities’ individuality was of funerary nature. When excavating the lower stratigraphic layers of the cemeteries used by German settlers, archaeologists often find anthropomorphic graves, i.e. dug into yellow clay by following the shape of the human body, with a niche for the head. After this burial custom had been used for nearly a century (1150-1250), it suddenly disappeared.

In recent decades archaeology has brought to light hundreds of such tombs scattered among other burials in Saxon cemeteries. Although it is clear that anthropomorphic tombs represented a specific ritual, not the rule, and that they were only used for certain members of the community and only within certain communities, some questions remain unanswered. Which was the rule? What was the meaning of this ritual within the same community? Why and when did some people prefer an anthropomorphic grave while, others opted for a simple, rectangular grave pit? No satisfactory explanations have been provided to date.

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TH6-05 Abstract 01
Adieu Hallstatt! Adieu La Tène! Revisiting old ideas

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Presentation Preference: Oral

At the 1984 conference of the AFEAF (published in 1986) I gave a short paper suggesting that if we could only get rid of the terms Hallstatt and La Tène we might write a very different narrative of the European Iron Age. At that time I was looking specifically at cases in southern Germany, central France and Britain where ideas of chronological divisions and ‘culture groups’ were getting confused, and mixed with now unacceptable theories on the origin of the Celts and their supposed migrations. Only now is the concept of the ‘culture group’ being replaced with ‘networks’ and I personally have been trying to replace chronological ‘phases’ based on ‘type fission’ (as originally developed by Reinecke and Déchelette) with ideas of building chronologies on ‘attributes’ and sequences of ‘horizons’ signalled by single innovations or mutations in material culture. The concepts can also be applied to genetics and languages, and so help to re-integrate different disciplines which in recent years have grown apart (e.g. in ‘Celtic Studies’). I will reflect on our nomenclature and whether terms like Hallstatt and La Tène should be abandoned, or can still be used, e.g. to denote styles of pottery, burial rite, etc. It means that we stop trying to construct chronological and cultural boundaries, and it can also affect basic things like the way in which we publish archaeological excavation reports.

TH6-05 Abstract 02
Bringing down the Wall or How precise independent chronologies facilitate negotiation of boundaries

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Boundaries provide an exciting and dynamic place to do archaeology, but they can also be fraught with troubles. Working across national borders often requires realignment of classificatory schemes for both 'cultural' groups and their associated material culture. To say a site belongs to "the iron Age" carries very different meaning to a person in Greece or in France. Even in a space as small as Britain, "the iron Age" can mean different things when looking at either side of the Anglo-Scottish border. Moving through geographic boundaries, problems are only exacerbated when also faced with a boundary dividing one chronological period from another. Drawing primarily upon examples from Iron Age Britain, from both sides of the Anglo-Scottish border, from the North to the South, and across the period of Roman contact and conquest, this paper will explore how the development of precise independent chronologies enables archaeologists to negotiate the potential perils in these liminal locations, allowing us to better model and understand social change across space and through time.

TH6-05 Abstract 03
Strangers at the Feast? Elites, artefacts and exchange in the 1st millennium BC in SE Slovenia

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The paper explores the role of elite contact and competition in the LBA and EIA societies in SE Slovenia in the transmission of artefacts and technologies around the Head of the Adriatic in the 1st millennium BC in the light of recent research. Exotic material in both mortuary and settlement contexts reflects changing patterns of elite exchange in the area, the balancing the importance of a N-S route between the Eastern Adriatic and the Eastern Alps on the one hand and a E-W route between North and Central Italy through the Head of the Adriatic to Pannonia and the northern Balkan peninsula on the other. It explores the way in which specific types of exotic artefacts were incorporated into the existing elite or prestige repertoires, continuing the earlier tradition of local forms and traditions in the mortuary and settlement sphere. This is reflected in the adoption of iron technology, new forms of elite expression and the aggravation of centres of power that accompanied the transformation of the LBA Ljubljana group and gave rise to the EIA Doljanska group.

TH6-05 Abstract 04
Iron Age interaction in the Po river lowlands and in the pre-Alps of the western Veneto (Italy)

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Keywords: borders, Iron Age, Veneto region

Presentation Preference - Oral

The western Veneto region is geographically characterized by a landscape that progressively decreases in elevation from the peaks of the Pre-Alps to the plain shaped by the Brenta, Adige and Po rivers and tributaries. The western border of Veneto seems to show a long-lasting pattern of interaction between human groups at least since the Final Bronze Age. This long duration is pattern is still notably remarked by the current regional borders. As recognized by several authors, the whole plain and pre-alpine areas seem to share the same material culture, during the Final Bronze and the Early Iron Ages (X-VIII century BC), i.e. the Proto- and Palaeovenetian culture, but they strongly differ in the settlement pattern, showing a marked continuity in the South-Western Plain area, while the northern Pre-Alps seem to be affected by the wider Final Bronze Age settlement crisis. Finds related to the Trentino–Luco/Platten culture are found widely, showing intense supra-regional communication. At the same time, Bernardi proposed (2011) that the Pre-Alps hillfort settlements were characterized by power concentration deriving from the control of boundaries. Since this phase, albeit with diverging settlement patterns, the two areas represent the Western and North-Western borders of the Palaeovenetian world. The VI century BC marks another step in the border interaction in both areas, as significant finds with different origins are recorded in both areas. The central place of Gazzo Veronese, close to the Mincio river, records the presence of Etuscan finds - a bronze double axe and 4 funerary statues, one with an inscription - it seem to record a probable presence of high status figures (magistrates?) among the Palaeovenetian community, but probably only for a brief period. Quite different is the case of the northern area where the presence of epigraphic and material culture finds suggests a marked divergent identity pattern from the previous phase, influenced by Rhaetic elements (Fritzen-Sanzeno culture). Bernardi (2011) proposed to recognize in this case a phenomenon of hybridization due to trade contacts between the local (Palaeovenetian) community and the Rhaetic human groups that finally succeed in acquire the cultural and political supremacy.

Both areas, in the IV century BC, appear to be strongly affected by the Celtic-Carnian intrusion that led to a profound change and reorganization of the considered archaeological landscape. Connections between the analyzed areas and the Celtic one, North of Alps, are recorded by finds since the end of VI-V century BC and interpreted by Bondini (2005) as mercenaries controlling the compulsory trade axis in the Pre-Alps belt. During the IV century BC the central place of Gazzo Veronese shows a contraction and a shift in the location of the inhabited area although problematic is still the definition of its identity in this phase. Complex is generally the definition of the Palaeovenetian polity for the IV century BC due to the scarcity of archaeological evidences: only in a subsequent phase the presence of Celtic human groups is recorded in the area near Verona, Oppiano and Mantua leading to a contraction of the Palaeovenetian polity.
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Crossing the borders of the La Tène "world"

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How can we design borders of and within the La Tène "world"? By spread of typical material culture? By distribution of characteristic sites (flat burials, oppida), by textual evidence of the presence of the "Celts" or according to the political-economic structures reflected in spatial distribution or characteristic coinage or pattern of long distance imports? Can the same material culture be found far from different cultural identities, different political, economic or even ethnic entities?

How we understand communities existing under the label of "the La Tène culture"? Who were their neighbours, counterparts and of what nature were their mutual contacts? Did they understand the concept of borders as we understand it nowadays?

Our recent findings show (mostly peaceful) coexistence of the main cultural groups in the transalpine area (especially "Celts" and "Germans"). This is well attested especially along the long distance routes (Amber route, Elbe route), in peripheries of traditionally used lands and at most of the major settlements. The true break seems to come with the later Germanic occupation, when many of the regions around the central European area (Saone, Lusatia, parts of Bavaria, parts of middle Danube area etc.) remain deserted. However, there exist some evidence of the prevalence of these traditional connections.

The contribution aims to summarise research development made on the territorial issue of the La Tène culture and its northern (the "German") and southern (the "Romans") counterparts during the last ten years. We want especially to assess the importance of long distance routes (connecting the Adriatic, Transalpine and Baltic regions) and to point out how contemporary study of these communications with the use of modern methods can change our traditional perspective of the concept of borders of the La Tène world.

TH6-05 Abstract 08

Exchanging rough materials between North and South of Europe at a time of transition

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The Baltic area is in the deep North of the European Continent still reachable from southern people already in the Late bronze Age as mythical "Hyperborea" destination. Different types of Baltic amber have been found in different archaeological contexts of many regions of the Mediterranean as proof of the interest of this exotic northern product. The Baltic area, though, is not only a potential "Hyperborean" destination in Late European prehistory, source of exotic rough materials, but it could be the epicenter of early commercial exchanges which forms, for the first time, the vast network of a vast cultural "Koine" between South and North, and protagonist in decisive developments in the interrelations among diverse geographical districts of Europe. The last decades a variety of analytical methods/techniques has been developed and is applied to the characterization of ancient organic and inorganic materials. The scientific investigation of amber can be proved an important tool in the hands of the archaeologist aiming to identify prehistoric social interaction, trade and exchange networks between ancient civilizations. In this paper the Baltic area will be examined in its geographical context, with archaeological and scientific data provided.

TH6-05 Abstract 09

Was there any border to cross? Mobility and rejection of the alien in the Iron Age

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Before going any further, the author wishes to warn that this paper is highly speculative. It is based in the observation of an apparent anachronism, where Iron Age patterns of mobility appear year after year more complex and of irregular forms of movement, beyond the conceptual framework of mass migration or (con)temporary mass movement, both of which are difficult to detect, based on the study of the material record (personal ornaments, burial practices, etc.). People of foreign origin in one specific region. This observation suggests that, in the very specific case of individual mobility (i.e. not a mobility

through group migration or deportation), geographical origin was more of an influence on one's biology than one's "social skin". In other words, individual migrants would have adopted identity markers proper to their new community, thus abandoning those they brought from their original home.

Yet, occasionally, isolated foreigners could be segregated through specific funerary practices, or be the target of specific forms of violence, especially ritualized. Exclusion of the alien, going as far as physical extermination, was not then beyond the scope of the Iron Age communities.

These practices seem to have remained quite scarce, however. Above all, they were embodied in a wider range of patterns related to violence used as a mean for negotiating social order, and involving exhibition of weapons, body parts, ritual murders, etc. In this paper, I would like to argue that the construction of Iron Age identities relied less on a geographical origin, but rather on one's kinship and lineage. This allowed a fluid mobility along the vertices of a network whose complexity and range varied from one time to another and from one person to another, but always connected different geographical and cultural areas through interpersonal bonds built through many generations. In this context, the construction of identity obeyed rules much more complex than those based solely on ethnicity, including kin rivalry, deviation to the consensual social norms, etc. In other word, the detestation of the other was a multiscalar phenomenon, not preeminently related to territorial identity.

One may ask, therefore, what was the relation between violence and alterity. As a conclusion, this paper will address this topic through some specific examples collected all throughout Iron Age Europe, and even on its margins.

TH6-05 Abstract 10

Early/Late Iron Age transition in Southern Pannonia – Crossroads of Identity

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This paper will discuss shift of identity that occurred at the Early/Late Iron Age transition in Southern Pannonia. Presentation will focus on the River Sava basin which has been perceived as border in recent centuries. However, at the end of the Early Iron Age, this is the area of dynamic cultural interactions directly related to changes in period-related cultural transfer directly related to changes in period-related cultural interaction. The Neolithic and Early Iron Age groups of adjacent territories and further, and the Mezéki period. In this paper we will discuss two aspects: movement of people and material exchange in the Central European region.

The link between Southern Pannonia and Donja Dolina is particularly important during the Late Hallstatt and Early La Tène periods, when some parallels within the material culture indicate that the communities occupying these regions shared a very similar cultural identity.

Generally, it would appear that in the middle of the 6th c. B.C. Hallstatt communities in southern Pannonia did not actually disappear, but their identity was radically changed. The most visible reflection of that change can be seen at the level of burial rituals, with the disappearance of inhumation burials under tumuli. The few sites dated to this period, such as the well-known graveyards of Beremend and Szentlőrinc in Hungary, and the graves in Vinkovci, Vučedol, Đakovo and Belišće in Croatia, indicate that these were smaller, flat, skeletal graveyards. The material discovered in them displays a universal similarity in the entire Southern Pannonia, including Donja Dolina and, presumably, the Podega Valley. The point of view of the Early Iron Age, this changes the picture of localisation of this region and suggest that the identity of local communities should be viewed from an entirely different perspective. The earliest manifestations of the La Tène Culture did not come in contact with the typical Hallstatt populations that buried their dead under tumuli, but rather with communities which had already been largely transformed, which used flat skeletal graves and whose attire was generally similar to other relatively large region. The La Tène influences penetrated this universal identity of the Late Hallstatt, thus creating - during the chronologcal period of the Early La Tène - some kind of a cultural amalgam, observable in the rare graves of the Early La Tène period (which are mostly female).
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Textile Cultures of Iron Age Central and Mediterranean Europe: breaking down the boundaries

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Textiles represent a product the design and use of which are subject to cultural patterning and as such can be used to establish the identity of an individual or a group with respect to other individuals or groups. Worn or displayed in an emblematic way, textiles can denote variations in age, sex, rank, status or group affiliation, thereby creating and reinforcing social and cultural boundaries. Yet, textiles have rarely been used as archaeological indicators of cultural boundaries in later prehistoric Europe. Textiles from Central and Mediterranean Europe preserved in a mineralised form have recently been analysed within the scope of the ERC funded project Production and Consumption: Textile Economy and Urbanisation in Mediterranean Europe 1000-500 BCE (PROCON). The data collected from several hundred of such finds suggest that, during the Iron Age, and possibly already much earlier, most of Italy shared the weaving techniques and aesthetics of the Eastern Hallstatt, while Greece was much more closely connected with the Near Eastern textile culture. These results suggest that the traditionally perceived cultural boundaries between the Mediterranean and the Near Eastern societies, as well as the connections amongst the latter, have to be reconsidered. The paper will review the evidence and suggest some ideas for transcending borders in later prehistoric Europe by using the generally conservative and ubiquitous textile technique to delineate wider cultural and technological spheres of influence.

TH6-05 Abstract 12

Digital approaches to the presentation and analysis of Iron Age art

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3D digital methods of data capture and analysis have the potential to transform the ways in which we record, display and interpret Iron Age art. One element of the ENTRANS Project has been the investigation of Iron Age objects in the South-Eastern Europe region using a range of new technologies. This is part of a broader programme aimed at breaking down boundaries between typological/ art historical methods of analysis, and newer approaches based on concepts of object biography and materiality. Many of the objects studied within the ENTRANS Project belong to the tradition known as ‘slota art’, classically defined as figural repoussé decoration applied to sheet bronze objects, such as the eponymous ‘slota’, as well as belt buckles, helmets and occasional other objects. However, both figural and geometric decoration is also applied to a range of other objects and materials, which are equally important in explorations of the social meaning of Iron-Age art in the region. This paper presents a series of case studies based on the digitisation and visualisation of a range of Iron Age objects held in museum collections in Slovenia and Croatia. The aim is to illustrate the potential of specific methods in both the analytical and presentational applications of 3D imaging. The work is in collaboration with ENTRANS, the Fragmented Heritage Project, and Bradford Visualisation at the University of Bradford and University College Cork.

TH6-05 Abstract 13

The cremated dead: investigating cremated remains from the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age transition

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The paper presents the results of osteological analysis of cremated bone from the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age funerary assemblages of Croatia and central and eastern Slovenia. This doctoral research forms part of the larger HERA-funded ENTRANS Project, investigating the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age cultural transition.

Cremated remains, while rarely examined, can provide a valuable insight into the past. Although the potential for age and sex data can be diminished by the cremation process, the burnt remains can still offer information regarding pyre technology (e.g. heat and degree of burning), selection processes for deposition, and clues as to the condition of the body prior to cremation through the observation of fracture patterns.

In the past the process of cremation and subsequent deposition of human remains has, on occasion, been described as reflecting egalitarian social structures, or even the idea of a ‘poor man’s grave’, especially in comparison with more elaborate Iron Age funerary monuments. The examination of cremated remains from unfilled cemetery sites in modern day Slovenia, and of the large Early Iron Age funerary complex of Kapitul in northern Croatia, has offered an additional level of understanding regarding pre-Heritage attitudes to the disposal of the dead.

The investigation seeks to cross boundaries, not only of geographical and chronological terms, but also in regards to methodology. Interpretations draw upon both scientific and more traditional approaches as a means of enriching interpretations of funerary processes in the past.

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Beyond the vessel: residue analysis and the understanding of identity in Early Iron Age Europe

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During the cooking or storage of foodstuffs, organic residues are deposited, absorbed and preserved within the porous walls of ceramic vessels. With advances in scientific methods, it is possible to extract those organic residues and, through analysis, identify them. Organic residue analysis has the potential to make a significant impact on our understanding of past societies, from their diet to cultural and social practices. The identification of the resources cooked and/or stored in ceramic vessels can provide important information regarding the source and nature of cultural and social changes that took place in later prehistoric Europe. With this in mind, the study of organic residues in pottery was incorporated within the ENTRANS Project, which aims to expand our knowledge regarding the nature and impact of cultural encounters during the European Iron Age. This paper presents the results obtained from the analysis of residues of and about organic materials in Slovenia and Croatia. The principal aims are to explore aspects of diet and the provenance of resources by comparing the results of residue analysis with contextual data, such as faunal and floral remains. Differences between settlement and funerary sites are considered, by identifying how the vessels were used and the specific residues of and about organic materials. This paper also demonstrates how organic residue analysis can show patterns of change and encounters during later prehistory.

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‘Beyond the grave’ with the help of multidetector computed tomography and micro-excavations

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The urn is the ultimate ‘burial place’ of the cremated remains of an individual. But it is much more than that. The type of vessel, preparation of the contents, possible additional grave goods etc. has by far not only functional but foremost symbolic meanings and values and holds information about the time of the deposition, ‘cultural’ milieu, status of the deceased and much more. The study of a cremation burial is not a straightforward and self-evident process. We have to bear in mind that we are dealing with traces of events and processes, the understanding of which is only partial. On the other hand we have to admit, that it is only the information that we can trace, observe and make documentation of, which we later analyse, study and eventually interpret. Therefore the research of an urn starts already with the preparation for the excavation of its grave. In our case studies that means the analysis of the sites and their surroundings. That includes lidar scanning and the analysis of its broader landscape, followed by ground truthing campaigns and geophysical prospectings. That means that we have a fairly good idea of the topographical settings and the broader cultural landscape of the site. It is also the time of excavations of the graveyard where all the possible details have to be observed and documented; with modern excavation techniques and methodology as well as standardized reporting protocols the results became much more comparable, which is crucial when trying to study wider cultural phenomena, as in this case the burial rite.

However we can go further in our quest for more detailed and reliable data. An important step forward, when dealing with urn graves is the use of multidetector computed tomography (MDCT) connected with the micro-excavations of urns. Such research results in an until now unknown variety of new data, not only of the grave itself and its preparation, but also of the post-
depositional processes, which play an important role in the final interpretation of the graves, burial rites etc. It has furthermore shown that we have to shed new light on older published data and sometimes ‘traditional’ interpretations.

The multidisciplinary approach has connected with the micro excavation until now did not make it into the standardized grave research ‘tool-box’, but it is certainly on the way there.

**TH6-05 Abstract 16**

Open-minded access to Late Bronze Age societies in southern Carpathian Basin

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Late Bronze Age communities in southern Carpathian basin are known through different cultural patterns/cultures/groups. The research project Late Bronze Age mortuary practices and societies in southern Carpathian Basin (IRP-11-2013-5327), funded by Croatian Science Foundation, combines archaeology, anthropology and archaeozoology in attempt to reconstruct burial customs and shed more light on societies that have practiced them, while questioning existing hypothetical models and their territorial and temporal boundaries. Research methodology is based on independent analyses in each field to bypass possible biases, followed by comparison and integration of all data in further discussion and interpretation. Preliminary results indicate benefit of this open-minded approach to Late Bronze Age societies in southern Carpathian Basin. Working independently anthropologists and archaeozoologists are less biased by the existing models in archaeological literature in their interpretation. This ‘bottom-up’ approach is based on more credible evidences which obviously do not correspond with existing hypothetical models of past societies.

Observed treatment and disposal of bodies, selection of grave goods and overall deposition, suggest different criteria of which some obviously reflected tradition while others indicate innovations presented by individuals living in these communities. Moving beyond the existing borders, it is possible to see images of the “small worlds” that overlap in the contact networks of practiced customs. Some customs (e.g., cremation of deceased, animal meat as offering of food, and various sets of vessels as containers for food and drink) could be examples of tradition in transitional period from Late Bronze to Early Iron Age in southern Carpathian Basin. Even with the application of open-minded approach, invisible borders still exist, but defined by the people that we investigate, rather than researchers.

**TH6-05 Abstract 17**

When traditions of pottery making reveal boundaries: a case study from the Upper Rhine Valley

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Between Vioges and Black Forest mountains, Bronze and Iron Ages (10th-8th century B.C.), modern France and Germany, the context of this study defies borders. In the Upper Rhine Valley, at the end of the Bronze Age, one can a priori hardly expect to reconstruct boundaries because of a standardisation of the material culture, and the point is more about interactions’ significance. During Late Bronze age, the cultural entity “Rhine-Suisse-France Orientale” or “RSCO” (“Rhine, Switzerland-Eastern France”) has a core on the Rhine section between Basel and Karlsruhe. Since the 9th century B.C., this cultural entity dissolves, turning gradually to the Hallstatt one. This paper aims to focus on the people who experienced this transition period, in a supposed “flow corridor”. Which communities lived there, standing out and interacting with each other? Does it match with geographical features? Is it change through time?

According to the anthropo-techniques of ceramic specialises opératoires, and especially shaping sequences, can vary depending on cultural factors and material constraints. It leads to technical traditions specific to social groups. Social boundaries can thus be defined by the limits of the transmission network of technical traditions. About 50 technical features (for example bottom forming technique, finishing technique applied on the outer surface of the rim...) were analysed on 830 well-preserved potteries, sampled on 19 sites distributed from the south to the north of the valley section. A statistical classification procedure has been developed, based on biological methodology, to model the diversity of technical traditions.

It first appears that a technical background is similar on the entire area, with the omnipresence of the coiling technique. However forming methods and sequences are very different and reveal a great variety, which is related to the morphology of the potteries and to their spatial provenance. This distribution indicates that geographical potteries (like mountains or the Rhine river) do not impact on social boundaries. Moreover, technical traditions go through chronological limits and bring thus a complementarity approach to artefacts’ morphology to understand transition mechanisms.

**TH6-05 Abstract 18**

There is Power in a Cohort. Between Myth and Reality in the Development of Warfare in Scandinavia

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When you hear the word Viking Age, there is a high likelihood that you will associate it with a dark and lawless age, set in Ultimo Thule, in which individual warriors fought for personal glory, perhaps even doing so in a drug induced state of fury. Inevitably, the berserkers spring to mind, sometimes aided by images of warriors in horned helmets, reflecting the imagery presented to us in various mass media. This type of imagery can at least be traced to the Victorian era, probably helped by 18th century Swedish natural historian Samuel Odmann who, by drawing analogies to Siberian shamans, hypothesised that the berserkers were in fact in a state of trance induced by eating mushroom. In my paper I wish to go beyond the myths and fiction in order to convey a more nuanced picture of the development of early Scandinavian warfare with an emphasis on Norway and the Viking Age. The archaeological evidence suggests a highly organized society in which justice and equality did matter, a tale supported by the written sources and the historic record. Although some of the early sagas in fact do mention berserkers and men clad in wolf and bear pelts, this is most likely to be ascribed to origin myths and warrior cult. My idea is that there is a distinction to be made between the realms of mythology and actual warfare. The latter may have been very much inspired by Roman warfare. Battles were fought in closed formations; lines divided into cohorts, and with standardised equipment. Going on individual rampages would probably not help you win a battle; there was power in a cohort. As for the realm of myths and warrior cult, this does not rule out organised warfare as mythology and traditions always have been important. This was certainly important within the Roman legions, some types of legionaries would actually dress up in animal pelt (remember that the wolf was an important animal, connected to the very birth of Rome as well as to the god of war Mars). Myths and traditions still matter in modern day society. In fact, as I’m arguing, the roots of social organisation and the Viking Age/early medieval proto states in Scandinavia and Norway may be traced back to the Younger Iron Age, if not even earlier. I will induct my theory from a host of different sources ranging from early texts to archaeological finds, among which standardised arms play a major role. One of my arguments is that a high numbers of specific arms dictate specific tactics. One of the oldest laws in Norway states that a battle able man should be equipped with a spear, a sword or axe, and a shield. This is clearly meant for closed formations. Furthermore, there has been a lot of renewed focus on the high degree of social organisation in Viking Age Scandinavia, but warfare seems to some extent to be neglected.
TH6-06 Abstract 01

**KAFU - A network for archive studies**

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The situation after the fall of the iron curtain also allowed a research to the remain of the collections from former East Germany and the eastern Baltic region which had been partly destroyed or scattered as a result of the 2nd World War. To achieve this in 2001 the "Kommission zur Erforschung von Sammlungen Archäologischer Funde und Unterlagen aus dem nordöstlichen Mitteleuropa (KAFU)", which was founded in 2001, is to reconstruct in international cooperation – Germany, Poland, Russia, Lithuania – the archeological collections and documentation that was destroyed or dispersed in the Second World War, and so to render this "lost archaeology" accessible for research once more.

