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Socio-Environmental Dynamics over the Last 15,000 Years: The Creation of Landscapes VI

Call for Papers

We invite papers to our session:

SESSION 1

SPACE, THE FINAL FRONTIER – TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL SPACE IN FORAGER SOCIETIES

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Besides time, spaces and spatiality are important measures in archaeology. Intra-site analyses are used to understand local processes, while inter-site comparisons help us to understand traditional spatial organisations of groups. We address local structures on a small scale, settlement systems or kinship networks on an intermediate scale, and trade routes and territories on the large scale. Hence, we essentially aim to identify social units and the social use of space in the past.

In contrast to well organised settlements of sedentary groups, spatiality becomes more complex when dealing with mobile forager societies due to the number of sites, their different functions, and limitations of their identification. In this session, we want to address spatial aspects of prehistoric hunter-gatherer societies and discuss our possibilities and challenges for identifying ranges, information networks, kinships, and identities. How do we identify social bonds and territories? Are the territories we identify the range of a family group or a larger information network? Are two very different sites an expression of different tasks, different purposes, different occupation time, different group sizes, or of different groups with different toolkits and/or coping strategies? Hence, we aim to discuss the social dimension of space and how we identify it in the archaeological record.

Assuming that spatial behaviour of foragers is rather stable since it represents an adaptation to their environment and landscapes, we wonder when and why does this socio-spatial behaviour change? How can we identify substantial changes in socio-spatial behaviour that may be crucial for major transformations in the past like the Palaeolithic-Mesolithic transition?

Therefore, we welcome papers that in particular focus on aspects of transformation in relation to the social dimensions of space in forager societies.

Keywords: territory, settlement strategies, social dimension, Europe, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic

Further information, registration, and abstract submission:

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