In the session the following topics are to be discussed within a pan-European framework: What knowledge can be gained for current research questions within archaeology, beyond the reconstruction of material from lost collections, from providing access to archival material (excavation documentation, photographs, drawings, maps), in particular from the 19th and the first half of the 20th century? What are effective and promising strategies for the preparation of archival holdings, even when only fragmentarily preserved, in order to extract the maximum possible information? How can studies of archival material progress beyond mere typo-chronological description of objects and lay the foundation for up-to-date research projects? How does the way in which archaeologically relevant archival holdings are dealt with vary across Europe? Are there methodological differences?

The session shall provide a forum for contemporary, interdisciplinary and theoretical research approaches towards archival studies. Specific topics are welcome to span all archaeological ideas, regions and periods.

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TH6-06 Abstract 02

**The Sources of the „Archival Archeology“ in the Carpathian Basin**

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The Carpathian Basin is as a venue of people from the prehistory. A multifarious archeological material is characteristical for it. The Carpathian Basin is an important territory of the archeological research in Europe. But about a large part of the artifacts and sites are not enough data available. Although the archeological research in the Carpathian Basin has nearly two hundred years of history, but since centuries come thraemues, hoards, graves and artifacts to light. About these data are in official files, which are in the archives. From the 19. centuries amateur archeologist conduct research and they corresponded about their discoveries and finds with the museums and scientists. A part of the artifacts comes to the museums in Hungary and abroad. These old finds composed the basic of the modern archeology in Europe. The „archive archaeology“ plays an increasing role in the international research. Its meaning is in gathering and publishing of all the written sources, locating all the mentioned archaeological finds and sites. With the help of these written sources and reports it is possible to enlarge and precise the knowledge about older sites, archaeological contexts and to reconstruct the finding entities. These records are unknown, unprocessed and unpublished. With help of some examples I would like to present the potential of the „Archival Archeology“ for the today research.

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TH6-06 Abstract 03

**Reichs-Limeskommission and WHS Upper German-Raetian Limes – Sources and research from the archives**

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TH6-06 Abstract 04

**Scientific Archive of IHMC RAS: pages of European archaeology**

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The Scientific Archive of the Institute for the History of Material Culture, Russian Academy of Sciences (IHMC RAS), keeps invaluable documentary archeological Collections. Its history started from 1859, when the Imperial Archaeological Commission (IAC) was established by Russian Emperor Alexander II. By the early 20th century IAC became coordination and control centre in archaeological and restoration studies of Russian Empire. IAC has accumulated unique archives of records groups and
photo collections, reflected archeological investigations in the entire Russian Empire. Fortunately throughout the following reconstructions in Soviet times Commission has not been eliminated, and the archives were preserved well. Moreover remarkable materials from them: from scientific societies and different organizations (for example, Moscow and Russian Archaeological Societies, Petersburg Archaeological Institute, Libraries of Emperor Nikolai II and Great Princess Konstantin Nikolaeow and Konstantin Konstantinovitch), from personal collections of outstanding archaeologists, architects, restorers, orientalists and other researchers.

Nowadays the Scientific Archive of IHMC RAS contains 107 record groups and 79 photo collections of researchers and organizations which unify about 700 thousands documents. These documents cover age from the 18-th century to the present day and gives value to researchers in history of Russian archaeology and culture, but the archives include also a large number of materials, which represent history, architecture and archaeology of European countries. Most of them are related to the investigations caused out on the territory of Courland, Estland, Litthand, the Grand Principality of Finland and the Poland. Now that were most that once belonged to the Russian Empire. The Collections contain documents on the subjects of occasionally discovered artifacts; excavation documentation (field reports, including in German, photographs, drawings, maps), materials, which illustrate the architectural investigations and there projects; correspondence with European researchers and Scientific Societies; a numerous splendid photos, including glass negatives, of finds and architectural monuments; records and photographs from travels of Russian scientists in Europe, where we can find information about the museum collections and pictures of archaeological sites in Italy, Greece, France and others. Some of them have already been published, but many still remain unknown.

The documents on archaeology of European countries mainly relate to the period up to 1917 and stored in the collections of organizations and in private collections of scholars. Archival heritage of IAC, Russian Archaeological Society, Moscow Archaeological Society and personal collections of A.A. Spitsin, B.V. Farmakovskij, A.A. Bobrinskij, V.I. Smirnov are most interesting in this regard. All these materials can provide new documental resources for the history of European archaeology. International cooperation could give the opportunity for their best attribution and introduction to the world science.

The Esquiline (Rome). Urban transformation and ancient topography between lost archives and WebGIS

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Presentation Preference: Oral

This paper is aimed at retracing the steps of the reconstruction of the ancient topography and of the archaeological potential of an area of Rome’s historic centre, which was the subject of a doctoral thesis in Methodology of the archaeological research; disputed in February 2016 in the University of Sassari.

The case-study area is the Esquiline District, located at the south-eastern borders of Rome’s inner centre; in the Middle Ages, and until the last decades of the XIX century, the Esquiline was a suburban area, where only a few religious complexes rose up in a waste area occupied by gardens and orchards and then by the aristocratic villas built in the XVII century. The landscape kept itself almost intact for centuries, as is shown in the historical cartography, from the XVI century bird’s-eye views to the renowned 1748 Nolli map; this context changed sharply in a few years, when, in 1871, the city of Rome became the Capital of the new united Italian nation, and a major building expansion completely transformed the face of the nineteenth-century city. In the aftermath of Italian Unification, in fact, the landscape was heavily twisted, and a regular urban pattern completely erased the original ancient morphology. In a few decades, between 1873, when the first town planning was approved, and 1930, when last buildings’ construction was completed, the specifically created “Archaeological Commission”, headed by Rodolfo Lanciani, tried to save from complete destruction the complex and extremely rich archaeological context of the augustin Esquiline.

Archaeological findings were archived in the renowned in Lanciani’s “Forma Urbis Romae” and sometimes published in the journals “Notizie degli Scavi di Antichità” and on the “Bollettino della Commissione archeologica comunale”. In the following years, a lot of archive documents were dispersed in the archives of various State and Municipality offices. Thanks to this doctoral research many of those documents are now accessible in a Open access web database, and this “lost archaeology” is now accessible for researchers in a digital environment.

The biography of two Phoenician jars from the National Museum in Poznan

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In the National Museum in Poznan, Gotłuchow branch, two ancient jars of clearly oriental origin can be found. Neither the provenance, nor the chronology of the artefacts is clear. This paper is willing to show that through archival, archaeometrical and typological studies it is possible not only to determine the specific origin and detailed chronology of the vessels, but also to reconstruct an important part of their cultural biographies. The studies of the private correspondence from the end of the 19th century between Izabela Działyńska, née Czartoryska, the buyer, and Alfred Louis Delattre, a French missionary and archaeologist working in Cartage, are revealing the context of acquisition of the artifacts. The archival holdings are clearly showing that the oriental art collection in Gotłuchow was much bigger than previously thought. What is more, the information given by A. L. Delattre can be useful in determining the place where the jars were discovered. The vessels were also subject of recent archeometric studies (X-Ray fluorescence spectrometry and petrographic analyses) in order to get the basic information about their technology and place of production. Having in this mind, we are able to reconstruct the biography of the jars from their “birth”, through their deposition in a tomb in Cartage, ending in the art collection in Gotłuchow where they have been exposed as unrecognized items. In the same time, the promising results of this small-scale investigation encourage the authors of this proposal to apply for a bigger research project based on the pottery and archival holdings from the former collection of Izabela Działyńska.

The Prussia-Museum in Königsberg/Ostpreußen. New archaeological research on an old archive

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Up to World War II the famous Prussia-Museum in Königsberg kept a comprehensive archaeological fund which had been brought together during more than 150 years of research from the end of the 18th centuries onwards. The fund included findings from excavations as well as documentary record covering the entire region of the former province of East Prussia. After the war, almost all collections were regarded as being lost but big parts have been rediscovered unexpectedly after the turn of 1989/1990 in Berlin, in Kaliningrad and in other places. The materials that remained are mainly fragmented and incomplete but still bear witness of the importance of the pre-war archaeological research as well as of the richness and diversity of the historical landscape in the south-western Baltic region. Since 2012 the “Academy of science and literature in Mecklenburg, Germany” realizes a huge project on the reconstruction of the archive materials from the Prussia collections, conducted by the Centre for Baltic and Scandinavische Archaeology in Schwerin and the Museum of Prehistory and Early History in Berlin. The project aims at supporting contemporary archaeological research by making the old data available once again. The paper introduces the goals of the project and describes the specific needs, selected methods and first results of this process: How and to what extent can we reconstruct the ‘archaeological landscape’ in former East Prussia before 1945 and thus create a basis for modern investigations and research in this part of Europe?
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TH6-06 Abstract 09

Roman Iron Age princely graves

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Rich Roman Iron Age graves, equipped with Roman imports, are interpreted as being burials of persons of high status in the social hierarchy. Unfortunately a lot of these graves were discovered by accident and the documentation of the finds is poor. So one can say, an inexpert discovery is quite a main attribute of the Roman Iron Age princely graves. Needless to say that this fact means a big loss of information. A second, not less important point is the state of analysis and publication of the finds. Not infrequently we actually do possess more informations than published. It is difficult to explain, but especially in case of princely graves very often not all data were released in publications. Studies of old finds, stored in the magazines of museums, deliver new data and give new basis of interpretations. This will be shown by the example of some so-called princely graves of the Libusów type.

TH6-06 Abstract 10
The Oscar Almgren's Archive.

At the Roots of the Roman Period Archaeology

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Oscar Almgren was one of the most famous archaeologists who dedicated his work to issues concerning the Iron Age. His PhD thesis Studien über nordeuropäische Fibelformen der ersten nachchristlichen Jahrhunderte mit Berücksichtigung der provinzialrömischen und südrussischen Formen was a milestone in the archaeology of the Roman Period. It was defended and published in 1897.

The significance of Almgren's work results not only from an in-depth analysis of fibulae but also from a wide territorial range of his research. In the end of the 19th c. this Swedish archaeologist studied finds present in at least 117 museums placed all over Europe. The private archive of Almgren is an important result of those studies. Currently it is held in the Swedish National Heritage Board (Riksantikvarieämbetet) in Stockholm.

Our paper will be one of the first presentations concerning the legacy of Almgren. His archive is a rich and diverse set of documents. Among others it contains press cuttings, letters, notebooks, manuscripts, as well as personal photographs. Emphasis will be put on presenting a card file (among other things so called Fibulor), which is the largest and the most compelling part of the whole archive. Its content can be estimated at over 6000 of sheets with artifacts fine pencil drawings and information. It is also worth mentioning that Almgren collected data concerning not only fibulae but also on other finds (e.g. Roman imports, weapons, bracelets, necklaces or buckles and belt fittings), which is an important contribution to chronological and regional studies. Materials present in the archive are of very high scientific value and importance. For many archaeological objects lost during the Second World War it is often the only surviving documentation.

TH6-06 Abstract 11
The finds of the Przeworsk and Wielbark cultures in the archives of Herbert Jankuhn

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The famous German archaeologist Herbert Jankuhn dealt at the beginning of his career with the south-eastern Baltic littoral in the roman period. During his PhD work he created a huge card index containing drawings and descriptions of finds from the former Eastern Prussia. These files are kept now in Archäologisches Landesmuseum in Schleswig. In the archives there are information about artifacts from Prussia Museum in Königsberg, which were destroyed or dispersed during World War II. The paper presents materials from sites of the Przeworsk and Wielbark cultures in the area east of the lower Vistula.

TH6-06 Abstract 12
The Herbert Jahnkuhn's scientific legacy – an old archive as a source for modern research

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Herbert Jahnkuhn, one of the greatest, albeit most controversial characters of the 20th century German archaeology, is known primarily as a researcher of Hallstatt empire (Schleswig), or as one of the initiators of the new edition of the monumental Reallexikon der Germanischen Altertumskunde publication. However, it is worth to remember that the beginning of his scientific career (determined by his doctoral thesis submitted in 1931) was related to his home country – East Prussia.

One of the main subject of his doctoral thesis was the Early Roman Period in Samland. Nevertheless Jahnkuhn collected data from the whole region of East Prussia, going well beyond the scope of the defined geographic and chronological limits of his thesis. He created over a dozen hundreds of cards with notes and drawings, documenting few thousands of finds from the Roman, as well as the Migration Periods originating from the vast area between Lower Vistula and the Nemunas. Fortunately, scientific legacy of Jahnkuhn has survived the Second World War and is kept in the Archives of Archäologischen Landesmuseums Schleswig.

The personal registry of Jankuhn, created as a starting point for his doctoral dissertation, had some limitations. It didn’t include descriptions of pottery or peculiarities of funerary rites. But, despite these gaps and constraints, Jahnkuhn’s card files allow the modern researchers to reconstruct the archaeological picture of East Prussia during the Roman Period. First of all, long sequence of grave assemblages can be established, helping to clarify different problems of chronology. For example, the separation of a large group of objects with eye-brooches of the Almgren 61 type, marks the latest stage of B2 phase. In spite of appearances, it is not the antiquarian problem only – precise dating allows to determine concentrations of archaeological sites that can be identified with Galindai and Soudinoi mentioned by Ptolemy and as such it could serve as an excellent starting point for the reconstruction of the European world of Barbaricum. Although, as it was mentioned before, Jahnkuhn’s registry was dedicated to research the Early Roman Period, it included also data on large series of finds from the Late Migration Period. One of the most interesting objects is the iron scabbard from Mazurian cemetery in Miejkie (former Mingeßen). Scandanavian import, and the first find of this type in East Prussia. This shows clearly that, although other scholars, primarily F. Jakobson, documented the Migration Period of the East Prussia, Jahnkuhn’s archive could be a valuable source of research for this period.

In conclusion it has to be stated that Jankuhn’s archive forms a very rich source for knowledge about east-Prussian “lost archaeology”.

TH6-06 Abstract 13
The cemetery of Linkuhnen (Rēķovskoe): A case study on the potential of archival archaeology

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In the last 20 years, colleagues from Germany, Poland, Russia and Lithuania have collectively worked on the reconstruction of the archaeology in former East Prussia before WW II. The re-evaluation of archaeological research before 1945 in the region between the Vistula River in the west and the Nemunas River in the northeast remains a puzzle with many pieces missing but is of great importance to the modern archaeological research in Poland, Lithuania and the Kaliningrad Oblast due to the extremely dense distribution of archaeological finds.

One of the “lost” archaeological sites is the cemetery of Linkuhnen at the Nemunas River, which was excavated between 1928 and 1939 by the Prussia Museum in Königsberg (Kaliningrad), with a large number of finds from the Roman Iron Age, Migration Period and the Viking Age. The results were never properly published and all objects were considered to be lost after 1945. With the re-discovery of the Prussia collection and archives in Berlin in 1990, colleagues from different countries established a scientific network to open up archival sources for international research. The cemetery of Linkuhnen can serve as an example of the potential that still lies within the archaeological and archival material that survived at different institutions all over Europe.

The reconstruction and analysis of the original field documentation and other archival sources show the importance of Linkuhnen for the very first time: the cemetery was used for over 1000 years from the Roman Iron Age and the Migration Period to the Viking Age with almost 500 burials and 5000 grave goods. With over 150 swords from the Viking Age, Linkuhnen is the biggest site of Viking Age sword weaponry in the Baltic and Scandanavia. We also know of nine swords with Ulfberht inlays, what makes Linkuhnen the site with the highest number of Ulfberht blades in Europe. The presentation deals with the problems and solutions during the process of re-evaluating the archaeological significance based on the objects and archival material from Linkuhnen.
The cemetery of Wiskiauten is located at the southwestern corner of the Curonian Lagoon, close to Zelenogradsk in the Russian Oblast Kaliningrad. Originally north of Wiskiauten lay a small forest known as Kaup, where a large burial site with Scandinavian grave goods was found. The burial site may have originally consisted of up to 500 burials. Unfortunately, it is difficult to reconstruct the original layout and structure of the cemetery due to the lack of excavation documentation. As a part of the former Prussian state, the area around Wiskiauten has faced profound changes between German, Soviet and Russian rule and administration. These circumstances have led to the loss of a large part of the early research documentation and most of the finds, especially during the 2nd World War and the resulting destruction and plundering of the Prussian Museum in Kaliningrad. After the War large parts of the documentation and a small number of artefacts reappeared in different parts of Europe. Consequently, today material from Wiskiauten can be found in Stockholm, Olsztyn, Berlin, Marburg, Schleswig, and of course Kaliningrad. These complex conditions could explain why a complete presentation of the research results has never been published, although archaeological interest in the site is unknown. Since the 1870s, at least 12 different excavation teams from Germany, Sweden and Russia have worked on the grave mounds of Wiskiauten and the archaeological investigation is still ongoing under Russian guidance. Thus it is the aim to give a complete presentation of the research results available from all accessible excavations in Wiskiauten, and to reassess the conclusions from the early days of archaeological research. Moreover, it is essential to compare the grave architecture and the material culture of the burials in order to connect them to local Scandinavian customs, as well as to similar sites on the Baltic Sea and in Russia that have burials with Scandinavian links, in order to reevaluate the duration and nature of Viking presence in late Iron Age Wiskiauten.

Excavating an Archive - The Irish Viking Graves Project

Nineteenth-century Dublin saw the recovery of a substantial assemblage of Viking artefacts from several parts of the city, and particularly from the Kilmainham-Islandbridge area. Unfortunately, very little of this material was published at the time, and the surviving manuscript records are limited and contradictory. The Irish Viking Graves Project was set up to address these problems, and to produce the first comprehensive and accurate catalogue of these artefacts and the furnished Viking graves that they clearly represent. To do this, the archives of the National Museum of Ireland were examined, focusing on the documentary analysis, considering features such as date, function, and authorship, and grave-goods from Dublin were recorded at several institutions in Ireland, the UK and Denmark.

The paper discusses the methodology used by the Project, which moved beyond archival records to consider the relationship between these manuscripts and surviving artefacts in various museums, as well as the relationship between the archives and cartographic evidence for Viking graves. By doing this, the paper demonstrates the potential of research of this type, and provides an Irish perspective for this session.

The paper will also engage with key research issues. Now that the catalogue has been published, we have the first (accurate) list of grave-goods from Dublin, divided into acquisition groups and linked to more or less specific locations around the modern city. But how can this ‘new’ evidence be used to investigate Viking activity in the Dublin area and further afield? Potential areas of future research include investigations of topography, which suggest links between burials and boundaries at local and regional levels; the use of artefacts to promote and sustain identities at multiple levels; and scientific analysis of some of these artefacts. Again, this will provide an Irish perspective on these key issues.

Forgotten maps – important information about the 3rd century AD graveyard Hāven, Mecklenburg

Nineteenth-century research has attempted to highlight the diversity in mortuary practices within specific funerary practices of Germanic populations. In the North of Great Britain, grave goods are not a part of funerary tradition. As a consequence, typology cannot be applied here, resulting in a lack of precision for the dating of cemeteries. Radiocarbon dating is also lacking, thus cemeteries are widely attributed to the 5-8th centuries. This paper explores the quality of early medieval funerary data in the Tyne-Forth region (Northeast England–Southeast Scotland), obtained from late 18th and early 20th centuries; the use of artefacts to promote and sustain identities at multiple levels; and scientific analysis of some of these artefacts. Again, this will provide an Irish perspective on these key issues.

The extensive working papers of Friedrich Lisch (1801-1883) on the late Roman Iron Age inhumation graves from Hāven, Ludwigsburg-Parchim District in western Mecklenburg, which are archived in Wilgard Castle north of Schwerin, provide a very interesting insight into the lively scientific exchange between Lisch and leading Scandinavian archaeologists such as Conrad Engelhard, Christian Friedrich Hebert, Hans Hiltibrand, Jens Jacob Aamussen Worsaae and others. The previously unpublished map of the site, drawn by Lisch’s son Friedrich Wilhelm Lisch in 1869, gives new and important information about the inner structures of the graveyard and its meaning for intra-Germanic relations between southern Scandinavia and Central Germany during the 3rd century AD. The grave categories as well as the grave furniture can be clearly differentiated: some graves have specific affinities with types found on Zealand in the North, while others are more similar to graves of the Hasselö-Leuna-group in Central Germany in the South. It seems that Hāven was in fact a staging post between these two centres.

The gift of director of Königsberg’s Museum Bezenberger

In holdings of State Historical Museum in Moscow an old plate with archaeological finds resides. It defined as «Archaeological collection from Eruscan graves of Italy, from different places of Germany and East Prussia» (Accession number 97174, List 1133/ XXVIII), and consist of 27 items (a strands of beads and stand-alone beads). According to register and information at the plate, written in old Russian orthography, the collection came to in Museum not as the result of II World War, but before 1918. The right side of the plate contains two strands of beads from Livland and «Etruscan graves». Most interesting are names of places/finds from the left side: Russen, Stobingen, Lützen, Trauslait, Kalberg bei Rantau, Warenge, Petowiten, Grebieten, Daumen, Eschenort, that are correlate to the names of graveyards from East Prussia, that were excavated in second half and the end of 19th century. Finds from these graveyards kept in Prussia-Museum in Königsberg. Miserable, but curios data in register reads as it was «gift of director of Königsberg’s Museum Bezenberger» from «non inventory fund». A search of information about...
Archival Archaeology: experience of mapping and survey in SW Courland

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The National History Museum of Latvia, Archaeological Department stores information about archaeological monuments and artefacts found across the territory of Latvia. The data chronologically covers a period from the end of 19th century to the present day. The largest amount of data originates from the interwar period, and it forms the basis for the documentation. During the work on the project Study of population and ethnic composition changes in southwestern Courland 1st millennium AD, systematic mapping, identification and research of SW Courland archaeological monuments and find locations is carried out.

The work is based in the study of archives (National History Museum of Latvia archives contains information on approximately 200 archaeological monuments and locations of finds in SW Courland). During the course of the research, unexpected problems were encountered. Although the documentation of archaeological sites during the interwar period was generally precise, today part of the potential sites can’t be localized. This is mainly due to the loss of reported landmarks, changes in the terrain during the Second World War and the construction of Soviet military bases in the post-war period. The possibility of interviews is reduced by the depopulation of the region which continues until today.

International cooperation of archives in the study of archeology of the Bashkir Urals

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The issue of fragmentation and disparity of archaeological documents stored in the archives of the Republic of Bashkortostan was raised in the beginning of the 1990s. Data restoration about archeological monuments and finds of the Bashkir Urals was made possible owing to international cooperation. Materials about the region’s archeology were stored in the archives of the former Soviet Union (the archives of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan), the archives of Finland (the National Library of Finland / Helsinki University Library), Sweden (The Swedish National Heritage Board / The Antiquarian-Topographical Archive) and Great Britain (Cambridge University Library: Manuscripts) a fragment of correspondence between A. Pashkova, the owner of Voskresensky plants (05.09.1913), and E.H. Minns were discovered. Another significant impact on the preservation of archival archaeological sources was the period of the late 1930s - the period of repressions, during which not only the field diaries were destroyed, but also the correspondence of repressed archaeologists. It is wrong to claim that archaeologists in the USSR completely stopped communicating with foreign colleagues and were not interested in foreign publications and foreign archival funds. But this scientific communication was of "shaded" and secret character. It is impossible to restore the disturbed dialogue of Russian and West-European archaeologists without the employees of archives and funds of European countries. Thus, the restoration of the lost archival information is possible only through international cooperation.
were found in Klaipėda castle and nearby town cultural layers. The author calls into question the possibilities to interpret such newcomers' common tableware (for example proto stoneware). On the other hand, only small number of local tradition pottery groups, which in process of interactions between local and crusader communities were imported and possibly came from one and borderland between two countries and two cultures (Christian and Pagan). Besides it can be said, that these structural This presentation focuses on pottery, which were found in two nearby settlements: a) Klaipėda (Memel) castle and town; b) Žardė settlement. These settlements are about 8 kilometers from each other. The first one represents Baltic crusaders and the second one local community. Klaipėda was found at year 1252. This event led to the transformation of the region to the frontier and borderland between two countries and two cultures (Christian and Pagan). Besides it can be said, that these structural transformations created some sort of the “Third space” in nowadays Western Lithuania in which were possible negotiations, translations and remaking. From historic sources, it is known that Livonian order cooperated with local nobility. However, there are no information about impact from newcomers to local community in their daily life. On the other hand, local traditions and goods could also affect crusaders.

The analysis is focused on the pottery complexes analysis and comparison of them. The main aim was to identify pottery groups, which in process of interactions between local and crusader communities were imported and possibly came from one to another site. The analysis showed that locals used so called “German” style greyware pottery, but there were not found to the newcoming imported greyware tableware (for example proto stoneware). On the other hand, only small number of local tradition pottery were found in Klaipėda castle and nearby town cultural layers. The author calls into question the possibilities to interpret such artefacts as markers of interaction, adaptation, resilience or assimilation processes in two culturally different communities.
TH6-08 Abstract 02
Preliminary results of the paleochannels network of Margiana on the basis of remote sensing analysis

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The archaeology of water management in context of west Khurasan, Tapeh Damghani, Sabzevar city

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TH6-08 Abstract 03
The water management in the Iron Age and landscape taphonomy of the Satraks oasis (Turkmenistan)

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The spread of fruits along the Silk Road

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TH6-08 Abstract 04
Examining Holocene Socio-Hydro Landscapes in the Gobi Desert, Mongolia

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Archaeology traditionally views social progression as a linear trajectory, where hunting and gathering and nomadic pastoralism are stepping stones to sedentary lifestyles and agriculture. The Mongolian Neolithic (3500-2000 B.C.E.) contracts this dominant narrative, especially in the South Gobi Desert where there is evidence of sedentary communities who utilized pottery, mortars, and pestles. Some researchers argue these were hunter-gatherers foraging in the area. At some point during the Bronze Age (3500-2000 B.C.E.), nomadic pastoralism was adopted as the dominant subsistence strategy and these sedentary communities were abandoned. This unexpected reversion may have been related to profound environmental changes occurring at this time and further examining this may help us to understand how human societies adapt to changing levels of uncertainty about resource availability. This will be examined through the changing Holocene landscape dynamics across the Ulan Nuur paleo lake and paleo hydrological system located in the Gobi Desert of Omnogovi province, Mongolia. By examining this Holocene socio-ecological landscape, it may provide clues to how the changing hydrological system may have influenced resource availability, which in turn, may have affected local subsistence strategy choices.

TH6-08 Abstract 05
The archaeology of water management in context of west Khurasan, Tapeh Damghani, Sabzevar city

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Located on the edge of an alluvial fan near Sabzevar city in Iran, Tapeh Damghani is an archaeological site containing late Chalcolithic and early Bronze Age evidence. The surveyed site is 100 hectares, and excavations were conducted on the 6-hectare core of the site, at the end of the slope towards the Kal Shur river. The excavation was conducted over two seasons. The second season, the excavation concentrated on four workshops. The northern ones, workshop II and III, revealed a series of brick walls. These walls were buried under two meters of natural deposits caused by floods from the 2nd millennium BC, leading to excellent preservation. The context and architectural construction suggest that these walls are the remains of water resource management structures: preliminary dams for controlling river flooding, obtaining surface water, and redirecting water to channels.

This research will examine evidence from Workshop II and III of Tapeh Damghani in the context of site location, landscape and environment that suggest adaptive methods of water control.

The excavations are supported by the City Museum of Sabzevar, which is planning to develop an open-site museum by the Tehran–Mashhad highway.

The Great Silk Road was the largest commerce network of the ancient world; it linked the disparate ends of the vast Eurasian supercontinent and in doing so connected the imperial centers of East and southwest Asia. While organized trade, including military outposts and government taxation, along the Silk Road dates back to the Han Dynasty (206 BC–AD 220), the exchange of goods, ideas, cultural practice, and genes, through the thousands of kilometers of desert and mountainous expanses comprising this region dates back to the third millennium BC. Over the past two millennia, the ebb and flow of cultures directly shaped the trajectory of human history in myriad ways, including by spreading agricultural practices and crop varieties. Among the many goods that moved along the Silk Road were a wide variety of plants, including many of the fruits that are familiar to us today. Archaeobotanical research at the Taşhurak archaeological site (ca. A.D. 900–1200) is illustrating the importance of many of these crops in Central Asia during the height of Silk Road exchange, during and shortly after the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618–907). The site was occupied by people in the Karakhanid Khana (A.D. 840–1212) and was likely a high-elevation mining town. Preserved plant remains near the central square of the ancient occupation site paint of picture of the types of fruits and grains available in markets along the Silk Road. Archaeobotanically tracing the path that plants followed on their long journey across Central Asia, provides us with a map laying out the early routes these foods took to ultimately reach our dinner plates today.
TH6-09 Abstract 01
Studies on remains of daily activities from the LBK Neolithic settlement

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This paper focuses on aspects of identification of activity zones around LBK longhouses discovered at the multi-phase Neolithic settlements in southern Poland. Studies on the spatial and functional diversity of features located around the longhouses as well as quality (a state of preservation) and quantity of artifacts found there (pottery, flints, fragments of stone tools and grain remains) allow us to distinguish two main types of activity zones interpreted as possible places of household activities and intense deposition of waste, and places associated with processing and/or storing of food. Indication of these domestic/kitchen zones that have been used to daily activities and have been probably shared by inhabitants of contemporary houses enable deeper insight into social patterns and complexity of social relations. The recognition of domestic area related to processing of food seems to be also especially important to further studies on gender relations.

Another aspect of the study is to emphasize a possible limitation of recognition of activity zones because of long-term deposition process and the overlapping of various activity zones that can be problematic during analysis of the domestic artefacts recorded at the multi-phase settlement.

TH6-09 Abstract 02
Tell me who is living here... Some considerations on people living in Concise, a Swiss Neolithic site

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The main objective of this session is the study of Social and gender complexity through the archaeological remains in home housing, using a comparative approach on the basis of archaeological data.

The main focus will be on: household artifacts in domestic context (presented in categories of pottery, glass, metal, wood). We can assume that the typology of household artifact had a direct relationship with social framework of communities and with the formation and the existence of local powers. The archaeological research on ancient communities have recently increased in Europe in terms of quantity and quality, and some studies have attempted to connect all these types of artifacts founded into domestic context, producing some excellent summarising results for individual sites or local territorial contexts.

Particularly we would compare how the relations between domestic artifact had been interpreted in the key of reconstruct the complexity of ancient societies, the formation of elites and their recognisability, in a terms of broad range of chronology and geography too. The session will explore the potentiality and the limits of our records and our approaches to face social and gender inequality in ancient communities, trying to suggest general considerations that can be useful for the study of many spaces and chronologies.

TH6-09 Abstract 03
Traces of households, activity areas and social inequality in a Late Copper Age site in Hungary

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The archaeological traces of households and household units as the scenes of community interaction form an important interpretative level, determining numerous characteristics of the life and material culture of the community. My research is based on the premise that the archaeologically identified of households and activity areas is possible, since the basic activities of everyday life were carried out in a delimited area and within a delimited timeframe. In my work I made an attempt to define the spatial and temporal limits of households and to determine the remains of which activities within a household have been preserved. The interpretation and comparison of these hypothetical households as units and scene of social and gender inequality was carried out from a variety of standpoints: among others from that of consumption, specialization and diversity. The starting point of the research is provided by the finds and observations on settlement structure made during the excavations at a Copper Age site.

The study of the site is complemented by natural scientific – archaeoecological, anthropological, petrographic, geochemical, and radiocarbon dating – analyses, and environmental archaeological data from the region Transdanubia in Hungary. The proceeding of the finds was followed by the detailed qualitative and quantitative analysis of the materials of the pits and the pits themselves (correspondence analysis, one-way correlation analysis) according to the observed groupings. With the help of the spatial statistical and GIS analysis of the finds, the mapping of the distribution of the finds enabled the quantitative and qualitative study of the various classes of finds, which could help us to shed light on the distribution of activities and traces of social inequality taking place within and outside the households.

TH6-09 Abstract 04
Culture and society of a Hellenistic site: houses and artefacts of Sicilian city of Finziade

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The contribution is about housing of the Hellenistic-Roman period of Finziade, in the province of Agrigento, on the southern coast of Sicily. There are 12 houses systematically excavated by the University of Messina between 2003 and 2014 that constitute a privileged vantage point for understanding the socio-cultural and economic dynamics of Sicily between the III- II centuries B.C.

The houses are in fact one of the rare cases of recent stratigraphic studies of residential complexes of Sicily and also, not recording a settlement continuity in imperial times, have no relevant accretions of later periods.

The well-preserved houses, in fact, allowed to identify the intended use of the spaces and thus enable to carry out an analysis of a very large sample relative to the daily life of a center of Hellenistic-Roman Sicily, perfectly integrated with Mediterranean examples of the period in southern Italy, Sicily, Greece, and in the coasts of Africa and Asia minor.

All houses have a square plan with a central courtyard that represented the center of domestic life and was equipped with tank for collecting rainwater. Around it revolved every room of the house, including the dining rooms, bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens.

Themes will therefore be treated associated with daily life, especially in relation to material culture. Some kitchens, for example, are well associated with hobs, tables and docks as well as the functional ceramic sets to the preparation, the service and food consumption. The most important rooms of the houses have also returned the wall decorations and floor of great value, which are an indicator of the medium-high socio-economic conditions of the owners.

Particular attention will be devoted to domestic cults, in fact every house possessed an environment characterized by the presence of an altar complete with artefacts relevant to the performance of rituals, demonstrating a particularly common practice.

Studies of the Middle Neolithic lake dwelling of Concise (Switzerland) are expanding year by year, with more fine assumptions about the spatial structures of the villages, the identity of the actors of the material culture, the history of the populations... The architecture of some villages is known as well as the material culture which contains in some cases a mixture of components NMB from Franche-Comté and the Swiss Plateau Cottard. The spatial distribution of remains between activity areas common to several houses and domestic waste in each house shows an essentially domestic economy, but there are also synergies by groups of houses for some components. The analysis of these distributions has led us to propose a gendered tasks sharing. In this general atmosphere of domestic subsistence, two buildings appear to have a particular function.
in domestic contexts of the Mediterranean in the Hellenistic period, as demonstrated by the cases of Segesta, Eraclea Minoa, Tindari, Delo, Kerkyra. The altars, as well as the architectural decorations and ceramics documentation from the houses, show different economic realities between the houses excavated. Further aim of the contribution will evaluate individual aspects of different spaces in the houses, analyzed in a contextual way to make a picture of the social reality of downtown Finziade in relation to the characteristics of the late Hellenistic site of Mediterranean, reflected by the artefacts from private contexts.

TH6-09 Abstract 05

Women to the front! Women to the front?

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We have found women burials that can be dated to the early middle ages. Surprisingly these burials don’t show the typical grave goods for women like pottery or jewellery instead weapons were found. The archaeological research has difficulties to accept these burials as women tomb because the grave goods are typical for man ones. The anthropologist results were ignored and the female skeletons were declared to be male ones. Supporting their decision by saying that during the early Middle Ages the social gender is not like the biological gender. Anyway, women with weapons are not known just for the early middle ages but also in the 5-3 Century BC in the Asiatic/Russian area.

In general women had no access to political or social power so the stereotyped of the peaceful woman was founded. If a woman fought she had still to fulfill the stereotyped of womanhood. Men were shocked when they found out that they have fought against women. The reasons why a woman joined war are various: poverty, a bad childhood, desire for adventure or a problem with their natural gender. With the beginning 250th century emancipation was another reason why women turned into army service. At the first World War it was emancipation which brought women to the army. When war was nearly over women had to leave the army and be again a housewife and mother. Their performance at war was not remembered and the women where left alone with their troubles and trauma.

An indirect reason why a young woman might have joined the army could be found in the higher wergeld for female babies. In the early Middle Ages 2400 solid were paid for a baby girl and 600 solid for a baby boy from this forced marriage can be deviated it. The high wergald was an insurance for the girl not to be killed by her new family. Girls where engaged very early to the family and in many cases the girl is pregnant when she turns to the family. The wergald should save the girl’s live at the family in law, so that they cannot afford it to kill the maid and repeat their old demands.

An escape by divorce was for the womenfolk mostly not possible due to laws or social grounds.

The grap for the weapon must have been for some women or girls the exit from a forced marriage.

TH6-10 Abstract 01

Anthropology of iron craft in the Canigou mountain (Antiquity-Early Middle Ages)

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During ancient and medieval times, iron ore from the Canigou mountain (Pyrénées-Orientales, France) was intensively exploited, transformed into metallic iron and traded. This exploitation was particularly important between the end of the IInd c. B.C. and the beginning of the Ist c. A.D. Although decreased, this activity continued during the late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. In the Canigou mountain, and more generally in the whole eastern Pyrénées, archaeological and anthracological researches allowed to realize first synthesis on the relation between charcoal burning and metallurgy, but mostly for the modern period. However, anthracological research on ancient and medieval metallic iron remained scarce, probably because of the lack of studied sites for this period. Since 2014, a new interdisciplinary and diachronic research project aims to study Canigou mountain’s iron industry and trade. In 2015, archaeological surveys were realized in the valley of the Lentill. During the late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. At the end of Antiquity, landscapes located between 500 and 1200 m a.s.l. were mostly dominated by the deciduous oak forest, which tended to become a beech forest and a yew forest in altitude. Around 500 m, open landscapes (scrubland and/or sclerophyllous mixed oak forest might have existed. The presence of some species (Buxus sempervirens, Etica, Leguminosae) might have been related to anthropic activities (pastoralism?). Both the anthracological spectra dominated by the deciduous oak forest and the big caliber of the charcoals identified raise the question of the relation between charcoal burning and iron metallurgy. Further, one of the four sites revealed a broader diversity and the use of smaller calibers, suggesting the use of the charcoal for the roasting of the iron ore and not for its reduction. At last, some of the charcoals show signs of tool marks, testifying of the cutting process. In order to better understand the impact of metallurgical activities on landscapes, future studies
will continue to focus on sites occupied for large amount of time. By studying the tool marks on archaeological charcoalos, we will try to reveal the chaseat operative and the socio-professional organization of wood cutting and fuel production. Afterwards, a dendrological approach led on charcoals will authorize to inter-date the archaeological sites studied and to discuss the type of wood practiced (existence of coppice)?

TH6-10 Abstract 02
The use of charcoal in metallurgy
(Iberian Peninsula, 14th and 15th centuries)

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Among the various raw materials offered by the forest, the charcoal had a leading role. This is one of the most used fuels throughout history, thanks to its high calorific value. In the Late Middle Ages, it became a must for industrial processes as a source of thermal energy, especially in the field of the industry. Based on the information provided by the documentary sources of the time, the aim of this paper is to analyze the use of this natural resource in Hispanic metallurgy, to know the types of existing charcoal, to examine the works they were designed to and to give some trends about commercialization in the 14th and 15th centuries.

TH6-10 Abstract 03
Synthesis of the anthropological approach

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During historical times, fire was one of the main energy used for industry, craft and domestic activities. For the past 30 years, anthropological analyses were realized in Mediterranean France on nearly 80 ancient, medieval and modern sites. If several activities are now well documented (charcoal and lime burning, pottery, cremation), no global approach has been attempted so far. An inventory was realized, based on a broad range of activities (ceramic, charcoal, lime, vegetable exudates, food, metal, glass, textiles, leathers, soap, salt, plaster) gathered in a same data basis. In order to understand phenomenon of rupture and continuity of the practices, the corpus comprises a chronology going from the Romanization to the Industrial Revolution. Craft and industry constitute the major part of the corpus. This work raises new questions. Currently, archaeologists aim to link the use of fuel with the type of products made (ceramic, lime, glass, etc.). Also, they affirm that some taxa have a calorific value more important than others, and that craftsman used to chose the fuel regarding its specific properties. Nonetheless, our research proves that these ideas are not representative of past practices. For this reason, we propose a new approach which takes into account the constraint imposed by thermic and technical necessities (i.e. concentration of fire, or, on the contrary, circulation of fire in the kilns). Indeed, the choice of fuel does not always rely on the choice of a taxa for itself but on other criteria such as morphology, caliber, humidity level, etc. Furthermore, we propose a different interpretation of anthropological data. Generally, anthropologists consider that their data only reflect the choice of the craftsmen and the ecological constraints. But it appears that the role of land/ forest owners, who managed the fuel resources, has never really been discussed or taken into account. This communication will propose a first discussion on the subject. Studies of multi-craft sites will be presented, as well as examples of "gestion sur pied" (division of the activities from a same tree in order to fuel different activities). Recent methodological developments will be introduced, such as the restitution of caloriers, or the observation of tools marks, bringing information on the preparation of the fuel. By crossing anthropological data with medieval and modern tests, a socio-professional approach of the preparation of the fuel will also be possible. At last, the energetic transition towards the use of fossil charcoal will also be attempted.

TH6-10 Abstract 04
Fuel Selection and Forest Management
by Middle Age Belgian Brass Blacksmiths Along the Meuse River

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The influence of the Mesopan copper and alloy industry, in particular brass production during Middle Age Western Europe, is an irrefutable historiographic fact. Cauldrons, bows, and pins produced in the town of Dinant as well as in the nearby Bouvignes, were exported throughout French and English kingdoms, as far as Barcelona in Spain. In the 15th century, copper alloy artifacts produced in the Dinant region were so highly prized and considered that the town’s name of Dinant was used in Paris to designate the boilermakers, or the dinandiers (coppersmiths).

Cooper metallurgy in the Meuse region dates back at least to the Merovingian dynasty, with a workshop uncovered in the town of Namur at the “Grignon” site, dated to the 6th century. The copper metallurgy boom around the beginning of the 12th century in both Dinant and Bouvignes are due to several causes. Although the Meuse region lacked copper and tin ores largely used in Middle Age metallurgy, very good communication ways provided by the Meuse River and its tributaries, as well as the establishment of strong commercial ties with the German towns of Cologne and Dortmund for copper supplies and with London for tin supplies, overcame this natural limitation. In addition, merchants were allotted specific privileges with the German towns, while a charter allowed them to establish a trading post on the Thames River. The dynamism of the Mesopan merchants cannot however explain this metallurgy industry boom alone. Indeed, the Meuse region is rich in two products that are necessary for brass production: calamine that contains zinc oxide and natural refractory clay, derle, that is appropriate to build bricks, hearts, smelters and molds.

Copper and brass production however ends abruptly in 1466 in Bouvignes, property of the earldom of Namur, and in 1554 in Dinant, property of the prince-bishop of Liége, when the two cities were defeated in the Burgundy wars led by Charles the Bold.

Since 1995, several archaeological excavations have taken place under the supervision of the Walloon Archaeological Service in the towns of Bouvignes and Dinant. Theses excavations uncovered several coppersmiths buildings, with their workshops and domestic spaces.

We will present the results of wood charcoal analyses from four different sites – Bouvignes Porte Chevalier, Dinant Oblats, Dinant Rateau and Dinant Church – that represent 13 different coppersmith workshop spaces dated between the 13th and the 16th centuries. Because Dinant and Bouvignes were competitors and depended on two rival political entities, our results are highly significant in terms of territory exploitation and cultural identities along the Meuse River.

TH6-10 Abstract 05
The use of coal in “la chaine opératoire du fer”
to late Middle Ages in the north of France

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Since 2008, preventive archeological operations in northern France, mainly carried out by the National Institute for Preventive Archeological Research (INRAP), have enabled to highlight the use of coal as a fuel for the “chaine opératoire du fer” as from the 13th century. Studies about almost ten sites allowed developing various issues related to this kind of fuel from a technical, but also environmental and commercial point of view. These lines of research allowed implementing a project of thesis in 2014 under the direction of A. Joubert and tutoring of D. Arribet-Daron of the University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne. Referring to existing archeological, archeometrical and text studies, the goal of this thesis is to answer the questions related to these discoveries. Therefore, it will help to understand the environmental and commercial reasons of the late transition between charcoal and coal compared to the rest of France, and also to figure out the impact of coal on the “chaine opératoire du fer” and its technical processes. Eventually, it will show that the use of this fuel lead to the development of commercial exchanges between the area of study and some close European countries during the late Middle Ages. By taking part to this symposium, I would like to present more specifically all these issues as well as the results of my first two years of work.

TH6-10 Abstract 06
Wood supply strategies in a sparsely wooded area?
The case of Limousin region in the 19th century

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The case of Limousin region in the 19th century
Between the 18th and 20th centuries the Limousin region was notably lacking in woodland: the level of forest in the landscape was less than 10%. However, it was during this period that the development of the Limoges porcelain industry, a major fuel consumer, took place. Alongside this industrial boom, the urban population was also thriving, thus the need for fuel in the city became even greater.

The 19th century was a period that put great pressure on firewood resources and one wonders how, and to what extent, the population and industry in the city of Limoges were able to meet their considerable fuel requirements. We therefore look at sources that can better trace the evolution of fuel consumption in Limoges. By combining historical sources, we analyse the heavy fuel consumption of the city of Limoges in relation to resources available in the region and describe the different procurement strategies implemented. The importance of the porcelain industry is discussed and we make a start on the evolution of the wooded landscape in the Limousin.

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**SETTLING WATERSCAPES IN EUROPE: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF NEOLITHIC AND BRONZE AGE PILE-DWELLINGS**

Saturday, 3 September 2016, 09:00-18:30
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**Keywords:** Neolithic-Bronze Age, settlement archaeology, wetland archaeology

**Presentation Preference:** Workshop

The workshop will bring together scientists who are involved in the research of pile-dwellings within largely expanded boundaries in Europe. The organizers invite contributions with a focus on human-environment interactions, origin and (dis)continuity of European pile dwellings, regional methodological distinctions and regional peculiarities of pile-dwellings sites. This workshop will also examine possibilities and limits of interpreting cultural remains of the pile dwellings from multidisciplinary perspectives.

The number of multidisciplinary research of recent years has provided new data about anthropogenic influence on the landscapes of Neolithic-Bronze Age pile-dwellings, which allows to characterize the lifestyle of inhabitants, peculiarities of the ecological niche and human and environment interaction in more detailed ways.

The widely discussed phenomenon of European pile-settlements suggests such approaches on their origin and evolution as a reaction on natural changes or new symbols of changing societies, as well as underlines existence of specific architectural forms and other evidences in culture (art, weaponry, adornments, utilities etc.).

In the huge area where pile dwellings have been explored for decades, different ways, methods, even schools of underwater and peat-bog excavation techniques as well as data analysis has been formed under the influence of different traditions of practice in separate countries. These and other factors can create limits of our understanding the past, but on the other hand may suggest wider possibilities for interpretations.

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**TH6-11 Abstract 01**

**Settlement history of the wetland site Luokesa 1 (Lithuania): an interdisciplinary approach**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

An interdisciplinary research of the Late Bronze/Early Iron Age lake-dwelling Luokesa 1 (Molėtai region, Lithuania) combines archaeology, archaeobotany and micromorphology. This single phase wetland settlement was fortified with a double palisade, and built on the lake shore shallow place. At least the houses of the investigated center of the settlement were constructed with elevated floors. The evaluation of the site topography, taphonomical processes, archaeological records and the palaeoenvironment enabled to reconstruct the settlement history. Thus, the interpretation of this data gives an insight of processes from the period before, during and after settling the lake shore site and presents possible wetland habitation models.

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**TH6-11 Abstract 02**

**Archaeological excavations from the past with new interpretations**

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**Presentation Preference:** Oral

So far, the remains of pile dwellings have been confirmed in only one lake in Estonia – Kooriküla Valtjärv in South Estonia. The lake hides remains of piles and other archaeological finds from three different time periods. The oldest settlement traces originate from Neolithic Period and the younger traces from the Pre-Viking and Viking Age.
Many of the older excavation reports and publications contain notes about piles that have been found, but not much effort has been placed on the interpretation of the finds. That kind of information is also found in reports about other important monuments such as the settlements of Kunda and Tamula. It is possible for us today to rely on results of excavations conducted 50 and more years ago, and prove that these archaeological monuments contain evidence also about pile dwelling? And if this is not possible to be done with archival research, then which studies and methods could give a result?

TH6-11 Abstract 03

The settlements of Kryvina peat bog region in the context of cultural changes of 3 - 2 millennium BC

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Kryvina peat bog is an archaeological microregion located in Vitebsk region of the Republic of Belarus (south of Belarusian Lakeland geographical region). To date, there are 10 archaeological settlements of Neolithic - Bronze Age period. The earliest belongs to the 4th millennium BC, and the most recent - to the middle/3rd quarter of the 2nd millennium BC. The majority of the sites of the area are presented by the materials of 3rd - first half of 2nd millennium BC which belongs to Usvyaty and North-Belarusian cultures. 9 monuments preserve organsics in the cultural layers, 8 of them are peat bog sites. The most studied settlements of the micro-region are Krivina 1, Asaviec 2 and Asaviec 7 settlements. Since 2018, the Asaviec 2 settlement was annually researched by the joint expedition of the Institute of History of NAS of Belarus and the Faculty of History of Belarus State University under the guidance of Mikhail Chamiakina and Maxim Chamiakina. In the southern part of the site 27 square meters were excavated. The use of new approaches in the field studies and the analysis of the received materials (in comparison with former methods) has allowed to clarify and obtain new information on the household, material and spiritual culture of the population of the region. We should also mention the identification of the immediate materials of the circle of Corded Ware cultures and the Globular Amphora culture on the settlement, which allowed to reconstruct the process of transformation of Ubeltia culture into the North-Belarusian culture in the region.

TH6-11 Abstract 04

Landscape and natural resources use in the 3rd mill BC by pile-settlements’ dwellers in NW Russia

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The lacustrine pile dwellings, appeared at the first half of the 4th mill BC, were unique sites among the Middle Neolithic cultures of the forest zone of northeastern Europe. Spatial analysis of lacustrine pile dwellings in the study area reveals a clear subsistence pattern based on catchment area, included three distinct landscape types: 1) depressions with lakes, mires and marshes, 2) moraine plateaus with predominantly clayey soils covered by broad-leaved trees; 3) small scale moraine plateaus with sandy, podzolic soils. The combination of these types of landscape made possible a hunter-gatherer economy and strongly contributed to the settlement system at this time. Decrease (periodic?) of lake water level and submergence of its territory of sites was presented by the materials of 3rd - first half of 2nd millennium BC which belongs to Usvyaty and North-Belarusian cultures. 9 monuments preserve organsics in the cultural layers, 8 of them are peat bog sites. The most studied settlements of the micro-region are Krivina 1, Asaviec 2 and Asaviec 7 settlements. Since 2018, the Asaviec 2 settlement was annually researched by the joint expedition of the Institute of History of NAS of Belarus and the Faculty of History of Belarus State University under the guidance of Mikhail Chamiakina and Maxim Chamiakina. In the southern part of the site 27 square meters were excavated. The use of new approaches in the field studies and the analysis of the received materials (in comparison with former methods) has allowed to clarify and obtain new information on the household, material and spiritual culture of the population of the region. We should also mention the identification of the immediate materials of the circle of Corded Ware cultures and the Globular Amphora culture on the settlement, which allowed to reconstruct the process of transformation of Ubeltia culture into the North-Belarusian culture in the region.

TH6-11 Abstract 05

Pile dwellers in the Sukhona basin? New Russian-German research at Veksa, Northern Russia

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The settlement remains of Veksa c. 400 km north of Moscow represent a pivotal site with regard to the cultural development in northeastern Russia. Extending along the left bank of River Vologda in the Sukhona basin, the site is located on an important river confluence. Its exceptional significance is due to the clearly stratified sequence of archaeological layers up to 3 m thick which encompasses all periods from the Early Neolithic through to the Medieval period. Veksa yields the rare opportunity to follow the local cultural, typological and economic developments and their links to environmental history over eight millennia. A multidisciplinary Russian-German field project led by Volgoda State Museum and the German Archaeological Institute started in 2015. It combines archaeological research with archaeobiology, paleoecology and dendrochronology in order to generate new high-quality data on human-environment interactions at Veksa on a diachronic level. Stone Age remains are especially well preserved at Veksa due to partial water-logging. They include a concentration of almost 2000 wooden stakes and piles standing upright in several clusters along a 350 m long stretch of the river bank. Radiocarbon dates place the main concentration in the Late Neolithic around 3000 BC. Thus, the concentration of wooden piles at Veksa is chronologically associated with a period of pile dwelling construction in the Late Stone and Early Metal Ages noticeable from the Alps in the south-west to the eastern Omega region in the north-east.

During the field work in 2015, a test trench was excavated within the pile concentration, yielding for the first time information on the stratigraphic association of the timber constructions. Silty and multiple layered sediments rich in organic remains point to the exploitation of aquatic plant resources in the Stone Age. Important new insights come from a pollen core, the first in this region, which shows several phases of intensified human activity at Veksa over the millennia that are correlated to phases of increased siltation and drying-up of the environment. Ongoing analyses of the documented features and the environmental data will yield new information on character and function of the wooden constructions and their association with cultural, economic and environmental developments.

TH6-11 Abstract 06

The Neolithic and Early Metal Age wooden construction of site Okhta 1 in St. Petersburg (Russia)

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The Neolithic sites Okhta 1 is first archaeological object with gut preserved wooden construction in St. Petersburg region. The territory of sites was occupied by ancient people several times during the Neolithic Age – in the Early Metal Age periods – from 4000 to 2500 BC. The cultural layers of the prehistoric settlements are situated under alluvial sandy sediments 1-1.5 m thick, which lie under the buried soil of the Middle Ages. Features of the microlayer of the site, its stratigraphy and archaeological observations allowed us to select an earlier coastal fishing zone located on the coast of the gulf, and a second fishing and living area, connected to river channels. The archaeological collection includes archaeological finds; pottery, stone tools, products of organic matter and wood, and amber jewelry. The pile dwelling settlements were situated at the boundary of different landscape types that provided the basis of a productive hunting and gathering economy, and supplied as a resource for different wood, plant and bone material, raw materials for pottery making. It remained the typical settlement pattern for over a millennium. The inhabitants of such settlements left a unique material culture with a particular toolkits and pieces of art.
TH6-11 Abstract 07
Characterization of activity areas in the early Neolithic site of La Draga (Spain)
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The early Neolithic site of La Draga is located on the shore of Lake Banyoles, in north-east of Iberian Peninsula (Spain). The site has provided evidences of two phases of occupation dated between 5300-4700 cal BC. The preservation of the site differs depending on the proximity to the lake. In some parts of the site a layer of well-preserved wood has been documented, corresponding to the earliest phase. In other sectors only the tips of the stakes stuck in the lacustrine chalk are preserved. The spatial analysis of the remains recovered at the site aims to identify possible areas of activity and characterize them. In-situ spatial analysis of different categories of remains have been explored in order to set boundaries and relationships between different spaces.

TH6-11 Abstract 08
Wood architecture in the Early Neolithic (5300-5000 cal BC) site of La Draga (NE of Ibiza)
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La Draga is the only Neolithic pile-dwelling site of the Iberian Peninsula. It is located on the shore of the Banyoles Lake (Girona, Spain) in the North-east of the Iberian Peninsula. The site was occupied during early Neolithic (5300-4900 cal BC). The remains of wood recovered at the site have been studied with the objective of characterizing the wood management process: obtaining of raw material, woodworking technology and the use as tools or construction elements. All this process is usually hidden for archaeologist, but its economic and social implications are of great relevance. The analysis of wood elements had been carried out involving a wide range of different methodologies: dendrology, description of morphology, experimentation, tool-marks, use-wear and 3D modeling. In this work are summarized the result of the analyses of the architectural elements. We'll outline the main characteristics of the building process of the wooden constructions at La Draga, from the obtaining of the raw material to its use for architecture, through its elaboration process.

The analysis of architectural elements (beams, posts, planks, framework, etc.) show in one hand the predominance of certain species of raw material, season of obtaining, diameters and supports selected. In the other hand it has been spotted certain predominance on the elaboration process. Finally, a few master lines of the construction structure have been spotted.

TH6-11 Abstract 09
Dry land and lakeside settlements in the region of Four Lakes at Amindeon Basin (Greece)
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The surveys and excavations of the last years in Amindeon region conducted by Florina Ephorate of Antiquities, resulted in the discovery of several prehistoric dry land and lakeside settlements dated from the late 7th to the late 2nd mil. BC. Some 31 new habitations were spotted in an overall area of 550 hectares, from which 15 sites were partially or totally excavated, covering an area of 25 hectares. From the preliminary overall approach of the excavational data so far yielded, the development of a unique culture in the region is documented, with an active contribution - especially during the earlier phases - to the neolithisation of Balkans, as part of the basic axis of populations and ideas mobility from the southeastern Balkans towards central and northern Europe. The location of the settlements confirms the special relationship that local neolithic communities developed with wetland environment, an interaction sustained with an impressive adaptive trajectory throughout prehistory. Even during Early and Middle Neolithic periods (mid 7th - mid 6th mil. B.C.) - as documented by the excavational data from the settlements Anarghiri XI and Anarghiri XIII and XIIa - although some basic choices regarding the construction and organization of habitation spacious refer to dry land occupation - the proximity of those settlements to the adjacent marshes necessitate the adaption of building techniques similar to pile dwellings. At late 6th mil. B.C. the occupation of the lakes and marshes' shores is intensified, resulting the establishment of several lakeside settlements. The most recent partial or total excavation of some of these and the investigation of extended destruction layers, numerous structural elements and artifacts of various organic materials, yielded new data to the prehistoric research of the region. The preliminary study of the evidence from the lowest waterlogged layers of Limnochori II, Anarghiri IXa and IXb dwellings on the water or by the shores, with a wide range of construction techniques exploited for flooding, walling, roofing etc. Especially the on-going large scale rescue excavation at Anarghiri IXb has so far yielded some impressive wooden structures referring to an organized communication and/or defense system of palisades and trackways connecting the settlement to the opposite lakeshore. All these significant evidence referring to the diachronic intra-settlement spatial organization, the form, structure and internal arrangement of the houses, together with thousands of clay, stone, wooden tools related to the productive, gardening and domestic activities, as well as some unique artifacts and ornaments related to the variety of ideological means of expression and orientations of the local prehistoric communities, formulate a unique data set for the research of pile dwellings in Southeastern Europe and beyond.

TH6-11 Abstract 10
Ups and downs. Studying structural wood from the prehistoric lakeside dwelling Anarghiri IXb (Greece)
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The Rescue Excavations Project of Florina’s Ephorate of Antiquities at the coastline zone of Public Power Corporation S.A. – Helia (Aimedon, Western Macedonia, Greece) has so far yielded substantial new evidence for the cultural development - from Early Neolithic to Late Bronze Age - of this region characterized by the presence of four lakes. Among the numerous finds there are a considerable great number of wooden elements belonging to structures preserved in the lower waterlogged deposits of several prehistoric settlements. Anarghiri IXb is a settlement inhabited since the early 5th millennium BC, was oval in shape and approximately 2.8 hectares in size, in the central part of which the archaeological layers are almost 4 m thick. According to the so far uncharted excavational evidence, the earliest occupation’s structures were built in immediate spatial relation to water with matching building choises adopted by the Neolithic settlers, while during the subsequent Neolithic periods (c. 4700-3300/3200 BC) the settlement became a dryland site characterized by successive layers of burnt structures. The large scale project of the last three years has resulted the completion of the excavational research of the cultural deposits at the periphery of the settlement, covering an area of approximately 7.000 m². The study of the various construction techniques implemented by the neolithic builders, especially concerning the exploitation of wood as raw material in several related tasks, is based mainly on extensive sampling of the structural elements preserved in the settlement’s waterlogged layers, as well as on the data set derived from the detailed documentation of finds and findings and their spatial integration in the excavational grid with the use of GIS tools. Although the study is still in an early stage, the ongoing processing of data from the categorization of the wood elements in different types according to their preservation, in-layer arrangement, physical and technical features etc. provide useful information concerning the construction and organization of space at the periphery of the prehistoric occupation. Yet, the large scale of the excavation, some particular differentiations in...
A research project focusing on Lake Degersée in Southern Germany revealed settlement activity and land use in the hinterland of Lake Constance older than the onset of the pile-dwelling period at Lake Constance in the 40th century BC. The outcomes of recent archaeological and palynological prospections suggest new settlement sites and human impact dating back to the 5th millennium (see contribution of Mainberger, this session). Within the tri-national project ‘Beyond Lake Villages – BELAVI’ palaeoecological on-site and off-site data from the Western Allgäu region are synthesised with archaeological records. The chronological basis and with it the relation to regional and over-regional vegetational and climatic records is established by high-resolution pollen, charcoal and sedimentary records on annually laminated lake sediments, dendrochronology, and AMS radiocarbon dating.

With regard to the results of plant macrofossil and pollen analyses on the cultural layers at Degersée, we expect to provide further evidence of changes in subsistence strategies and landscape management in response to environmental and climatic changes throughout the Neolithic period.

Dendrochronology provides information on woodland management of settlers at the periphery of Lake Constance. Main construction timber at Degersée comes from ash trees, and tree ring patterns show a cyclical settlement activity with repeated usage of small woodland plots with intermittent falls. Wood charcoal from cultural layers complement the spectrum of potentially selected construction timber, to gain a more complete picture of wood resource usage. Geoarchaeological investigations look into land use impacts, namely erosion, and together with the taxonomic analysis and dating of embedded charcoal can give further chronological as well as information on prehistoric vegetation cover.

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**TH6-11 Abstract 14**

The Neolithic Landscape of Westallgäu Region – first results of BELAVI in Southern Germany

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Precisely dated, laminated lake sediments contain an amazing wealth of archaeological background data. If their palaeoenvironmental, palaeoeconomic and palaeoclimatic information can be exactly paralleled to waterlogged archaeological evidence from lake shore sites, a dataset on human activities in landscapes far beyond the lake shores is generated. This is the core outcome of a research project completed in 2010, focusing on the small Degersée Lake in South Western Germany. The Degersée project triggered not only a whole series of new discoveries, but also the design of the tri-national Beyond Lake Villages - Project (BELAVI), which started in 2015. The German working – group focuses on the Stone Age of Western Allgäu, a pre-alpine region between Lake Constance and the European Watershed between Rhine and Danube River systems. Topographic and hydrographic maps illustrate that in the Holocene the landscape was characterized by woodlands growing up on drumlin rows and moraine belts, and by an entanglement of lakes, bogs, lowlands and water courses. The archaeological assessment of the Western Allgäu region is based on a concept of complementary components, with the cultural landscape dominated by farming activities on one hand, and the aquatic landscape with their benefits in respect to foraging, settlement-building, and communication on the other. The presentation will provide with initial results of the GIS – supported landscape analysis and first outcomes of 2015 and 2016 field campaigns.

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**TH6-11 Abstract 15**

Beyond Lake Villages in the Neolithic of Austria

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Austria’s prehistoric lake village sites have been known for over 150 years. Research in the 19th and 20th century identified a number of prehistoric lacsustrine structures, with rich cultural deposits. But research into Austria’s Pfahlbaul (paleo-dwelling) phenomenon has been characterized by discontinuity and modern transdisciplinary research has been limited in practice and at a theoretical level. This has begun to change with several new research initiatives focussed on the Salzkammergut region in Upper Austria. This paper presents data analysis from the international project „Beyond Lake Villages“ (funded by FWF-DFG-SNF 2015-2018). The Austrian part of the project focuses on the Lake Attersee-Mondsee region, including both large and small bodies of water, bogs, and newly discovered ‘hinterland’ sites. The aim is to characterise lake environments during the Neolithic with special focus on the 4th millennium BC. The project goals are (i) to establish a highly resolved Holocene
The alpine finds present important complementary information in the analysis of organic finds from bogs, wetlands and underwater sites is essential in the understanding of the finds from the alpine salt and copper mines. In addition, they represent highly specialized mining tools or tools commonly used in the settlements as well. Comparison with the organic materials and the bulk (far more than 90%) of material culture in the period from the Stone Age to very recent times (19th cent.).

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Beyond lake villages. Archaeological and palaeoecological research at Lake Burgüschi! Switzerland

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The recent discovery of the Bronze Age site of Must Farm in the former wetlands of the East Anglian Fens opens up a new chapter in pile-dwelling research in the UK. Older than the artificial Iron Age islands known as ‘crannogs’ found in Scotland and Ireland, Must Farm consisted of typical Bronze Age roundhouses built on stilts above a former channel of the river Nene. Burnt down at the end of its lifespan this site has been extraordinarily well-preserved. Consequently, Must Farm (dubbed the ‘Pompeii of Britain’), provides an unprecedented snapshot of later Bronze Age life and human-bio-acculturation interaction in the Fens. Moreover, the discovery of this wetland settlement in the ‘deep fens’ beyond the fen edge requires a reconsideration of the later prehistoric Fenland narrative.

Although the extraordinary findings from Must Farm are important in their own right, it is crucial that this site is placed within its wider spatial and temporal context. This is also true for other pile-dwellings in Europe. To some extent, all pile-dwellings are ‘unique’ (mostly due to their wet location and the level of preservation at many of these sites), but they should not be studied in isolation. Indeed, to better understanding pile-dwellings, they must be compared with other types of wetland settlements. More importantly, nearby dryland settlements areas should also be considered. Only then can we study the origin of pile-dwellings, better understand their inhabitants’ lifeways and their interactions with the environment. This paper will discuss these issues by introducing Must Farm and placing this site in its wider regional, national and international context.

Keywords: Contextualising wetland living, East Anglian Fens, Must Farm pile-dwelling

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After doing this, in the second part, the author considers the relationship between man and water in lacustrine environment. To do this, the paper first tries to examine why the analysis of these boats appears to be usually conditioned by the ethnological features. Far from wanting to exhaust the topic, the main aim of the proposed framework is in fact to overpass the often-overestimated importance of the scientific research history. These boats: handles, lightning tapers, buckets, mining timber, excrements and so on are remnants of large scale prehistoric production systems. A particular difficulty in dealing with these objects lies in the uncertainty whether they represent highly specialized mining tools or tools commonly used in the settlements as well. Comparison with the organic materials and the bulk (far more than 90%) of material culture in the period from the Stone Age to very recent times (19th cent.).
during the prehistorical time, trying to put in evidence how and why prehistoric people could have chosen to use water transport in such a particular environment. Then, moving from a preliminary analysis of the boat use in use from Neolithic to Iron Age in the Alpine lakes, essentially based on the data we have from archaeological literature, the author deals with the possibility to link different boat-types to particular needs, related to the activities for which the boats themselves have been conceived in origin.

At last, the paper tries to put in evidence how this particular topic can be of interest not only to have a precise idea of the relationship between the dwelling sites and waterways in the prehistory of the Alpine region, but in a wider area. Considering naval iconography and naval archaeology of the Mediterranean and the North, the author tries in fact to focus his attention on what we can learn about ancient shipbuilding thanks to the analysis of this basic ancient boat-type.

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Pots, pans and dishes to understand food in a pile-dwelling Neolithic society

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In this paper, we describe a new study on Neolithic sites (i.e. Clairvaux XIV, Switzerland), from the Neolithic period (4000-3000 BC) to the Iron Age (2000-500 BC) in Western Europe. This research project is part of a larger European research program called PATROINE (A new look to late Neolithic plant economy from the site of Parkhaus Opéra (Zürich, Switzerland)) and particularly focuses on the Neolithic (4000 BC to 2500 BC). In this study, we use a multi-proxy approach to investigate the Neolithic diet and the management of domesticated animals, by combining quantitative chemical analyses of fats and fatty acids with the study of organic remains on pottery, timbers and charred seeds.

The main goal of this study is to understand how Neolithic people used pottery to prepare and consume food, and to explore the socio-economic implications of these practices. The research was conducted in Clairvaux XIV, a Neolithic site located in Switzerland, which was occupied from the 5th to the 3rd millennium BC. The site is situated in a lowland area, close to a lake, which provides a unique opportunity to study the relationship between pottery use and food preparation.

In total, 550 pottery samples were analyzed, including fragments from more than 100 different vessels. The samples were divided into two main categories: (i) vessels with clear evidence of cooking and food preparation, and (ii) vessels with no signs of cooking. The organic residues were extracted from the pottery and analyzed using a combination of techniques, including GC-MS and GC-IRMS.

The results of this study show that Neolithic people used pottery to prepare a wide variety of foods, including cereals, legumes, nuts, fruits, and meat. The analysis of the fatty acid composition of the residues suggests that the Neolithic people used pottery to prepare a variety of different dishes, including soups, stews, and porridges. The study also provides evidence for the use of different types of pottery, such as bowls, jars, and pots, for the preparation of different foods.

The study also highlights the importance of pottery in the Neolithic diet, as pottery is a key technology for the preparation and consumption of food. The study suggests that pottery played a central role in the Neolithic diet, and that the use of pottery reflects the socio-economic and cultural practices of the time.

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Micro-economic and socio-cultural networks in lake-side settlements

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Urban morphologists are investigating the 'genetic code of cities', laws according to which modern cities emerged and grew. They have identified socio-economic processes that activate the act of building which in turn shapes urban space. The emergence of spatial pattern is seen as determined for the evolution of configurational networks. These networks, together with spatially agile 'cultural movement', the flow of people to meet and interact, have a significant impact on movements and uses in modern cities. Otherwise, movement through micro-economically motivated freeways networks encourages the emergence of 'generative' land uses, such as retail, while movement-poor socio-culturally influenced background networks form 'conservative' residential areas.

Lake-side settlements, on the other hand, are – quite similar to space stations – built into human habitation basically hostile environments. Swamp-born, cities possess constant health risks. And fluctuating water levels or seasonal flooding asked for structural solutions to still allow human activities and interactions despite adverse conditions.

The paper takes up the idea of the 'genetic code of cities' to look into network patterns of Neolithic and Bronze Age lake-side settlements. It explores the influences these specifically designed structural solutions required for life at, on, in or above water and marshlands had on human movement and interactions. Did these settlements under such environmental conditions follow the same spatial growth laws as modern cities? And, can such micro-economic and socio-cultural network analysis be a tool for interpreting cultural remains or functions of pile dwellings?

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A new look to late Neolithic plant economy from the site of Parkhaus Opéra (Zürich, Switzerland)

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Archaeobotanical research in the Alpine Forsthas has a long tradition. Abundant quality data have been produced since the seventies of the XIX century. The Horgen period (ca. 1400 - 2900 cal BC) has been particularly well investigated, especially since the excavation of Arbon Bleiche 3. It was after this project that researchers realized that the representative sampling of lakeshore settlements with paleoecological aims (e.g. characterizing past agriculture and gathering practices, as well as deforestation) was only possible through the systematically-taken surface samples of large volume (ca. 5 L).

With an optimal sampling strategy was conducted at the recently excavated late Neolithic layers of the site of Zürich-Parkhaus Opéra. Layers 13 and 14 date to the years around -3160 BC and -3090 BC respectively. Layer 13 was preserved over a surface of 3000 m². Layer 14 was documented in more or less good preservation in a smaller area of around 1000 m². A systematic sampling strategy was conducted and a new method of analysis was developed for the efficient analysis of the large samples that this project investment possible. These large samples were subsampled before sieving, producing one large-volume (sieved with 8 and 2 mm sieve fractions, for the recovery of large-sized seeds and fruits) and one small-volume sample (sieved with 2 and 0.35 mm sieve fractions, for the recovery of the small-sized grains). Around 250 large-volume samples (ca. 5 L) and ca. 120 small-volume samples (ca. 0.3 L) were investigated for layer 13 and 53 large-volume and 33 small-volume samples for layer 14. This allowed the recovery and identification of over 200'000 plant remains for layer 13 and around 49'000 for layer 14. The data were evaluated on the basis of density (remains per litre of sediment) and ubiquity (percentage of samples in which a type of remain is present), as well as through qualitative evaluations of the spatial distribution of the concentration of remains at the site.

The large-scale sampling strategy applied allowed some new observations concerning taphonomy and economic activities taking place at the settlement. The distribution and diversity of plant remains found in our samples seem to show connections to several formation processes and routes of entry that we are trying to disentangle (lake action, animal dung, areas of accumulation of rubbish, etc.). In addition to this, a better evaluation of the role of some of the main crops like barley and pea as well as the most relevant gathered plants, was possible, thanks to all these methodological improvements. Our aim with this presentation is to propose our strategy as an optimum for paleoecological evaluations of large-scale excavations in wetland settlements.
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Settlement dynamics and mobility in Late Neolithic Southwest Germany

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The pile dwelling site Bachwiesen I (Bad Buchau, Kr. Biberach) located at the Federeisee fen in Baden-Württemberg, excavated in the years 2005 and 2011, can be assigned to the Late Neolithic Subscheulin Culture between ~ 4000 and 3800 BC. The site itself is dated by dendrochronology around 3970 BC.

The objective is to model a settlement system during the Late Neolithic by comparing the features, the corpus of finds and the results of natural scientific analysis of this settlement with other known settlements. The main source of information of this comparison are the known wetland sites.

To understand the possibilities and limits of such a model it is necessary to discuss which aspects of life can not be traced in the archaeological record and are forced to remain in the dark. Nevertheless important factors of how life is functioning among human groups can be hidden there. E.g.: Little do we know about what happened on the mineral soil during the same time.

In a first step a comparison of settlement structures, their duration, subsistence strategy, management of resources and the distribution of material culture characteristics in Upper Swabia will be made. In a second step the comparison will be enhanced down to Lake Constance in the South and up to the Neckar area in the North.

Such a model gives an important opportunity to address specific questions in order to get a closer understanding of the way of life of past people. How are the humans adapted to their surroundings? How do they move? What is the impact of settlement dynamics and the associated degree of mobility on the culture of the people and their interaction with each other? How can we assess migration? Do we have to re-evaluate the Subscheulin Culture?

The presentation will give an insight in the current state of this PhD project and discuss the preliminary results.

TH6-11 Abstract 25

Bronze Age pile dwellings in Northern Italy: chronology, environment and architectural features

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In northern Italy the widest spread of pile-dwellings took place between the 22nd and the 15th century B.C., during Early and Middle Bronze Age and endured till the first phase of Late Bronze Age (13th century), with a considerable difference with situation North of the Alps. From around 2050 cal BC, we assist to the spread of pile-dwellings, mostly around the Lake Garda and its morainic amphitheatre, but also in the lakes of the inner areas of the Barcis and Euganean hills. This period is therefore characterised by strong cultural changes and radical reorganisation of settlement patterns and socio-economical systems. Some recent excavations allow us to follow the technological and cultural evolution of the communities living in the area and to identify the development of the architectural techniques. The findings show long distance interactions and cultural relationships with Western, Central and Eastern Europe. Interesting is the connection between Varese lake and Swiss plateau and between the development of the architectural techniques. The study of findings shows long distance interactions and cultural relationships characterised by strong cultural changes and radical reorganization of settlement patterns and socio-economical systems. Some excavation sites, such as for example the site of Bachwiesen I, have been discovered in this area, and they provide important data for understanding the Bronze Age in Northern Italy.

Keywords: Bronze Age, pile dwellings, Northern Italy, chronology, environment, architecture

Presentation Preference - Poster

TH6-11 Abstract 26

Osseous artifacts from the prehistoric lakeside settlements of Amindoeon, Western Macedonia, Greece

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In the last decade the intensive rescue excavations of the Archaeological Service of Florina unearthed a great number of prehistoric settlements close to the four lakes of the Amminoeon basin that date back from Greek Early Neolithic (c. 6800-5800 BC) to Greek Middle Bronze Age (c. 2200/2100-1600/1500 BC).

The excavation of these sites yielded an impressive and diverse assemblage (more than 4000) of bone and antler artifacts which shows that, as in the prehistoric lakeside settlements of Central Europe, the osseous artifacts played an important role in the everyday activities of the inhabitants of the wetland sites of the region. In this short paper, there will be an attempt to present the osseous artifacts of some of these settlements.
artifacts were found here, among which a wooden Neolithic ski, wooden zoomorphic figures, bone flutes etc. However, during last 20 years the cultural layer on the bottom of the lake was either destroyed due to lake-level drawdown or buried under modern lake sediments. Another particular feature of this lake is its zero visibility caused by shallow bathymetry and high nutrient loads which makes any common archaeological prospection even more difficult.

In order to find further traces of archaeological constructions and cultural layers a range of remote sensing and geophysical methods, both underwater and on the peat bog shore were applied. For magnetic prospections on the peat-bog shore of the lake we applied the highly sensitive total field caesium-magnetometer (±0.01 nT) in a variometer configuration. Combined with a high spatial resolution (sampling rate of 12.5 x 25 cm) the results allow us also to detect the weak magnetic signals of archaeological structures such as rows of post or parts of post-built houses, fish-traps, but also very clearly the traces of paleochannels and the typical strong magnetic anomalies which could be ascribed to ancient fireplaces or kilns.

Supplementing the archaeological underwater surveys three sites in the littoral fringe have been investigated by dense side scan sonar tracks with varying frequencies (80/200 kHz). The sonar mapping revealed details in lake bottom morphology, which is is recently enveloped by soft sediments as well as the precise distribution of ancient stone and wooden constructions on the sites. These prospections not only allowed us to reconstruct in details paleolandscape, precise distribution of ancient stone and wooden constructions on the sites and to define and to locate the places for further excavations but moreover provides us a comprehensive approach to the site.

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**TH6-12 Abstract 01**

**Ritual continuity and changing monuments in the southern Sprarren Mountains, Northern Ireland**

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This paper argues that there was a surprising degree of spatial stability between Neolithic and Bronze Age ritual landscapes in Northern Ireland despite substantial changes in funerary/ritual practices. Taking the southern Sprarren Mountains as a case-study, it is shown that Bronze Age ritual activity tended to occur within established Neolithic ritual landscapes. The conclusion of this paper discusses some of the possible reasons behind this stability including functional, ritual and political reasons. The Sprarren Mountains form the largest mountain range in Northern Ireland, stretching across the north-west of the country. Glacial activity during the last ice-age has created a landscape of rolling mountains cut by deep glens. Today the upper slopes of the mountains are largely unhabitied as the spread of blanket peat has pushed settlement down into the foothills, with the often barren and windswept uplands reserved for the seasonal grazing of cattle. It would, however, appear that these mountains were not always so desolate.

During the course of the Irish Neolithic substantial anthropogenic changes occurred, as people began farming the land and constructing megalithic tombs in which to bury their dead. These tombs are often regarded as being linked to ideas of ancestor veneration, where the remains of the deceased symbolically fed the community to the land they had invested in. Landscape analysis of the Sprarren region reveals particularly high concentrations of Neolithic burial activity, suggesting that this may have been perceived as a ritual landscape.

The advent of the Bronze Age sees profound cultural changes throughout Ireland and evidence from a recent genetic study has even indicated that there was a significant migration of people into Ireland (Cassidy et al. 2006). Within the funerary/ritual spheres, megalithic burials are gradually abandoned as burial within cists and pits becomes more prevalent and new ritual
structures in the form of stone circles and alignments emerge. These dramatic shifts in culture, and possibly even population, speak of change and discontinuity. Analysis of funerary ritual sites within the Sperrin Mountains, however, suggests that, despite these dramatic cultural changes, there is a remarkable degree of spatial continuity between the Neolithic and Bronze Age ritual landscapes. While the face of ritual may have changed, the overall evidence indicates that the perceived ritual significance of the land endured.

TH6-12 Abstract 02

Viking-Age landscapes in the longue durée: change, continuity, and perceptions of place

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It is no simple task to assign dates to a landscape. In England, however, metal-detected artefacts recovered from rural contexts provide valuable benchmarks that bring chronological narratives of settlement and activity to light. This can be used to highlight specific ‘moments of crisis’ within narrow timeframes, such as the reduced circulation of coins in certain parts of England during the early Viking Age. When viewed from the perspective of the long durée on the other hand, it often illustrates that despite centuries of political change and large-scale migration, many places were continuously selected for.

Through case studies in eastern and midland England, this paper explores instances of change and continuity in the rural landscape. Looking backwards and forwards from the Viking Age, when visible shifts in settlement would be anticipated, the evidence reveals notable patterns and curious anomalies. Prominent to Roman roads, for example, is a biased trail set across the case studies, but why does treatment of other Romano-British structural remains appear to differ so widely? Drawing upon a range of supporting evidence such as place-names and environmental data, and looking at the artificial and landscape evidence within a number of shifting chronological frames, it is suggested that certain discontinuities and continuities can be explained with reference to the evolving agrarian economy. Conversely, the influence of antecedent features such as barriers and structural remains on successive communities requires alternative explanations. It is suggested that in these cases, their integration or avoidance was contingent upon the ways in which communal memories and local perceptions of place were transferred.

TH6-12 Abstract 03

The way to the shore: why going to the beach may not be as straightforward as you might think

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Although modern ports and harbours dominate how we relate to the sea and to associated maritime activities and industries in the present, technological and scalar differences resulted in alternative responses to these activities in other eras. Seven modern harbours dominate the 150 km coastline of the Isle of Man, but these represent only a small proportion of the landing places historically used by, and available to, a once largely rural population. In contrast, the way in which we take access to the beach for granted today, my research focusses on identifying natural landing places – without quaysides, jetties or breakwaters – and the routes which connected them to the agricultural hinterland.

Some landing places were naturally usable, but others show evidence for the adaptation of the intertidal shore and other simple alterations designed to improve safety or ease of use. It is sometimes possible to glean from this the reasons the landing places were exploited: fishing and the collection of seaweed as manure are amongst the most obvious uses.

This paper sheds light on the study of long-term religious urban landscape in medieval cities.

TH6-12 Abstract 05

Processes of Mendicant Settlement in Cities: The Example of The Diocese of Clermont 13th-15th c.

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In 1962, the American historian R. Emery (p. 5) defined the French 13th century as “the golden age of the [mendicant] friar”, a hypothesis developed later by the French historian J. Le Goff (1968) in a programme dealing with the relationships between Mendicant Orders and medieval cities. Archaeological and historical surveys and archival studies in cities particularly in Brittany (Martin, 1975) or in Alsace and Lorraine (1985) since provided numerous and varied clues allowing a renewal of the problems linked to the settlement and building of Mendicant convents. Recent historical and archaeological analyses concerning the north (Voit, 2003) or the south of France (Caby, 2012) enabled to improve the knowledge on the different ways the Mendicants could settle in towns in terms of political, ecclesiastical or material support and integrated spatially and institutionally the city. Nonetheless, the questions of natural constraints, of a pre-established “urban” landscape in the vicinity of the mendicant convents still remain difficult to answer in most cases.

The paper aims at putting emphasis on the phenomena of change and continuity in the settlement of Mendicant Orders in urban spaces through the example of the cities in the diocese of Clermont (Auvergne, centre of France) during the 13th-15th centuries. This is a multidisciplinary approach based on a cross-checking of archaeological, architectural and historical data. It focuses on the reasons why the Mendicants decided to install in specific places in close to the city, particularly for political, economical and social reasons but also due to topographical constraints. It also demonstrates the prevailing reasons for settlement could change according to periods, cities and established urban landscape (e. g. re-use of religious buildings). Thus, this paper sheds light on the study of long-term religious urban landscape in medieval cities.
TH6-12 Abstract 06
Can humans change their spots? Site location patterns in Mid-to-Upper Paleolithic Cantabrian Spain

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Research on the European Middle-to-Upper Paleolithic transition has mainly been devoted to issues of long-standing interest like human anatomy, artifact technology, economic strategies, symbolism or, more recently, genetics. By contrast, other aspects of the archaeological record still require further attention, particularly research on landscape perception and use. As a result, very little is actually known on the decisions and conditions that led Late Middle Paleolithic and Early Upper Paleolithic human groups to settle and move back and forth across the geography in this paper, as a pilot approach to investigate this issue, we aim to explore how settlement patterns changed or persisted in a quite constrained and archaeologically rich area, the Cantabrian region (northern Spain). To this end, locational analysis has been undertaken on a total sample of 94 sites showing human use in a time-lapse spanning more than twenty millennia (ca. 45 to 22 ky cal. BP) – coincident with the so-called Late Mousterian, Channelian and Scandinavian cultures. The study integrates the spatial analysis of different variables relating to factors like topography, geology, hydrography and habitability that are examined and calculated with the help of modern tools, mainly GIS. Results are statistically treated and compared with other archaeological and environmental data, showing a complex mosaic where divergences in settlement patterns through time can sometimes be evident or not, depending on the variables analyzed, and may reveal different – and not necessarily evolutionary – strategies for the peopling of a changing environment. After all, landscape use has always been about decision-making.

TH6-12 Abstract 07
The structuring of the Adriatic littoral landscape between Atria and Altinum during Roman times

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The Upper Adriatic littoral zone stretching between the ancient centers of Altinum and Atria (Adeja) is a low plain continually redrawn, until the modern age, by an extremely complex hydrographic system, of which rivers Po, Brenta, Adige and Bacchiglione are the main agents; but that also includes a numerous series of canals, drains and ditches that until the excess waters to avoid swelling. To all this great mass of water, which has always been a highly destabilizing factor for the plain itself, we must also add the other high morphological variability component of the landscape, i.e. the southern basin of the Venice Lagoon, where the hydrographic system goes (and went) to run out, and that, since ancient times, has offered those harbour areas that were crucial for the economic development of the territory.

If today the relationship between landscape and water looks very tight, we know that was the condition also during Roman times, when classical sources tell us that here was the northernmost part of the great delta of the river Po, which reached Ravenna, to the South, and Altinum, to the North and, above all, the zone located to the East of the Municipium of Atria where the river itself flowed to the sea with more branches, a wide marshland called Septem Maria (i.e. “the seven seas”). Furthermore, we know that in this stretch of plain the river Althes (Adige), Medesacus (Brenta), Retano (Bacchiglione) and Togisonus (Bovolenta channel) flowed and mingled their waters with Po ones; tappezzini with fossae (i.e. “canals”) Croisia and Phistila, two artificial waterways that formed part of an inlands water transport route that linked Ravenna and Altinum: the existence of such a route is proved by numerous sources, among them the Itinerarium Antonini.

This fluvial route was also followed by a terrestrial one remembered by Tabula Peutingeriana, which also mentions the main stations which marked its track: this road was a coastal itinerary parallel to the innermost one followed by the Via Popilia, a consular road built in 132 BC as a direct connection between Ariminum (Rimini) and Aquileia linking all the important port centers of the Upper Adriatic coast such as Ravenna, Atria and Altinum.

Therefore, paying attention to such elements, the paper aims to investigate the complex relationship man-landscape, which was established in the area during the Roman period ranging from 3rd century BC and 6th century AD) and the landscape archaeological approach and through an integrated reading of all the available archaeological, historical and paleoenvironmental data, the final goal we want to reach is double: on the one hand, to identify the environmental factors that both favoured and conditioned the Roman occupation of the territory; on the other hand, to come to a better understanding of the forms this occupation took, and of its actual effects on the natural environment.

TH6-12 Abstract 08
Where did all the power go?
The rise and fall of the big harbour town of Aquileia

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The aim of this presentation is to track the rise and fall of the harbour town of Aquileia. The town, founded in 181 BC around 10 km away from the Adriatic sea on a meander of the Natiso river, stands as a perfect example of a once really strong and powerful town that fell into nothing after the end of the Roman Empire.

The socio-economic status of the city reaches its peak starting from the Theatarchic period: as a matter of fact with the Didactician and Constantian reformations she received officially the title of capital of the Venetia et Histria region. Moreover, her proximity with the newly Imperial Capital (Mediolanum) put her in a political circuit of primary importance; providing her a role of cultural and administrative complementarily in respect of the capital. Her new role granted her a primary importance spot within the imperial agenda, firstly in relation with the Danubian times patrol but most of all as a bridge-head and northern route of Roman times. This prosperity echoes in the urbanistic evolution both from the point of view of private and public dwellings.

Two centuries after, all of this was not there anymore and the town itself was reduced to a third of its original size. Moreover the new city wall (of the half of the VI century AD) excluded not only the forum but also the harbour that was the symbol of its past role.

How did it happen? Clearly the temptation of giving all the blame to the barbaric invasions and mainly to the supposed conquest of the town by Attila (562 AD) is strong, but with this paper I will go beyond these single events trying to track those long durative factors that lead one of the greatest Italian cities of late antiquity to become little more than a village. Even its own name was recalled in the sources just in relation with its dioceses or as a memento of the unpredictability of fortune. These factors have been both natural (mainly the decrease in the flow rate of the river Natiso) and anthropic (mainly the changes in the power balance of the Roman Empire).

TH6-12 Abstract 09
“The rivers promised not to deluge the country”: the Arno and Serchio lower valleys

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In North Western Tuscany (ancient Etruria) landscape dynamic transformations, due both to natural and anthropic factors, and phenomena of persistency, resilience and change are studies in a long term perspective. In this district multidisciplinary researches provide evidence of coastal progradation and erosion, paleoenvironmental changes, water management practices, rural and urban landscapes, manufacturing activities. Significantly, the complex hydrogeological evolution of the Pisa-Lucca territory and the long term human actions aimed at optimizing the rivers regime were already perceived by the ancients, as documented by Strabo after his sources (5.2.5, 2220). In the Roman late Republican period the critical phases are to be connected with protracted intense rainfalls and with the impact of anthropic activities on the territory (e.g. the Roman colonisation in the 2nd and 1st cent. B.C., the upkeep or collapse of the countryside drainage systems, etc.). A period characterized by sea level rising and by the absence of orographic changes, the coastal evolution was most probably conditioned to anthropic causes.

Among these, the main elements were the construction of new towns and settlements, deforestation and increased agricultural and manufacturing activities connected with the deduction of colonies in the early 2nd cent. B.C. and in the late 1st cent. B.C., in particular with the organization of their territories (pensilvani and land allotments). The continuous natural transformation of the
Illtoral and the hydrologic evolution affected the North Western Etruria sea- and river ports and landing places scattered along the coastline in Antiquity and in the Middle Ages. The Roman road network was constructed on stable soils in the coastal strip and in the main river valleys in the frame of a strategic plan. A post-medieval interesting case study is the coastal plain NW of Pisa. Here since the 15th Century several plans aiming to reclaiming a large swampland South of the Massacuccoli lake were made but not achieved. In 1653 an attempt was made by the Dutch Van der Strecht, who built a few windmills in order to raise the water level. This attempt failed. The coastal progadation came to end around 1930. The Arno-Serchio rivers sold transport being diverted from their destination to the sea in swamp filling areas in the frame of the systematic land reclamation pursued by the Lorena. That caused the erosion of the Arno delta since the end of the 19th Century. The present courses of the Arno and Serchio rivers result from complex natural transformations and anthropic actions taken over the centuries, ranging from the straightening of river segments and the draining of stagnant waters to the construction of embankments, dikes, cause di colmata and the building of canals to deviate flood waters.

TH6-12 Abstract 10
Proper in Valley, Hide in Mountains: Dynamics of Settlement in Lubuski (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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The paper analyses the changes in settlement brought about by the Roman occupation of the Trebižat river valley and its surrounding highlands and mountain ranges, a geographically well- defined microregion which today constitutes the modern community of Lubuski in West Herzegovina. The lay of the land, just a mountain range from the sea coast and with good connections through river valleys and passes with the highlands inland, is such that throughout its history it was the border and contact zone of different cultural, economic and political entities and systems. In antiquity this area was the close hinterland of Narona, a major city of the region. Not only was it important for the subsistence of the city’s population due to the rich agricultural land that characterized the valley, the pastures in the highlands, but it also played an important strategic role. The most important road in the province, connecting Narona with Salona, the capital of the province, crossed through the valley as it offered the most convenient route. A Roman garrison ensured the safety of this road, the defence of Narona against indigenous tribes resisting the Roman occupation and projecting their reach conflicts between the quickly Romanizing farmers in the valley and the more traditional shepherding populations of the highlands.

A non-invasive archaeological landscape project conducted in the area proved that a most close correlation exists in the area between the level of development of the economy, the level of perceived safety and the locations of settlements. The advent of Roman rule, which brought about pacification of the province and economic prosperity, resulted in a gradual shift from the traditional well-defended highforts located on peaks to settlement in the valleys, with a local centre emerging in the valley around the major military installation, not only the safest place, but also the largest market in the area. On the other hand, in Late Antiquity the military presence was much weaker, and the safety of the regional system was threatened from the outside. In reaction the settlement seems to disperse and move to the naturally defensible places. A parallel to those cyclical developments can be observed also in the medieval and early modern periods. It appears that the choices of places for settlement and of the main economic activities of the population of the region were dependent on the perceptions of safety, which in this difficult, mountainous landscape could be achieved in one of two ways: by resorting to inhabitation of naturally defensible places or by the participation of peacekeeping forces, demanding both an economical and political outside involvement, but giving the possibility for much more intensive local economic development.

TH6-12 Abstract 11
Comparing cultural transmission patterns in southern Poland during the Bronze and Early Iron Age

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In our paper we want to show the methodology and preliminary results of the ongoing project addressing the question when, and in what circumstances, the culture of past societies was determined by such factors as vertical (inter-generational) and horizontal (inter-population) transmission of cultural attributes, and when the decisive role was played by the adaptation to local environment. Several well-investigated settlement regions in southern Poland, intensively occupied for a long time and representing various ecological, cultural and historical zones (Western Malopolska Lowland, the upper Wisla valley, the Carpathian Forestland, and the West Carpathians), were chosen to test the role of these factors. We apply the comparative method (using standardised data and a set of ‘middle range’ theories) to analyse similarities and differences. The list of variables we included contains: time (the pace and synchronicity of change in particular areas), space (communication factors in inter-population transmission), environment, with its natural and anthropogenic transformations in time, stylistic diversity in manufacturing traditions, organisation of settlement area (at the site and micro-region levels), access to resources, and social hierarchies and relationships. The data are examined using statistical tools, e.g. multidimensional techniques of data exploration, and – in case of stylistic studies – compared with the phylogenetic model. The next stage must cover establishing the nature of identified correlations and identification of potential causal relations.

This way we will explore whether cultural diversity is similar – as proposed by the culture-Historical school, recently supported by many evolutionists – to biodiversity and develops through branching of traditions inherited between generations with only slight modifications (so that we can speak of an ‘essence’ of cultural tradition, typical of certain groups in long cycles of historic processes)? Or perhaps the decisive role played by diffusion - blending of cultural traditions as a result of unique historical events, and the horizontal transmission of patterns within ‘network society’? Or, finally, does the diversity of culture result from tight adaptation to local ecological niche, as adaptationists propose?

TH6-12 Abstract 12
Pastoral Nomads’ Use of the Semi-Arid Syrian Landscape c. 1810-1760 BCE: A GIS Projection

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Hundreds of Akkadian clay tablets, derived from archaeological excavations at the palace of Mari by the Euphrates, clarify the strong integration among mobile tribes and city-states in Syria-Mesopotamia during the Old Babylonian period (c. 1810-1760 BCE). My project aims to illuminate the social and economic dynamics between pastoral nomads and settled people in this period, by focusing on the former, based on the economics of food-procuring, exchange, trade routes, etc. As a case study I will take the southern Bronze Age cairns, distributed on strategic hilltops and east outlets, in the mountain range outside the ancient trading centre of Palmyra in Syria. The project builds on a GIS database in which the site data are presented in the GIS, together with trade routes, landscape features, suggested tribal territories, natural resources, and some remains (e.g. systems of cairns, corrals, kites) registered in the Syria-Norwegian Palmyrena project that I have been a part of. The structured location of several hundred Bronze Age cairns, distributed on strategic hilltops and east outlets, in the mountain range outside the ancient trading centre of Palmyra in Syria, indicates that in addition to have been burial chambers these cairns were secondary used as landmarks of territories and routes for trade and migration of pastoralists with their flocks. The landscape image will constitute the base for my further studies of networks and descriptive connections or relationships between people and tribes with places, trade routes, migrant patterns etc.

TH6-12 Abstract 13
Road caravanserais of the Medieval Middle East: landscape, architecture and patronage

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In the Islamic world, caravanserais have been faithfully serving travellers, traders and pilgrims for many centuries, sometimes functioning as stopovers until the beginning of the 20th century. The impressive geographical and temporal diffusion of this institution, original to the Islamic world, clearly shows that caravanserais fulfilled a key role in society, in relation both to the physical act of travelling and to the notion of travel as the expression of cultural values. For different reasons tied to religion, knowledge and also trade, travel and travellers have always been important issues for the Islamic civilization but it would be misleading to consider road caravanserais only as way stations for travellers. Road caravanserais were not only a spatial manifestation of the Islamic institution, the centre of a variety of functions that linked together religious, political and cultural motivations. Yet it is striking to observe that until now road caravanserais have been poorly studied from a comprehensive point of view and are consequently till insufficiently understood. For example, although we know elements of several oriental traditions, one of their characteristic features, the relationship of road caravanserais to the landscape they have been built in has not been studied thoroughly.
Archaeoegography of a border: the roman Limes system in south Romania (frontier, roads, landscape)

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Presentation Preference - Oral

How to consider the meaning of « border » in archaeography? (beyond the joke about the title of the session) First, it's useful to consider the different criteria of the limit between 2 territories, based on the thoughts of sociologists and philosophers. Before to be geographical evidences, frontiers and associated road networks are first, an intellectual constructions of societies, second, a mark of the politics, and third a sign for populations. Therefore, this analysis allows to consider the frontier as an archaeogeographical concept because of its « longue durée » meaning.

In the territory of the actual Romania, after the Trajan conquest, at the very beginning of the second century A.D., the new limit of the Roman Empire is on the northern side of the Danube. In the Wallachian plain, archaeologists consider two different limits named Limes Alatine and Limes Transalatine. The first one is on the western bank of the Olt river, the second one is on the eastern plateau in the Boian plain. These two limits may represent a chronological distinction, a functional difference, or both.

Using in the same time many data from different sources origins (topography, geology, hydrology, morphology, topography, village and road network, archaeological settlements), it will try to explain that none of these proposals is the right one. It's necessary to consider both Limes as a complex system, with a triple fonction: to create a virtual space between Roman Empire and foreign Limes, to separate the eastern plateau in the Boian plain. These two limits may represent a chronological distinction, a fonctional difference, or both.

This good use of the territory, and its associated organization, has crossed the times until the humankind modify natural landscape.

The contemporary landscape organization keeps different remains of this situation in the lineaments, in the parceling system and in the road network. It also shows us that the « colonisation » by the Roman Empire keeps a part of the former forms when it is in accordance to the new one.

Since the middle of the twentieth century, most of the testimonies of this very organized frontier have disappeared. Because of its originality, it's now time to look at its last remains as a huge historical monument which needs to be kept for national memory of Romania.

Archaeology without borders

This page contains abstracts of papers presented at the conference. The topics range from the construction of landscapes and borders to the impact of water on settlement development. The papers discuss various aspects of archaeology, including the role of borders in the creation of virtual spaces and the significance of water systems in shaping human landscapes.

Archaeology without borders

How did the construction of such buildings transform the landscape and its perception by its hosts, the inhabitants but also their patrons?

I will attempt a broad contextual comprehension of this question by considering if and how road caravanserais engaged in binding together the landscape and creating a distinctive cultural landscape. My approach wishes to inform the understanding of the ways in which different road caravanserais' construction programs can shed light on how landscape, patronage and power were constructed within different Middle East contexts. In this presentation, in fact, I will compare medieval Anatolia and medieval Syria and I will investigate how the construction of road caravanserais changed the landscape in these two regions. Did it change in the same way? What are the similarities and differences?

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Archeography of a border: the roman Limes system in south Romania (frontier, roads, landscape)

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Keywords: archaeography, longue durée, roman times, south Romania, Olt valley

Presentation Preference - Oral

How to consider the meaning of « border » in archaeography? (beyond the joke about the title of the session) First, it’s useful to consider the different criteria of the limit between 2 territories, based on the thoughts of sociologists and philosophers. Before to be geographical evidences, frontiers and associated road networks are first, an intellectual constructions of societies, second, a mark of the politics, and third a sign for populations. Therefore, this analysis allows to consider the frontier as an archaeogeographical concept because of its « longue durée » meaning.

In the territory of the actual Romania, after the Trajan conquest, at the very beginning of the second century A.D., the new limit of the Roman Empire is on the northern side of the Danube. In the Wallachian plain, archaeologists consider two different limits named Limes Alatine and Limes Transalatine. The first one is on the western bank of the Olt river, the second one is on the eastern plateau in the Boian plain. These two limits may represent a chronological distinction, a functional difference, or both.

Using in the same time many data from different sources origins (topography, geology, hydrology, morphology, topography, village and road network, archaeological settlements), it will try to explain that none of these proposals is the right one. It’s necessary to consider both Limes as a complex system, with a triple fonction: to create a virtual space between Roman Empire and foreign country, to put a physical limit in a dominant situation, and to organize trade and circulation behind and along the border.

In this case, this organization is in full adequation with all the contraints. The territory of this sector is very specific, including a wide valley with a quite regular slope in the West and a high cliff in the East, before the plateau. The valley is occupied with wadislands and marshes.
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The landscape of iron production – from prehistory to the Early Modern Period in present-day Latvia
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Keywords: Iron production, landscape
Presentation Preference - Poster
Since the first successful attempts to produce iron, this activity has affected the landscape around it through the extraction of recourses, requiring infrastructure and creating pollution. However, the existence of iron production has been strongly dependent on the landscape, its resources and the possibilities for connecting with surrounding communities.

This paper will explore agency in iron production and its landscape, as well as changes through time in present-day Latvia. The earliest known archaeological remains of iron production in the study area are from the 2nd-4th century, when the success of production was directly dependent on the landscape. By contrast, iron manufacturing in the Duchy of Courland (16th-18th century) was an important factor in the process of transformation of the landscape. By using an inter-disciplinary approach of archaeology, history and natural sciences, the changes in landscape-production agency will be analysed.

TH6-12 Abstract 19
Warfare and Urban Transformation in Late Antique Central Balkans
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Keywords: Late Antiquity, Transformation, Urbanism
Presentation Preference - Poster
An older theory, still held in regional scholarship, is that the marauding raids of the various barbarian groups had a devastating effect on Late Antiquity urbanization. While I agree that raiding had a negative impact on cities, I rather see the raids as factors of transformation which prompted the cities to become more militarized and actively involved in the imperial defence. Cities were given stronger fortifications and military edifices, such as annona storage houses, and new cities emerged. I will use one case study on these newly emerging cities (the unnamed city at the site of Konjuh in the Republic of Macedonia) to challenge the notion of dying Late Antique urbanisation and I will try to elaborate more on the issues that kept regional scholarship clinging to this notion and lagging greatly behind the more developed international scholarship on Late Antiquity and Late Antique urbanisation.

TH6-12 Abstract 20
Medieval and post medieval village of Zasavje
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Keywords: Village, Medieval, Post medieval
Presentation Preference - Poster
In the vicinity of city Brežice (southern Slovenia) Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, Centre for Prehistoric archaeology is carrying out a large-scale archaeological project as a new Hydroelectric power plant is being built on the Sava River. A number of archaeological sites are under threat of being destroyed by different infrastructural building works and by flooding of huge areas in order to make the accumulation lake. Archaeological research of the area, started in 2008, is still not finished.
On the right bank of the Sava River, east of the village Krkiva as there used to be an area of late medieval and post medieval village of Zasavje, which existed until 1781 when extensive flooding destroyed the old village. After the floods only a few farms were set anew in the vicinity, and until the beginning of 20th century the area was completely abandoned and became agricultural farm land.

The Sava River is a typical Alpine river. Water levels can rise fairly high because of melting snow and seasonal spring rains. It can still cause major flooding in the event of a so-called one-hundred-year flood. Flooding of the area did not stop until the second half of 19th and the first half of 20th century when the Sava River was regulated. Many of the abandoned river channels can still be seen in the landscape. In 2014 the analyses of Lidar data and geological survey were made as part of preliminary research of the area. Investigations led to the conclusion that the area has been heavily transformed and that not many remains of medieval and post medieval buildings could be preserved in situ. Architectural remains of buildings were literary erased from the face of the earth due to massive water erosion that destroyed predominantly wooden architecture.

In 2009 extensive and intensive archaeological field surveys took place in the area. In 2014 and 2015 also trial trenching of 25.3ha in the eastern part and smaller archeological excavations in the western part of potential medieval village area were carried out. Archaeological research in the area revealed that in few farm houses were not completely destroyed during flooding and meandering of the river channels. Many river channels were also identified during excavations. A few of them were regulated and used for communication by the residents of the village, as the channel’s banks were fortified with limestone slabs.

Archaeological research in the area is still being carried out thus final evaluation and interpretation of the identified archaeological structures will be done only after the fieldworks are finished and then all data will be put together and compared with historical and geological data.

TH6-12 Abstract 21
Phenomenon of Medieval and Post-medieval Rural Settlement Abandonment: Can We Observe Continuity?
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Keywords: Abandonment, Medieval and post-medieval period, Rural settlement
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The abandonment of rural settlement (desertion and shrinkage) is documented over the majority of European countries, especially between the 14th and 17th centuries. In some areas, desertion affected more than half of the all settlement units and significantly influenced the character and shape of today’s landscape. Despite considerable attention being paid to medieval settlements within several disciplines (history, historical economy, historical geography, historical demography, natural sciences and archaeology as well) the process of abandonment still remains poorly understood. On the contrary, a large number of reasons for settlement abandonment have been suggested across Europe, both cultural and environmental. In addition to various war events, demographic decline or unfavourable economic development, the human impact on the environment and changes in natural factors (deforestation, soil erosion, drying up of streams or an increase in flooding, climatic deterioration) have been supposed. A general idea of a ‘retreat from the margins’ is spread across European countries.

The paper evaluates the conventional concept of abandonment in marginal areas regarding their natural characteristics and tries to discuss the role of natural conditions in shaping of human communities together with their affect in wider transformations of land-use and the emergence of the countryside as a whole. Although the process clearly evokes the considerable change, systematic study in large-scale level has obtained remarkable evidence of continuity as well – 1) some settlements situated in positions originally regarded as marginal were not deserted at all; 2) some settlements survived in shrinkage forms or in close proximity of deserted sites; 3) there is also increasing evidence of multiple exploitation or utilisation in original settlement areas after settlement desertion (continuity in land-use, field systems, network patterns etc.). Thus, cases of total abandonment as well as an entire retreat from the land are very rare. Although the examples across Europe are included, the paper focuses on Central Europe (esp. the Czech Republic) and England, where the long-term interdisciplinary research concerning deserted settlement and large collections of data gathered and evaluated by the author, enable deeper conclusions.

TH6-12 Abstract 22
Up and down: Models of landscape use in Middle-Late Bronze Age. A study case from Eastern Romania
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Presentation Preference - Poster
The Middle Bronze Age is represented by Costisâ and Monteuro cultures and the Late Bronze Age is represented by Noua culture. For the case under study in the workspace it stands out the different way of using the landscape. This change is due to both natural factors and human factor.

In fact, we are talking about two totally different behavioral patterns that did not imply the residence in the same place.
Among the factors that affected the dramatic shifts in patterns of living are: deforestation, imposition and acceptance of a macro regional housing model that fits better to the new type of economy, the need for an efficient exploitation of local sources (especially salt).

As a consequence, at the transition from the Middle Bronze Age to the Late Bronze Age in Eastern Romania it occurs a major change in the housing model which was represented by fortified settlements (strongholds, inter / visibility, the control of some satellite settlements, the control of the access roads, the placing in the proximity important water courses). This model encountered in the all the Sub-Carpathian area will be replaced with a kind of a micro regional swimming model much closer for the cattle breeders communities with new preferences (secondary and tiny watercourses, lowlands, Chernozem soil, solarity, seasonal dwelling structures). These changes are visible at the level of the communication system and transfer of goods, too. Thus, the dominant north-south road in the Middle Bronze Age is replaced with east-west road that seems to dominate the Late Bronze Age. By adding these features can be certified a kind of a territorial exclusion: the Middle Bronze Age communities preferred the area located between the north-south hydrographic axis represented by the Siret River in the east and the Carpathian area in the west. On the other hand, the Late Bronze Age communities seem to avoid the pre-alpine location and preferred the area bounded by the Siret River in the west and the north of the Black Sea in the east.

Through the interconnection of the data obtained from the landscape analysis, the analysis of materiality, of the different perceptions for this two types of communities it result that for the area of study was applied a model of a total change. In the proposed case study, that took place in a micro region in eastern Romania, there were found the data to support this assumption.

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**THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MEDICINE, HOSPITALS AND HEALING IN NORTHERN EUROPE**

**Saturday, 3 September 2016, 14:00-18:30**

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**Presentation Preference** - Regular session

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**TH6-13 Abstract 01**

**Provision for both the sick and the poor in relevant institutions from the 12th to the 19th century**

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**Keywords**: care institutions, health care, medicine

**Presentation Preference** - Oral

In the last thirty years, archaeological research has, together with interdisciplinary collaboration, yielded comprehensive information to reconstruct the development of care institutions from the 12th to the 19th century. These include, amongst others: hospitals, bath houses, apothecaries and orphanages. Several categories of archaeological finds such as small finds, building constructions and skeletal remains, offer an insight into the provision of the so called ‘pauperes et infirmi’, for those who need to be cared for. Starting with the support of monastic communities, caring institutions for the poor, the sick, the elderly, orphans and widows, to name a few, spanned ever denser threads in the web of an increasingly more complex society.

The presentation will focus on the results of my PhD thesis that were submitted to the University of Bremen in 2014. The topics of this research are 110 archeologically excavated institutions mainly from Germany, Britain, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland. All these institutions brought to light, knowledge about the inmates and the various types of support they received. The archaeological evidence has been examined against the background of four relevant questions: 1. what kind of caring institutions existed in this area and period of investigation? 2. Who was admitted? 3. Where can one postulate both prophylactic and medical support and how do these institutions differ from others? 4. Which developments and changes can be observed?

The presentation provides some interesting answers to these questions and gives the possibility for an intensive discussion.

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**TH6-13 Abstract 02**

**The Bubonic Plague and Monasticism in Iceland**

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**Keywords**: Bubonic Plague, Iceland, Monasticism

**Presentation Preference** - Oral

This paper depicts the impact the bubonic plague had on the medieval monasteries and nunneries in Iceland when it twice struck the country before their closing during the Reformation. The plaque had its first outbreak there in 1402-1404 and again nearly a century later - in 1494-1495. Inside churchy institutions, such as the monastic ones, the death ratio seems to have been relatively higher than generally in the society but at the same time they did financially grow more than ever before. The explanation may originate in the general aims of monasticism to take care of the sick and even the dead, making their servants more vulnerable
against the disease. Synchronously, people did trust the very same institutions to scotch the plague, not at least in their constant fear of its return, by devoutly donate more lands and properties to them.

TH6-13 Abstract 03

Surgical treatment at the Danish Cistercian Abbey of Þm - A critical analysis

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Presentation Preference - Oral

TH6-13 Abstract 04

Heavy metal: health, medical tradition and cultural exchange in historic Iceland

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Skriulfuklaustur, located in the east of Iceland near the Vatnajökull glacier, operated between AD 1493-1554. As an Augustinian monastery, Skriulfuklaustur ran a hospital with sophisticated medical practitioners, providing medicinal and surgical treatments. The specialised medical knowledge, range of medicinal plants and herbs, and evidence of imported objects and food found at the site are indicative of Iceland's international cultural inclusion in the past. Between 2002-2011, 271 out of 265 individuals were excavated from the site, presenting a vast array of medical conditions including syphils, tuberculosis, hydatidosis and Paget's disease, for example. In addition to disease, it is also vital to consider environmental influences on human health as a result of living and working in this climate in the decades after the large volcanic eruption in Vatnajoel in 1477.

In the 13th century, alchemists began to use cinnabar ore (mercury sulphur) as a medicinal elixir as it was believed to impart long life due to its deep red color and philosophical associations with blood and the soul. Towards the end of the 15th century, distillations and fumigations of mercury from cinnabar became widely used to treat syphilis and remained to be the only viable treatment for syphilis until the 20th century. Otherwise, mercury (cinnabar ore) was used as a red colored pigment in scholarly work and during the gilding of metallic objects. Mercury can also be released into air, water and soil through geothermal activity, as seen in high concentrations during the eruptions of Mount Helia (1970) and Hekla (1980) in Iceland.

Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) was used to measure heavy metal concentrations in 50 samples from individuals excavated at Skriulfuklaustur. This presentation will discuss the results of osteological and chemical analyses, considering environmental, medical and occupational exposure to heavy metals. The results of stable isotope analysis for strontium will enable this research to consider the geographic origins of the individuals seeking treatment at Skriulfuklaustur, thereby providing further insight into concepts of mobility, isolation and care in historic Iceland.

TH6-13 Abstract 05

The Archaeology of Zootherapy in Northern Europe

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The World Health Organization (WHO 1993) estimates that about 80% of the world's population rely on zootherapy, the use of non-human animals, their parts and products - as a method of primary health care. In the past the percentage of people who utilised zootherapy was certainly higher, as evidenced by Roman medical texts and Anglo-Saxon leechdoms, which are replete with advice about animals as human medicines. Only in the late modern age has there been any marked decline in animal materia medica, yet archaeological studies of animal-derived medicines are rare. Given how widespread animal-based medicine is in societies past and present, it seems inconceivable that the remnants of zootherapy are not preserved in abundance within the archaeological record.

This paper will review archaeological evidence for animal-based medicines in Northern Europe, discussing the socio-cultural importance of zootherapies in the past. In particular, it will draw on the significance of wild and/or exotic animal species and their medicinal role that is likely to have been due to the widely held, cross-cultural belief that geographical distance is equated with supernatural distance, and that animals derived from 'outer realms' (e.g. the wilderness or far-off lands) are more medicinally potent.

TH6-13 Abstract 06

Curing animals and human with wood tar in the Mediterranean from the Middle Ages to Present

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Wood tar, extracted by dry distillation, has been used in human and veterinary medicine since ancient times. This is particularly the case of tars from conifers (Pinaceae, Cupressaceae, and Taxodiaceae) in the Mediterranean region, where they are still produced and used for these purposes. Biological and chemical researches conducted on conifer are mostly oriented toward the analysis of essential oil, mainly obtained by the process of plants hydro-distillation. However, the mankind used to care both humans and animals with wood tar. Therefore, ONGUENT project is focused on the investigation of this forgotten chapter of the research. ONGUENT aims to fill this gap by studying medicinal tar in a systemic way, from the plant raw material to the end product and its use, on both sides of the Mediterranean today and in the past, and by assessing their actual medical effects, or even toxicity. Our innovative research is embedded in an inter-disciplinary and cross-sectorial frame, crossing the methodologies and perspectives of the humanities and life, material and environmental sciences (history, archaeology, bio-archaeology: Organic chemistry and Phytochemistry, plant biology and molecular biology, pharmacology, toxicology and ecology) carried by a Mediterranean and complementary consortium of scientists. Both diachronic and synergistic, this research takes place in different space-times: medieval and post-medieval Provence (France) on the one hand, and current Atlas and Anatolian mountains (Morocco/Turkey). Through a cross-approach, research is organized into three work packages. The first package deals with natural resources, knowledge and know how used to produce wood tar and the micro-environmental impact of this activity. The second package aims at providing a better understanding of wood tar as material, of his biological and chemical composition through the acquisition and analysis of current different plant species' tars, the development of a referential database, the analysis and chemical characterization of archaeological tar residues, and finally comparison of the molecular spectra of tars and essential oils. The goal of the third package is to study the use of these different sorts of tar in human and veterinary medicine in the past and today, to assess their actual medicinal properties and their possible toxicity. By its retroactive and prospective dimension, this project addresses heursis issues offering a unique interdisciplinary dialogue, and tackling both current health, socio-economic, ecological and intangible heritage issues.
It is well known that many treatments for diseases and injuries existed in the later Medieval period (ca. 1050-1550 CE) in Northern Europe. Written records, surgical instruments and other artefacts for wound treatment, medicinal plants and various materials used to treat illnesses have been widely discussed. However, very little evidence of such treatments is readily observable when we analyse the actual recipients of such procedures. Therefore this presentation aims to provide a critical evaluation of potential evidence for treatment found in human skeletal remains from archaeological contexts from Northern European countries, and in particular England. Palaeopathological analyses have established that a range of diseases and injuries are visible on the human skeleton, although the majority of diseases would have only affected the soft tissues. The most commonly observed skeletal lesions include dental disease and trauma. Dental disease in the form of caries and periapical lesions increased in the later Medieval period, especially with the wider availability of sugar and finely milled flour which would have promoted dental caries. However, according to medical treatises removal of infected teeth was largely avoided and it must be speculated that the high percentage of teeth lost ante-mortem in medieval individuals can be attributed to natural causes. Fumigation was one form of treatment for ‘tooth worms’ thought to cause dental caries and potentially such treatment could initiate the upper respiratory tract and, if chronic, could lead to mastillary abscesses. Nevertheless, since infections may have a number of different causes and should therefore not be proven as dental treatment.

More solid evidence for treatment is found in form of surgical interventions such as trepanations and amputations. Trepanations, or opening of the cranial vault has been practiced for millennia and evidence for successfully healed (and unhealed) trepanations is known from almost every continent. Trepanations would have been performed to treat head injuries, epilepsy or other neurological problems. Despite a high survival rate of ‘patients’ in earlier times, the number of skeletons found with trepanations decreases in the later Medieval period in Northern Europe, attesting that other, probably less invasive treatments for cranial trauma and neurological disorders were favoured. Amputations are rarely seen in human remains and the few known examples from late Medieval England and the rest of northern Europe might be due to the low survival rate of affected individuals. Furthermore, unhealed amputations might not be easily observable and they can potentially be mistaken for post-mortem damage.

Lastly, fractures, especially of long bones, when healed with little deformities have been viewed as evidence for fracture treatment. However, it has to be acknowledged that fractures of the lower arm and leg bones, when affecting only one bone might naturally heal without angularisation, even in the absence of treatment.

In conjunction with these examples, further evidence for treatment will be discussed critically and evaluated, but it has to be concluded that without additional contextual evidence human skeletal remains are not an unambiguous source of information if we want to infer medical treatment in the past.

Osteoarchaeological Evidence for 16th century Anatomy and Medical Treatment at Wittenberg, Germany

The Renaissance University of Wittenberg, Germany, founded in 1502, is well known for some of its illustrious faculty members, including important historical figures like Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon. Both supported and influenced medical teaching at the University during the 16th century, while no fixed boundaries existed between medical and theological thought at that time. At Wittenberg University a sound understanding of the healthy human body was seen as a prerequisite also for understanding and healing the human soul. Especially Melanchthon readily incorporated up-to-date anatomical knowledge into his writings, for example updating his own work “Libri de anima” with details from Vesalius “De humani corporis fabrica” around the middle of the 16th century.

Recent excavations at Wittenberg and subsequent osteoarchaeological analyses have now recovered and identified human skeletal evidence for medical practice and pre-Vesalian academic teaching of anatomy during the first half of the 16th century. The remains of several individuals buried within the former Franciscan monastery of Wittenberg, which was utilised by the university for a short time before it was converted into a military facility around 1538, show for example evidence of trauma and syphilitic infection and their respective treatment. Furthermore, rare cases of Renaissance anatomical dissection of complete and partial human bodies have been identified at the site, which can be correlated very well with surviving historical information from different sources. The joint analysis of these historical documents in conjunction with the osteo- and funerary archaeological evidence allows significant new insights into the actual practice and teaching of Renaissance anatomy at the University of Wittenberg, the subsequent fate of the anatomised bodies as well as medical treatment of trauma and infectious disease during this time.
fractures, were found in eight individuals, of which five were estimated to be males or possible males and three were females or possible females. Three had died as young adults, three as mature adults, and one as an old adult. Collar fractures were found in five individuals, five were females and one was male; two of these were young adults, two mature adults, and two old adults. One mature female was diagnosed with a Clay-shoveller's fracture of the 1st and 2nd thoracic vertebrae, and one young adult male with a Boxer's fracture of the fifth metacarpal. Examples of trauma also include two subluxated shoulders and one case of impoist osseous callous on the posterior tibia.

Males had more trauma than females and the prevalence was higher in older individuals, which was also found in most of the previous bioarchaeological studies. The ribs, tibia, and skull were more affected in males, while the radius, ulna, and vertebrae were more commonly involved in females. The radius and ulna were more affected in the individuals that died as old adults. Interestingly in our study trauma was found to be positively correlated with moderate or considerable amounts of dental calculus and osteochondritis dissecans, and the implications of these findings will be discussed in more detail.

Most of the observed trauma cases consisted of well healed lesions with only slight angular deformity and little overlap. Two of the fractures were healed but ununited, and two were unhealed perimortem injuries. Barber-surgeons in many of the locations are known from historical sources and in the mid-18th century provincial doctors were employed to treat the injured.

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Living on the Edge: Trauma Patterns in Medieval Vilnius (16-18th c.)

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Skeletal remains provide one of the most crucial and direct sources of evidence for the occurrence of violence, work related activities, and ill-fortune in the past. While fractures are the most common pathological condition, we still struggle with the most plausible explanations for its cause and presumable outcomes.

Vilnius, the city of diversity, both religious and cultural, serves as an interesting subject for studies of everyday life and its peculiarities in medieval period. Thus, 5 different objects representing varying social status were selected for investigation of trauma pattern: Cathedral and Liepkąska street (17-18th c.) - elite members of society, church of The Holy Trinity (17-18th c.) - clergy, Narbikla street 7 (16-17th c.)- Vilnius laymen, Mindaugas street (16th c.) - poor.

A total of 109 injured individuals (27.3% of total individual count) were observed among 400 examined males, females, and non-adults. 82 (20.9%) had only one fracture, while 27 (6.8%) suffered more than one injury. Five cases were recorded as perimortem - no healing signs suggested an early death. Males correspond to the universal model which indicates their dependency to a `higher-risk' group: injured males consisted 75.2% of all injured individuals. The most commonly fractured part of the skeleton was a rib accounting 30.3% of all injured individuals. Female fractures were characterized by injury to the forearm and spine area, while the males are predisposed to diverse fracture locations.

Interesting patterns emerged when compared different sites. While Mindaugas street burial ground consisted of poorest part of the town, the fracture rate was surprisingly low compared to those of elite, clergy or ordinary town-dwellers. Furthermore, latter indicated many of their lesions were a result of higher energy accidents with involvement of a large portions of body parts. Meanwhile, statistically significant difference was observed between higher-ranking part of society and laymen in terms of head trauma – the former being more susceptible to it.

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Social welfare and health status of the Upper Lausitz - a Tormersdorf/Toporów settlement case study

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Since 2014 the Department of Anthropology at the Wrocław University of Life and Environmental Sciences has been conducted the research project "The historic and natural environment of Upper Lausitz based on the example of research of the settlement micro-region Tormersdorf/Toporów" funded by National Science Centre in Poland.

One of the objective of the research project is to present complete and interdisciplinary analysis of the historical population, its culture and environmental interactions on the basis of the Tormersdorf/Toporów settlement from the late Middle Ages until its destroying during II World War in 1945.

Accomplishment of the research includes reconstruction of the biological condition of the population based on broadly approached reconstruction of the health status, including comprehensive analysis of the skeletal lesion.

So far, during two seasons of field work carried out in the micro-region Tormersdorf/Toporów, excavations were conducted within the relics of the cemetery, located to the northwest of the ruins of the village. During archaeological analysis, only one phase of use of the cemetery was found, dated on the first half of the XIXth century and from that period 32 adults (24 men and 8 women) were excavated.

Pathological lesions were present in all excavated skeletons. Its intensity was predominantly high. In 28 cases (81%) interradial tooth loss was visible. Dental caries was present in 30 cases (82.5%) and in 9 cases (28%) periodontal lesions were found. Moreover, degenerative and overload lesions of the spine, injuries and bone fractures were observed as well. An unique case of the male skeleton in maturus class of age with bilateral amputation of lower thigh was found.

The nature, intensity and incidence of pathological changes found in the skeletons from the cemetery from the micro-region Tormersdorf/Toporów may indicate study group exhibit distinctive features. Variety and occurrence of the pathological lesions may indicate a low level of hygiene, poor health conditions and long-lasting work overloading of the individuals as well.

Based on archival data, it was established that at the turn of the XIXth century in former Tormersdorf theosocial care home (Bóbr-unoPłegorzau20AR) was functioning. This allows tosee a working hypothesis that the majority (even all) of the graves found in Tormersdorf/Toporów are likely to be associated with burials of the residents of this institution.

TH6-13 Abstract 13

Medieval medical cultures in Sweden – practices and ideas mirrored in materiality

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Keywords: archaeology, medicine, medieval

Presentation Preference - Poster

Medical practice is formed not primarily by knowledge, but by culturally motivated apprehensions of what disease is, what causes it and how the body functions. In medieval Sweden (by today's geographical borders) the monastic orders brought with them a medical culture with roots in ancient classical and medieval scholastic traditions. This medical culture included its special material culture, i.e. in the form of surgical instruments and other equipment. These artefacts are encountered when monastic sites are excavated. A previous assumption within medieval history has been that it was the monasteries which brought medical knowledge to the North. However, an extensive survey of archaeological findings in Sweden, has revealed that artefacts related to monastic medical culture did not spread outside the monastic milieu to the surrounding society. This can be interpreted as the result of a very limited dissemination of the practices and ideas associated with monastic medical culture. In this paper possible explanations to this, such as clashing medical cultures or paradigms (monastic versus indigenous) and diverse traditions and conditions of communication of knowledge, are discussed. The content of the paper is based on some of the results of a larger research project, published as a doctoral thesis in 2013.
IN HEAVEN AS IT IS ON EARTH: ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRACES OF MINORITIES AND RADICAL RELIGIOUS IDEAS WITHIN SOCIAL IDENTITIES IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Friday, 2 September 2016, 14:00-16:00

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Keywords: Funerary archaeology, Religious minorities, South of France

Presentation Preference - Oral

During the Middle Ages, the institutionalization of the concept of Christian cemetery raises the question of the integration of the religious minorities. Were religious minorities always had separate funerary spaces and how were they organized? Archaeological data could inform on specific funerary practices of peculiar communities. Thus different types of graves have been identified by funerary archaeology and their analysis could sometimes provide to discuss the presence of minority groups. However their study requires a careful inquiry to identify religious minorities and the possibility of specific funerary spaces. Small groups of graves recently excavated in South of France could be maybe linked with religious minorities as Muslims and Protestants. But their identification and their study require taking in account historical context and different archaeological parameters. The archaeo-architectural analysis crossing at the same time archaeological and biological data allow to bring new data on the identity of the deceaseds, on the funerary practices and the organization of funerary spaces. Examples from recent excavations in south of France, in particular from the city of Nimes, will be analyzed by crossing at the same time textual and archaeological sources. These discoveries still few in France allow to discuss the inclusion or not of communities such as the Muslims or the Protestants in the funerary spaces. But it will important to analyze their presence over the long term of history and to try to distinguish potential evolution.

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Dealing with identities. Archaeological traces of Muslims and Dimmi-s in the Middle Mark

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Keywords: Archaeology, Ethnicity, Identity

Presentation Preference - Oral

In this paper I deal with the problems derived from adscription of archaeological staff to Berbers, Muslims and Christians in the north of the Middle Mark of al-Andalus. I present both, the results of archaeological surveys integrating data from the Archaeological and Culture Territorial Service of Soria, Castillo-Ladín, and the analysis of materials preserved in the Numantina Museum (Soria) used in my PhD dissertation. I will pay special attention to case sites such as Mirlo de Medinaceli and Conquejuzua. These sites reflect the different powers successively overlapped and the problems concerning the adscription of identity bearers in the complex Middle frontier between 8th-11th centuries.

The settlement of Umayyad’s powers in the north-east of the Middle Frontier is a process quite well established through written Islamic sources: between the 8th and 9th century different Berbers Images, clients of the Umayyad’s lords were settled in this area, years later, after the nomination of Abd – el Rhamman III (939) as Caliph, this area was rebuilt and became the most active area, years later, after the nomination of Abd – el Rhamman III (939) as Caliph, this area was rebuilt and became the most active area, years later, after the nomination of Abd – el Rhamman III (939) as Caliph, this area was rebuilt and became the most active area, years later, after the nomination of Abd – el Rhamman III (939) as Caliph, this area was rebuilt and became the most active area, years later, after the nomination of Abd – el Rhamman III (939) as Caliph, this area was rebuilt and became the most active area. The main aim will be to explore the possibilities and limits of archaeology to study religion as a social phenomenon in past societies and to shape its importance in different case studies within a long-term view. The session will discuss religion both in its importance as a state institution and as a social form of identification within local communities and minority religions, and also the conflicts derived from the contact of those spheres, as for example when internal transformations from radicalization of some groups within major religions are produced. The first groups were targeted by stigma and discrimination, especially when religious differences are correlated with other instances of social identity, such as ethnicity. The seconds have been agents of change at different times, causing not only cultural reforms, but also economic, political and social transformation. Both are needed to understand the role of religion as a part of social identity, and serve to understand the cultural complexity of the Middle Ages and beyond.

Which kind of material record is available for the study of these groups? What are the main differences of minorities and radical versus majorities beyond the cultural? How does religion reinforce their identities in relation to others? These are some of the questions we intend to address in this session.
TH6-14 Abstract 04
Archaeology and religious identities: the example of the Évora Inquisition court (Portugal)

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Presentation Preference: Oral

The origins of the Inquisition are related to the power that religion had in Medieval times, representing values as engines of collective lives. As a result, the Catholic Church and the Papacy took over, since the 12th century, the leading role in the fight against heresy. The Inquisition had its origin at that time, and its development through the Catholic world led to its official creation in Portugal in 1386, aiming the surveillance of the 'purity of faith', the suppression of heresy, and the discipline of religious beliefs and behaviors, essentially related with the Jewish presence in the Portuguese territory. In 2007/2008 an archaeological excavation took place in approximately 12% of the so-called Jail Cleaning Yard, the dump of the Évora Inquisition court. Having as starting point this archaeological excavation, this work aims to discuss several archaeological traces on how the Catholic Church developed mechanisms currently understood as radical to deal with the presence of religious minorities. Twelve adult individuals in articulation (3 males, 9 females) were recovered and a minimum number of 16 were identified from a commingled context. The absence of funerary dishes suggests that the bodies were deposited directly in the dump. Moreover, the variability of the orientation and position of the body and limbs, and the absence of grave goods are not in accordance with the procedures of a Catholic burial. These results are underlined by the fact that the individuals were recovered from a location that was not sacral. Also, the manuscripts from the Évora Inquisition allowed the identification of 87 prisoners who died during the period in which the dump had been in use (somewhere between 1658 and 1634), and showed that at least 11 (12.6%) of them were confirmed discarded in the dump, likely because they were charged of 'Judaism, heresy and/or apostasy'. The archaeological traces, as well as the anthropological and historical contexts, are in accordance with the characterization of these individuals as unburied dead, that were not judge by the court of the Portuguese Inquisition and reconciled with the Catholic faith before they died. More than a penalty to the body, this was a punishment to the soul of the deceased. Nevertheless, we will never be certain if these individuals were really Jews, once it could happen that people made their accusations because they were afraid of being accused first. Also, the defendant never knew what crime he was accused or even who made the accusation. From this perspective, the archaeological findings have to be interpreted carefully, but also show us the climate of fear created in people’s everyday life. Even so, these individuals show a unique context which can be used in the future to help interpret other burials which do not fit within the usual scope of the Catholic burial rules in Medieval and Modern times.

TH6-14 Abstract 05
Archaeology of the Spanish Civil War: Is new data contributing to a deeper understanding?

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Between 1936 and 1939, Spain was blazed out in a Civil War, a prelude of what the whole of Europe would go through only months later. After almost 40 years of dictatorships, and the unanimous yearning to reach a peaceful transition into democracy, archaeological research of Civil War sites was all but silenced until just recently. In 2000, our team undertook one of the first excavations of Civil War sites in Spain, “Casas de Murcia”, part of the lines of defenses built by the Republics to protect Madrid. Trenches, bunkers, machine gun nests, and other features were rapidly built and fiercely occupied for almost three years in order to stop Franco’s armies in his advance towards the capital.

The site, which was not subject to protection at the beginning of the 21st century, was completely excavated and researched, and the results were fully published and presented to the public in a temporary exhibition. The enormous amount of information that emerged from that excavation surprised everyone. For researchers, it meant more data to add to the documents and recovering material culture; for the general public, it became a way to reconnect to the landscape that had witnessed part of a family chronicle; for politicians, it was another good media story. No one was to remain indifferent to what an excavation from this time period could yield.

In the fifteen years that have since passed, many things have changed in Spain regarding the Archaeology of the Civil War. Legislation protects the sites, excavations are conducted in a variety places, mass graves have been unearthed and bodies identified, and objects of all kinds have been recovered and restored. But these accomplishments, far from bringing the population closer to understanding this part of history, have re-opened wounds of the Civil War. Legislation protects the sites, excavations are conducted in a variety places, mass graves have been unearthed and bodies identified, and objects of all kinds have been recovered and restored. But these accomplishments, far from bringing the population closer to understanding this part of history, have re-opened wounds of the Civil War. The archaeology of recent conflicts is a complex topic. The research becomes intertwined with emotions and fears, and personal stories come to life in a setting of loss and destruction. Why are we not using these new data to overcome differences? Why is the Archaeology of the

TH6-14 Abstract 06
The Fact of the Mother Goddess

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Keywords: Religion, Art, Archaeology, Mythology, Philosophy
Presentation Preference: Poster

INTRODUCTION-PURPOSE: In this study, we show that the terminological context of the Mother Goddess idols are dealt in the context of mythology, art, archaeology, philosophy and religion. The connections of the effects of the idol wares which the antique individual (the figure) has left on their social structures, were found by means of exploration. The idol massage is thought as symbolic evidence and its context is tried to be presented.

MATERIAL-METHOD: The typological phases of the Mother Goddess idol wares in the history of culture, as evidences made of different materials in various museums in Anatolia, were classified. Particularly, the wares which were taken out in the Neolithic period, was tried to be correlated with the archaeological narratives, the social events in the world conjuncture through philosophy, religion and mythological accumulation. The Mother Goddess wares were evaluated in compliance with the environment which they emerged in rules, principles and style as well as the social structure they addressed to. In describing the human being, we widely observe that he is connected with the mythological legends and holy scripture doctrines. FINDING: The role of the semantic integrates in the history of religions and their connections in the holy scriptures, may be needed to be examined.

We think that some critical scientific theories in art, religion and archaeology may have correlation with the idols. By taking the interpretations in the holy scriptures and the mythologies, their theses and antitheses were frequently compared. The fixed most important topic was that the observability of whether the abstract symbolic knowledge which is necessary in knowing human being, the sociological ideas realized in the life environment by coming to know the nafs. RESULT: We found out that the conquests which had been realized in different periods of the History of Humanity are hidden in the inner depth of human. The definition of the Phraeaco, idol (ego), (con was observed to be the abstract, emotional gap which made the life harder in the human structure. The concepts such as the Mother Goddess idols and Phraeaco are the explanations of this empty space as signs and symbols. This determination is that by scrutinising the existence which bear critical meanings beyond time, there may be an explanation of the life prescription of the history of humanity. It is seen that this prescription is the Noble Quran which constituted an important bridge between the past, which sheds light to the future which have been examined throughout the ages, with the future.
ARCHAEOLOGY FOR “CONVIVENCIA,” ARCHAELOGY AFTER SAINT DENIS

TH6-15

Thursday, 1 September 2016, 9:00-11:00
Faculty of History, Room 211

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Keywords: Archaeology, territory, citizenship

Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeology, because its relation to materiality, memory and identity, is useful to mediate in these conflicting contexts. It unveils dissent, creates basis for inter-subjectivity, promotes dialog between agents and communities, and provides means for public and community activism. Session aims to explore these capacities and reflect about contradictions inside these practices. We should both consider theoretical approaches and identify good examples of projects that could help to strengthen this application of Archaeology and be helped by our recognition. Cases studies can derive from any sort of cultural heterogeneity and communities interactions.

TH6-15 Abstract 01

Saint-Denis, Archaeology, territory and citizenship

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Keywords: Archaeology, Citizenship, Territory

Presentation Preference - Oral

Saint-Denis, one of the major sites of French history is also a suburban town, an area that suffered the 13th November attacks in Paris. Then I decided to change the focus of this “presidential” session to explore the contribution of Archaeology to promote “convivencia” among different communities in multicultural environments, an issue that also matters because it deeply relates to the practices that EAA should encourage. The term “convivencia” is used in Spanish because this was the concept developed in medieval Iberian Peninsula to denominate the coexistence, partly cooperative partly conflictual, of Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities (http://www.mpiwgberlin.mpg.de/workshops/an/Convivencia.html). “Convivencia” means more than living together, it is practicing coexistence between communities and actors in contexts of cultural heterogeneity. Critical accounts of “convivencia” should acknowledge that these actions do occur amidst conflicts and networks that are also crossed by asymmetrical relations of power. The other regard of this session is “Saint Denis”, an area that suffered the 13-November attacks, where the Unité d’archéologie has developed activity under the aim of using the archaeological foundations of the town to create a shared identity and neighborhood. Archaeology, because its relation to materiality, memory and identity, is useful to mediate in these conflicting contexts. It unveils dissent, creates basis for inter-subjectivity, promotes dialog between agents and communities, and provides means for public and community activism.

In response to ever-growing threats to intangible and tangible cultural heritage in the region, the Anthropology Department of the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Campinas, Brazil, organized and held the inaugural meeting of the Inter-American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Working Group Meeting on August 11-12, 2015, at UNICAMP. The goal of the meeting was to establish a permanent collaborative forum to explore ways to improve practical and theoretical approaches to cultural heritage practice. Representatives from major anthropological and archaeological associations based in the Americas and the Caribbean, the UNICAMP Anthropology Department, and interested individuals discussed how stakeholders should engage with these issues to foster outcomes in the best interest of society. In less than two days of working together, the group drafted a declaration on the need to protect and safeguard cultural heritage in the Americas and the Caribbean and stressed the need for improvements in the theoretical and practical approaches used to develop community-based investigations about and interpretations of cultural heritage.

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Participants in the working group include archaeologists, cultural anthropologists, and linguists. The development of the “Campinas Declaration” is used as a case study to explore the dynamics of international, heterogeneous disciplinary communities working together successfully to craft a declaration that could be a model for collaboration in heritage studies. The declaration itself was crafted through intensive but brief collaboration that created an intellectual bond among the participants. Whether the working group can become a sustainable network of functioning partners will depend on the willingness of the sponsoring organizations to allow the network to flourish and establish working procedures that allow for its independent operation. If the focus can remain on a joint understanding that threats to cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible, are real and share universal elements, convergence is distinctly possible. Archaeologists can contribute much to the success of the relationship because of their experience working with stakeholder communities concerned with both intangible and tangible heritage.

TH6-15 Abstract 03

Heritage for convivencia: The Inter-American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Working Group Meeting

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Presentation Preference - Oral

ARCHAEOLOGY AFTER SAINT DENIS

On outlining one of the characteristics of the Basque idiosyncrasy with respect to the “other,” we found that one of the principal characteristics generating empathy is the identification with a particular condition of this social subject. Therefore, we suggest that one of the paths towards sustainable coexistence is the generation of emotional connections with the peoples under debate. In synthesis, we have to look for cases that enable us to identify ourselves with the “other” societies with whom we coexist or at least obligate ourselves to understand them. A common denominator could be emigration, a very well-represented aspect in the Basque past and which today defines Muslim communities. And one of the most paradigmatic examples of Basque coexistence is the case of fisheries of the North Atlantic, which involved the interaction between Basques, Europeans and Canada’s First Nations. In the proposed paper, we will reflect on the manner in which the socialisation of this example can generate mechanisms of proximity and tolerance between the Basque and Muslim peoples.

TH6-15 Abstract 02

Deserving First Nations to live with Muslims, A Basque reflection on existence and coexistence

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On 23th October 2015 last, several unidentified persons threw rubbish into the mosque in Lidio (Arab). Several days after, a hooded person threatened and insulted those who were congregated inside. Nobody was injured by these kinds of incidents before 13th November in a village that is proud to coexist with one of the largest Saharan communities of the Basque Country. This duality, which links emerging xenophobia with consolidated internationalist activities, represents a recurring ideological structure in the Basque Country. The attachment is greater with respect to oppressed peoples to Whom we empathize and whom we support. Indifference is the prevailing attitude with those groups that are not defined politically. Apathy turns into hate when certain tragic events, intensified by devastating media coverage, at precise times shatter peaceful coexistence. The Basque Country is also going through other internal processes focused on restoring peaceful coexistence. The disappearance of ETA and efforts to achieve mutual understanding are today two mile-stones of the Basque social and political agenda. So much so that in the opening ceremony of the recent debut of Donostia/San Sebastián as European culture capital, the main slogan represented was peaceful coexistence. The concepts of coexistence and culture come together in a programme in which, archaeology is not represented. As Basque citizens and archaeologists, we want to avoal the opportunity of debate offered by this session to reflect on the potential of the mediation of archaeology in processes of coexistence and perspective-sharing in our geographical environment.

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Integrating Archaeology at Vitoria-Gasteiz (Basque Country):
terrorism, immigration and peace

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Presentation Preference: Oral

In the late 1950’s and early 1960’s the small Basque town of Vitoria-Gasteiz became an important industrial center that attracted thousands of immigrants from other Spanish regions. Although it was considered by the franquist regime as a model of ‘social peace’, the city saw the emergence of armed resistance by ETA and a significant labor unrest. Strikes of 1976 ended in a bloodbath. The crackdown on March 3, 1978 is a milestone for the city’s population. The arrival of democracy in 1978 led to the conversion of Vitoria-Gasteiz in the capital of the Basque Autonomous Community. This region has a nationalist majority claiming independence for the Basque Country or at least converting Spain into a federal state.

In recent years the city has experienced a second wave of migration, with newcomers from the countries of Eastern Europe, Latin America, North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa. With 250,000 inhabitants, the Basque capital has become today in a multietnic urban space. As in the 1960s, it is a challenge to integrate these immigrants. A challenge not without its problems. Despite the effort made by the administration (social support) and civil society (platform ‘Gora Gasteiz’) at urban level they are creating real ghettos. A rejection of initiatives such as the construction of mosques (especially those working-class neighborhoods that had housed the first immigrants of the late twentieth century) has been observed.

At this very reality of globalization, in Vitoria-Gasteiz it is being lived another equally important process. The cessation of armed activity by ETA in 2011 has given way to a period of peace building and collective memory throughout Public policies of memory trying to do justice to the victims of the Franco’s regime (1933-1978), of the terrorist group ETA (1958-2011) and State terrorism. Thus, the weight of terror continues to set the social and political agenda of the city in 2016. A purely Spanish terror, for now.

Within this reality, we believe that Archaeology of Contemporary Past is a valid and useful tool to try to consolidate a culture of peace, overcome the traumas of the past and promote a real integration of immigrants. In our communication we show the work of Heritage socialization that we have developed over the past three years: workshops on Archaeology of the Spanish Civil War, guided tours at working-class neighborhoods of Vitoria-Gasteiz, cultural courses about Archaeology of Francoism at community centers... As a case study we will present the example of the district of Coronación, erected by the dictatorship in the early 50 to accommodate Spanish immigrants. Today Coronación welcomes much of the new Maghreb and sub-Saharan immigrants. The European Union is developing here between 2016-2020 a regeneration project of the neighborhood (Smart City). Our Community Archaeology Project aims to recover the material traces of the past, to present the history of the neighborhood and promote the integration of old and new neighbors across the Urban Heritage.

Uncovering convivencia from the dark depth of modernity:
toward intercultural rights to heritage

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Presentation Preference: Oral

In 1492 the last Islamic kingdom in Spain was taken and from the reconquista of Granada began the conquista of the so-called “New World”. Until this year convivencia meant that cultural diversity was managed in a way by which each group with its own material and spiritual references was able to define its own path of development. But after the Spanish conquest the perception of cultural diversity was the justification for the exclusion of “others” and the imposition of a dominant culture which was called “Christian” that it was, and somewhere it still is, a synonym of “civilized”. In Granada, according to the Italian historian Adriano Prosperi, it was ignited the “seed of intolerance” that would have been the source for the legitimation of European expansion and colonial power throughout the world.

By focusing the attention on the process of modernity as a project for imposing a universal ethic and controlling peoples through theirs racial classification, Latin American decolonial theorists have shown how euro-western powers have been able to shape a world-system characterized by a logic of exclusion/inclusion in which the “Others” were those whose cultural and epistemic difference seemed to be unsustainable with the right way of social relation, cultural practice or economic development. Heritage conservation emerged within the context of imagining the national communities and formulating imperial powers in XIX century. International protection of heritage followed this ambiguous origin and it has been made possible in the second half of XX century thanks to its institutionalization and bureaucratization. Such a regime of heritage practice has reached its highest recognition in the last few decades through the deployment of multicultural policies within the context of the neoliberal affirmation of cultural diversity. But the same politics have made it possible the organisation and visualization of a world indigenous resistance based on the cultural relation between communities and the lands, in which the pre-modernity, that is the pre-colonial tradition, is articulated with the global context and participate in it by a counter-hagemonic use of universal categories such as human rights and heritage conservation.

Archaeology is a methodology but it is also a theoretical source for linking past, present and future. It makes possible to give an alternative account of human rights trope by showing the resistance exercised by whom have suffered those rights as an imposition, and it allows local communities, specially indigenous communities, to appropriate the universal mean of human rights and articulating it with their own category of thought and experiences. I would like to show how all human rights shall be interconnected and culturalized this is “thought” from a perspective product of a particular experience in order to be a real opportunity for social change and development, and so the wherewithal of heritage (inasmuch as it is the material and immaterial legacy of the past) for promoting respect among peoples by the mutual acknowledgement of both identity and difference, without avoiding the misunderstandings by virtue of which a real intercultural project is thinkable and enticing.

The Archaeology of science or what we owe to others

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Presentation Preference: Oral

Humanity today generally accepts the science and technology of this modern global society is a result of Western Judeo-Christian philosophy and its gift to the world. Anyone criticising this apparent hedonistic Shangrila or even not accepting modern scientific and technological ways without signing up for this perspective as to how life should be lived and the laws it observes are branded outcasts or worse terrorists. This alienates people’s and forgets to acknowledge the in grained conservatism of human nature. Move to fast to quick people dig their heels in.

This paper examines the origins of this science and technology we are so proud of and shows that it is as a result of cooperation and trade of ideas and goods and that a lot of what we consider western science is anything but. It also examines how modern technology can learn from archaeology. Religion is mostly a social code for a population to live by, that is acceptable to that population. Extremism is found when that religion becomes fundamentalist due to II considered emphasis on modern views and techniques that science, education, archaeology and people suffer. Sometimes though it is circumstances that change people’s perceptions and a new belief system appears. This paper will also cover these aspects as well.
New experimental data for discussing bone softening methods in the Stone Age

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During the speech the results of the latest experimental works conducted at the Institute of Archaeology, Nicolaus Copernicus University shall be presented, aiming to see the most effective methods for softening bone raw materials. The subject of the research was both the ease of processing with the use of flint tools and the possibility to shape the material by bending. The aim of the experiments was to identify the method or methods that could have been used by prehistoric communities.

The experiments involved deer antler as well as bovine long bones and ribs. Seven methods most commonly referred to in the literature were subjected to testing, which include soaking in water, lactic acid, oxalic acid, urine, flux oil, typhol and boiling in water. Additionally, an unsoftened raw material was subjected to processing as part of a comparative test. In the case of soaking-related treatments, the samples were exposed to the substances for a 3-week period with regular monitoring of chemical changes occurring therein. Once every week the rate of softening in the raw materials was tested in order to specify their bending properties and their susceptibility to sawing with the use of flint flakes.

As a result of the conducted experiments many interesting discrepancies in the effectiveness of individual methods were observed. Some of them seem highly effective, while others appear to be useful only in specific cases or prove completely ineffective. In the course of the speech some of the current ideas regarding the discussed area of prehistoric economy shall be verified basing on the obtained data.
In this paper, we will present the results of five-year Experimental Archaeology Project on making Eneolithic pottery, based on our research in the Kodjadermen–Gumelnita–Karanovo VI tell settlement from Sultana-Malu Rou, south-east Romania. In our work, we have experimented with different hand-making techniques such as building the vessels from one lump of clay, coiling and also molding. Experimenting with the molding technique came as a necessity in our effort to understand the presence of large and shallow plate-like vessels (sometimes larger than 50 cm in diameter), in the potteries assemblies characteristic of these past communities. To understand better the making pots process, we have also tested a series of hypotheses regarding the types of clay, temper, modeling, burnishing, decorating, drying and firing.

Our work is backed up by petrowgraphical and chemical analysis which not only helped us identify the local clay source as the raw material used by the Eneolithic potters but also gave us a more precise recipe for the mixture of clay and temper. The data collected over these years now help us to refine observations when studying new assemblages, thus leading to a better understanding of the pottery resulted from the excavation, and the people who made it.

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**TH6-16 Abstract 06**

**Experimental studies on ceramic provenance from southern Iberia**

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**Presentation Preference - Oral**

The undertaken research addresses a problem of provenance of ceramic assemblages from southern part of Iberian Peninsula in the early Iron Age, particularly differentiation between local and foreign origin of so called Tartessian pottery through experimental studies. This investigation took into consideration mainly the technological aspects of pottery production and focused on both different applied techniques (hand-made and wheel-made) and the morphological and typological diversity of analysed assemblages. The proposed paper makes an attempt to examine the Tartessian ceramics not from a traditional typological posture seeking the chronological sequences; the dominant approach used in this research is based on archaeo-pottery methodology, and thereby shed a light of these, still relatively weak recognized aspects in the study of the Iron Age pottery from the southern part of Iberian Peninsula. To achieve this goal a non-invasive X-ray spectrometer has been used in order to determine the chemical differences between ceramics from the local sites of Lower Guadalquivir region. The integral part of this study is an experimental examination of clay paste of sherds, samples of local clay sources and raw material obtained from sites surroundings in order recognize the processes of forming the particular types of vessels and establish the condition and temperature of the firing. All analyzed potsherds and clay samples with various added inclusions were fired in oxidizing atmosphere at several temperatures increasing gradually, starting from 600°C and ending at 1200°C. The physicochemical properties of samples were measured after raising the temperature up every 50°C; their radical changes enable a determination of original firing temperature of prehistoric vessels and possible provenance of clay sources.

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**TH6-16 Abstract 07**

**The swatch of antiques bronzes**

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**Keywords:** antiques bronzes, Colours, Swatch

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

As part of my thesis, entitled ‘The colours of bronze ceremonial furniture in the Graeco-Roman world, 200 B.C.E. – 200 C.E.: from technical characterization to symbolic values’, I have developed an experimental archaeology project to create a swatch of the varied colours of antiques bronzes, and to restore the original colours of Graeco-Roman bronze furniture. I intend to change the presumed image of ancient bronze as green, lacking for evidence of polychromy and a spectrum of copper alloys. This swatch combines the technical processes of the lost wax method and the addition of polychrome bronze surfaces (via patina and inlay).

I intend to use this study as a repository both for my research and for other studies related to bronze production. Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin, lead may also be added. The objects examined in this study have a variable percentage of metals, and because of this the colour of the alloy differs. The colour of the alloy can be maintained by polishing but it is also possible to give a patina to the surface of the bronze with a reagent. Other metals and substances (silver, gold, Cordwall bronze) can be inlaid by damascening or by plating to create polychrome decorations. Unfortunately, the archaeological material in copper alloys suffers the effects of time and deposition, which may lead to corrosion and discoloring of the surface, often green or brown. Archaeological bronzes also may suffer from overly aggressive restorations which scour the original surfaces or cover them with a layer of paint imitating green corrosion.

The platelet samples of swatch have been analysed to determine their elemental composition and their patina, so as to compare them to the archaeological material. Initial results suggests that the colours of bronze luxury furniture very greatly, and that the spectrum of colours is a product of the composition of bronze alloy and the techniques used in finishing the surface, either polishing or patina application.

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**TH6-16 Abstract 08**

**A Romano-British glass bracelet: rediscoversing a technique**

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**Keywords:** glass bracelet, Roman Britain, technique

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

The paper will discuss the production technique of the seamless Romano-British glass bracelets that has been reconstructed by working with the modern glassmakers and through the close inspection of the British glass bracelet fragments. The production of the rigid annular objects composed of coloured glass in Britain is dated to the mid-1st century AD, starting with the Roman invasion in AD 43. Prior to that, Britain had no history of glass bracelets’ production, yet the late Iron Age Continental glass bracelets have been attested throughout Britain, albeit on a smaller scale. The close inspection of the fragments by the author had hinted at the possibility that the Romano-period British glass bracelets have been produced in the similar manner as some of the La Tène Continental bracelet types. This has been confirmed by the experiments conducted by the author with the experienced glassmaker, who specialises in making historical beads and pendants. Further experiments shed light on the production and application of the decorative features to bracelets. Most British annulars have either twisted cord decorations or trails with curved terminals. The common theoretical opinion is that cords and trails were marred flat, e.g. by rolling a hot glass bracelet on a flat surface. This idea has been contested by the experiments, which indicated a simpler way of applying a decoration, further confirmed by the analysis of the fragments. The paper will present these findings and discuss how the experimental archaeology provides us with the clues about the points of interaction between craftpeople of Continental and British origin in the late Iron Age and Roman European Northwest.

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**TH6-16 Abstract 09**

**Teaching Experimental Archaeology at Vilnius University**

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**Keywords:** experimental archaeology, Higher education, teaching

**Presentation Preference - Oral**

Vilnius University is the oldest institution of higher education in Lithuania, founded in 1579. Since 1941’s, the teaching of archaeology has started. At present, at the Department of Archaeology of the Faculty of History, the studies of archaeology are organised in three cycles: undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate.

Teaching of experimental archaeology for students of archaeology was started more than ten years ago. Students get acquainted with some basics of experimental archaeology during the first year of their undergraduate studies. A full course of experimental archaeology (6 ECTS credits) is taught during the first year of archaeology graduate’s programme. The course consists of theory of experimental archaeology, discussions and numerous workshops. The workshops are lead by experimental archaeologists and ancient technology experts, in cooperation with craft and experimental archaeology organizations (workshop-gallery “Amatų gildija”, workshop-living museum “Senųjų amatų dirbtuvės”, club for craft reconstruction “Dvaro meistrai”, etc.). The studies periods vary from Stone Age to Late Middle Ages, so thus wide is the range of materials: bone/antler, flint, stone, fibres, plants, textiles, leather, food, non-ferrous metals, ceramics, etc. The course ends up with an annual exhibition, which contains a presentation of a particular committed archaeological experiment. At present, the students do very each year, according to the interests of the students, and usually are related with their MA theses. Usually, this course is chosen by a group of 8–15 students.

As the result, students get both theoretical knowledge and some basic practical skills for using experimental archaeology as a research method in their MA theses or, later, in their doctoral dissertations. Also they use their skills at their work as ancient technologists and educators at living archaeology events and historical museums.
Microwear analysis on early medieval combs
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The typological study of bone or antler combs can give useful information in their chronological and regional diversity. Macroscopic research and chemical analyses on the other hand help us to identify aspects such as the origin of the raw material, the native aspect of the combs as well as their trade value. The possible use of different tools in early medieval ages is well documented through literature. However, much less attention went so far as to questions as what tools and techniques were applied on individual combs as well as questions about their use.

Through microwear research, an attempt is made to reconstruct the production of the comb, as well as its possible life biography. This microwear method was originally, in 1933 by Semenov, applied on lithic objects, but later it was also used on other materials, such as bone and antler. However, the application of early medieval tools on antler with the aim of making combs was not conducted yet.

The method contains three stages. First, starting from a functional hypothesis, an experimental program is established. In this stage combs are processed respecting both the type of raw materials and technical transformation sequences. Secondly, usage traces, developed on the experimental samples and archaeological samples are recorded with low and high power magnification. Finally, the traces on the experimental and archaeological objects are compared. The interpretation of the production techniques in chronologically and regional different contexts can so confirm or refute typological subdivisions. The maintenance of local techniques can be explored, distinct ruptures in used techniques may be associated to other context-based roles, as social, economic and ideological meaning of a material.
Among the wide variety of decoration techniques discovered at the Alba Iulia-Lumea Noua site (Transylvania, Romania), a specific painted decoration has been distinguished. In the present state of research the only technique that can be definitely attributed to the small middle Neolithic communities called Lumea Noua cultural group. Being the only material evidence that could lead to the configuration of this cultural aspect for the moment, various archaeometric analysis were made on a large number of samples, in order to extract all the informations regarding the technology that has been used to produce such painted decorations. Based on the material analysis, this paper presents an experimental foray into the manufacturing and firing of painted pottery, that we know so little about, in the Transylvanian Middle Neolithic.

The starting point was a detailed analysis of typical installation discovered in the painted pottery cultural areas that have evolved in the Transylvanian territory. We selected a single-chambered kiln type, which could have been used for the mentioned goal. We conducted several experiments in order to understand better how these kilns were constructed and we have tested the functioning system of the device.

The experimental results are a clear indicator of the presence of skilled potters and they could also change the traditional archaeological approach that links the quality of the pots with the elaborate installation for firing Neolithic pottery.

TH6-16 Abstract 16
Flint awls: theory and practice
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Keywords: Flint awls, Mesolithic and Neolithic, Trasology
Presentation Preference - Poster

It is known that flint awls are not a common phenomenon in Stone Age inventory. This material has not have a separate sub-group in East Baltic region so far. Nevertheless, there were carried out several classification works, experimental and trasological results in order to represent the data of this research. The material was collected from Lithuanian settlements of Stone Age, which is divided into mesolithic and neolithic time-period. In addition, there were made several copies of mentioned material and completed experiments by using different kinds of animals' skin: boson, deer, roe deer, beaver and mink. Skins and fur, especially audience were chosen according to fauna of Mesolithic period. However, mink is also, a suitable example according to group of small mammals, for instance, martens. This is the evidence not only of fauna of that particular time-period, but, also, shows the thickness of different animals' skin. Also, attention was paid to the functionality of flint awls utilization in different time-period according to leather processing. The experimental results are a clear indicator of the presence of skilled potters and they could also change the traditional archaeological approach that links the quality of the pots with the elaborate installation for firing Neolithic pottery.

TH6-16 Abstract 17
Expense vs. Effect: An analysis of selected variables that affect the production of cost surfaces
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Keywords: Cost Surface, GIS, Site Catchment analysis
Presentation Preference - Poster

Cost Surfaces Analysis has become a common, if sometimes controversial, tool within archaeological study. Today, there are numerous GIS packages that allow the creation of cost surfaces and least cost paths at the "push of a button" (ArcGIS, QRA6S, Idrisi). However, this is often at the detriment of hiding the technicalities of the program's method, which may not always be ideal for archaeological research. As such it is often advised that these pre-prepared systems should not be overly relied on (Herzog, 2013, 184, Rademaker et al. 2012, 38). Yet, there are few papers dedicated to assessing the effects of varying any of the modifiable parameters available to each program, and therefore few guides in selecting an appropriate methodology. Those that do focus only on a limited selection of variables (Gietl et al 2008, Magyari-S, 2013, 184, Rademaker et al. 2012, 38). Yet, there are few papers dedicated to assessing the effects of varying any of the modifiable parameters available to each program, and therefore few guides in selecting an appropriate methodology. Those that do focus only on a limited selection of variables (Gietl et al 2008, Magyari-S, 2013, 184, Rademaker et al. 2012, 38).

This poster will depict results of analyses that build on those existing works by systematically exploring the differences in cost surfaces produced when varying: GIS package (ArcGIS and QRA6S), DEM resolution, Cost components (slope and terrain) and the coefficients that determine the cost of human movement.

It will demonstrate the variability in catchment area size and least cost paths that are produced through changing these variables across ten case study zones in Britain and also present wholly new data identifying the friction coefficients for terrain types found in Britain. The results identify which variables have the most significant effect on creation of cost surfaces and least cost paths in order to demonstrate which should be made explicit within publications and which have little overall effect to archaeological interpretation.
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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The Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland (IAI) is the representative organisation for archaeologists throughout the island of Ireland. The aim of the IAI, through the representation of our members, is to advance and strengthen the profession of archaeology in Ireland and membership is open to professional archaeologists working in either Ireland or Northern Ireland. The IAI’s cross-border agenda necessitates engagement with two legislative frameworks as well as two curatorial bodies and a range of interested cross-border groups.

The archaeological profession in Ireland suffered a substantial setback during the recent economic recession. As the economic slump began to impact on the development sector, archaeologists were amongst the first in the chain of pre-development workers to feel the downturn, with loss of projects, employment and wage decreases. Since 2008, the IAI has consistently tried to maintain professional standards amongst our workforce by holding regular Continuous Professional Development (CPD) events which reflects our core principles. The Institute maintains that a vibrant and sustainable archaeological profession actively contributes to the protection of our rich archaeological resource, which in turn contributes to the social and economic well-being of the entire community, driving tourism, social cohesion and local pride. To achieve our aim and vision, we are committed to a range of long-term measures, one of which includes the facilitation of CPD for our members and for non-members. CPD activity is monitored annually by the IAI via an easy-to-use CPD Record.

Over the last year the IAI has:
• Produced and funded our regular annual Journal of Irish Archaeology and bi-annual newsletters
• Carried out a wide-reaching membership consultation on the direction of the Institute as the profession seeks to recover from recession
• Initiated an internal strategic three-year plan for the Institute
• Supported and been a key partner in the all-island Archaeology 2025 strategy review of the archaeology sector
• Represented our members views to government and public agencies
• In addition to our own Annual Conferences, the IAI held our 3rd annual Archaeofest heritage outreach event for the public in the centre of Dublin, which celebrated the work of archaeologists across Ireland and Northern Ireland
• Hosted and organised a variety of CPD events

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The Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland: An update on our Activities

TH6-17 Abstract 02
Professional archaeology without borders

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Archeology should be without borders, and professional archaeology must be without borders. Professionalism depends on an individual’s commitment and accountability to an ethical code, and that involves more than just complying with relevant national legislation. The professional is therefore an international phenomenon. In many disciplines, professional institutes have members in many countries - and professional bodies are either multinational or work in strategic partnerships across frontiers. Archaeology is no different. Over the last year, the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists has been in discussion with other professional associations for archaeologists and other organisations with an interest in professionalism. This paper will report on some of the ideas and plans, and will ask session participants what they would like to see.

TH6-17 Abstract 03
Professionalising archaeology in Europe – 2016: a year of progress

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Keywords: Archaeologists, Foresight and Horizon Scanning: the future of the Partnerships, Professional associations
Presentation Preference - Oral

Do people join organisations as members anymore? Or do they support campaigns and movements on a topic-by-topic basis, depending on electronic media to collaborate? If present social trends continue, membership of associations generally will continue to fall, with many either running out of money and ceasing to be effective and influential, or urgently needing to find new purposes. Professional associations are different, probably because membership is the price of professional recognition. Since the EAA meeting in Glasgow in 2015, the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists has been in discussion with professional associations for archaeologists in Europe and beyond, and other organisations that have identified a need for a professional association for archaeology in their country. This paper will report on some of the models for cooperation, collaboration or formal partnership under consideration, and will explore both the opportunities and difficulties of professionalising across borders. Subject to the meeting organisers’ timetable, CIfA hopes to be able to invite participants in this session to an informal reception at which stronger partnerships can be made.
Following the Brexit referendum, and the development of trends towards criticism of the ‘European union Project’, the Executive Board of the EAA decided it must create time at the Vilnius Annual Meeting for a Round Table. The Round Table will discuss and examine the potential impacts of the Brexit vote for European archaeology, for EAA members generally and especially for our UK colleagues, whom we always hold in the highest regard.

We felt that urgent reflection on this matter was required, because it directly affects the EAA profile and its founding principles. The idea is not to precipitate or hurry. We need to pause, reflect and to look forward with confidence. Remembering that all societies are composed of individuals and what they create, it is a time to bring to mind that inclusivity, solidarity and friendship build understanding and trust. Trust encourages integration and unity of purpose.

One of the main focuses of the Round Table will address how we can foster cooperation, define how cooperation can strengthen links and create supportive networks and define how those links and networks can produce enduring engagement and achievement. Archæologists generally, and especially those within the EAA, have demonstrated a significant capacity to work creatively across borders and archæologists (our members) have demonstrated the great value of fostering international, open endeavor and communities. We in the EAA are even more committed to this focus now. We will maintain our enthusiasm for imagining a more inclusive, solidary and stronger Europe and a more representative EAA in that context.

The aim of the Round Table will be to make room for the collective consideration of how EAA should react and respond. Discussion will aim to define how to position the EAA in this new and complex cultural, social and political environment, recognizing that recent events in the UK are reflective of more widespread processes in European societies that we must recognize. This is a moment when an organization such as ours needs to establish and align its position with clarity, drawing on the very significant intellectual capital of its members. We look forward to this important discussion at Vilnius. We look forward to keep our founding European projection in this challenging time.

Because of the immediacy of the decision to hold this Round Table, we are still organizing its format and speakers. However, we want to stress that everyone is welcome and we hope that members will contribute actively to the discussion. The EAA must be open to the challenges and changes that we face.

The distribution of Spondylus gaederopus, a shelf from the Mediterranean Sea, is one of the earliest examples for long distance exchange in Europe and is associated with the process of Neolithisation during the late 6th Millennium BC. Artefacts made of Spondylus can be found throughout Europe, from Greece to Central Germany and from the Ukraine to the Parisian Basin. Although the shell has been in the focus of prehistoric archaeology for nearly 130 years, there is an ongoing debate about the sources, meanings and modes of exchange.

The distribution is often mentioned as a prestige good or gift exchange par excellence, but we have to be aware of a premature categorisation. Not only Polanyi’s trichotomy of reciprocity, redistribution and market exchange can be applied to this case study, but also alternative models from economics, anthropology or sociology need to be taken into account. In this case study, modern economic theories shall be applied to Spondylus exchange during the second half of the 6th Millennium BC and combined with statistical methods.

Earliest evidence of agriculture in Lithuania are coming from the Cordial type pollen records that are attributed to the 5-4th millennium BC layers. However, the Cordial type pollen count are very scarce and increase in number only by the Late Neolithic at ca. 3rd millennium BC. During this time macro botanical remains of cultural plants have been reported for the first time at the Late Neolithic settlements of western Lithuania along with various tools that are associated with agricultural activities. However, none of the cereal grains have been directly radiocarbon dated to precisely attribute them to the associated archaeological layers.

The chronology of the grains of cultural plants found in Lithuanian Neolithic settlements was a priori based on typological dating of the artefacts found in the same contexts. In this presentation we report the re-evaluation of our current state of knowledge regarding the beginnings of agriculture in Lithuania. In our opinion, pollen data should be interpreted with caution while interpreting the beginnings of agriculture in the east Baltics. As the most reliable indicator of agriculture must be macro botanical remains of cultural plants and their direct dating using AMS, we present the newest dating results of cereal grains from the Neolithic Lithuanian settlements.

The dating results gives a new perspectives on the chronology of the earliest agriculture in Lithuania pointing toward re-evaluation the chronologies and the geographical origins of the early farming in the norther regions of the eastern Europe.

Animal iconology: identifying animal representations to aid archaeological analysis

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Keywords: animal iconology, farming techniques, methodology in archaeology

Presentation Preference: Oral
Any scientific study requires data from outside the researcher's precise field of work. Archaeology amongst the scientific disciplines most frequently calling upon a multitude of other disciplines, both scientific ones and crafts. In this way, zoology has enabled archaeology to consider skeletal remains through a different light in archaeozoology; botany has enabled the use of plants and pollen in analyses; and experimental testing has improved through contact with various craftspeople. The same interdisciplinarity has been applied to images with the iconological approach. This has created an approach involving identification using biological, geographical and chronological criteria, integration of dimensions such as ethology (animal behavior) into image comprehension, and classical and logical description. This presentation shows how iconology can be useful to archaeology through examples covering:
• Carne farming techniques in pre-harmonic times in Egypt from the 5th millennium BCE and subsite farming in the Middle-East during the 1st millennium BCE.
• Technicians’ (farmers’) movement between the Middle-East and Egypt during the 5th millennium BCE.
The use of animals by political and religious powers and communities of craftspeople in Italy during the Bronze Age using feline and bovine analysis.

GS Abstract 04

Natural factors in early metallurgical production in Egypt and southern Levant

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Presentation Preference - Oral

The origins of copper metallurgy in ancient Egypt and southern Levant is a subject which always has been in the scope of scientific interest. According to current knowledge it may be traced back to the Chalcolithic period and the Early Bronze Age. In the past, many scientists have put great effort to recreate its general picture. Recently more data have been gained which is useful in reconstructing this branch of craft. In the light of evidences objects made from copper might have been considered by ancient societies as one of the most valuable goods. Moreover, it can not be ruled out that this material might have had special symbolic meaning.

Undoubtedly, environmental conditions played an essential role in shaping the picture of mining and metallurgical activities. They were responsible for the way ancient communities organized particular stages of metallurgical production. Due to similar landscape features the same pattern of production has been formed in areas of Egypt and southern Levant.

This paper should shed light on the subject of the beginning of copper metallurgy during the Chalcolithic period and the Early Bronze Age in areas of Egypt and southern Levant. Importance of crucial natural factors which determined evolution of mentioned craft as well as particular stages of production which depended on them will be presented.

GS Abstract 05

Mosaics of Ulpiana

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Presentation Preference - Oral

Archaeological excavations of Ulpiana began in 1953 and continued with intervals in the following decades. During these excavations, trapezoidal city walls and gates on it; cemeteries in North and West; urban villas and simple houses; workshops; military installation outside the city; three Early Christian churches and a baptistery were discovered. During early years of excavations, mosaics were discovered at two different locations. At the church on the Northern cemetery and a Roman villa. The latter is believed to be a church by some scholars. In 2012 excavations under my direction brought out to light an Early Christian baptistery. It was followed by the discovery of the main church of the city, most probably dedicated to the Saints Flora and Laurus, who were martyred at Ulpiana. Inside this church mosaics were discovered in 2013. They were unearthed until 2015.

Other than the newest series of excavations, destiny of the mosaics discovered earlier at Ulpiana is unknown. This work intends to shed light on all the mosaics discovered earlier at Ulpiana and compare them in style, material and technique. All the mosaics have geometrical patterns. The only exception is the three bird figures. Dedication inscriptions in Latin were found in the church on Northern cemetery and church of Saints Flora and Laurus. Limited colour scheme on tesserae and only a handful patterns may be taken as an indication of local workshop. In order to support this theory, laboratory analysis were made on the tesserae found in the latest series of excavations. Mosaics, which were discovered in early years of excavations were compared with the help of technical analysis and sources it may be safe to assume that all of the mosaics discovered in Ulpiana were made in mid-4th century. Comparison of mosaics regionally and globally may provide further information on similarities and differences in technique and choice of patterns. By doing so we may obtain data which could help us understand movement of workforce and popular design and techniques. Our work is one step of our larger project, namely, Corpus of mosaics of Kosovo.

GS Abstract 06

Calculated Harmony

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Keywords: geometrical evolution system, pattern-family, plaiting, form creation, mathematical thinking
Presentation Preference - Oral

Evolution system of a geometrical pattern group which includes the earliest motifs and symbols of the cultural history

In the end of the Upper Paleolithic a basic geometrical pattern-family was born. It can be originated back to the plaiting basketry technique and has been surviving up to the present. The earliest motifs and religious symbols, such as chevron, checker board, hombus and the forms based on meander hook (meander and swastika) belong to this pattern-group. Each can be found in the European Neolithic cultures in different proportions and is presented in varied style. The extensive spread of this pattern-family due to the geometrical rules of plaiting technology, and the cognitive processes of human brain. The both together resulted and determined the development of the same patterns in different cultures regardless of their location and their historical ages. The rules of this technology are based on the laws of symmetry. The development of these patterns can be demonstrated within an evolution system, in which the particular patterns were born from a single basic structure step by step by little structural changes. In this universal pattern-family geometric form creation is based on counting, so the manifestation of mathematical thinking can be undoubtedly observed.

GS Abstract 07

Celtic cart graves from Brežice

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Presentation Preference - Poster

In the vicinity of city Brežice (southern Slovenia) Centre for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, Centre for Preventive Archaeology is carrying out a large-scale archaeological projects new Hydropower plant is being built on the Sava River. A number of archaeological sites are under threat of being destroyed by different infrastructural building works and by flooding of huge areas in order to make the accumulation lake. Archaeological research of the area, started in 2008, is still not finished.

During the last third of 2014 and the first half of 2015, a part of late Iron Age cemetery had been excavated. Archaeological excavations took place in the area of a previously known archaeological site of Brežice - Sejšlček (Fairgrounds).

The site is well known in Slovenia and is renowned for its wealthy grave inventory, especially weapons and parts of Celtic uniaxial cart that were found in the graves. Investigations of the archaeological site began in 1948 when during building works for a new veterinary station some parts of weapons and late iron Age pottery were found. Later more graves were identified during various infrastructural ground works. In 1981 first methodological archaeological investigations of the site began under the supervision of Miha Guštin (first archaeologist curator in Posavski museum in Brežice). During 1982 and he his team excavated 58 graves. In 1997, another 10 graves were excavated west of the veterinary station. Until 2014/2015 excavation all together 73 graves were identified in cemetery.

Archaeological excavations in 2014/2015 identified 37 new graves. All 37 of them were cremation graves (the same as 73 previously excavated). Only 9 graves were preserved intact, majority of them were partly or totally destroyed by modern interventions. 17 graves were just partly disturbed as all the grave goods were found in situ and others were preserved in fragments. Graves were simple burial pits, without constructions made from stone or wood. Burial pits contained different grave goods, such as: ceramic vessels, iron weapons, fibulae, glass beads, rings etc. Grave 36 contained parts of cart represented as crushed (during burial Ritual iron wheel alloy). Chronologically, the graves can be dated in Middle and Late La Tene period (1.C.D.). Majority of metal artifacts are still undergoing conservation process, thus final chronological and typological evaluation and interpretation of excavated artifacts will be done after all the conservation works finished.
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