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Call for Papers

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TRANSFORMATION AS HUMAN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE? (Session 2)

to be held at

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The Weichselian Lateglacial on the Northern Hemisphere represents a period of multiple, often rapid, and sometimes substantial climatic changes. In Northern Eurasia, these induced environmental changes that correspond to a succession of tundra/steppe, light forest, and again tundra/steppe ecotopes with regional variations. Since the beginning of the Holocene, forest environments have been spreading over large areas. How this succession correlates exactly to the succession of Late Upper and Final Palaeolithic traditions between the Paris Basin and the eastern Baltic, remains a matter of debate. In general, these traditions are assumed to represent the result of adaptation to changing environments. This allows a contribution to the on-going debate about human responses to climate change that can be addressed in a deep-history approach. In particular, hunter-gatherer societies have to adapt their way of life to their natural surroundings. Yet, how people did this and whether they really exploited the full potential of a landscape remained a choice that might have been influenced by cultural traditions, beliefs, and norms.

- Does combined palaeoenvironmental and archaeological data support these transformations as adaptations?
- What was the reaction of hunter-gatherers to changing climate and environmental conditions?
- How and to what extent did these factors influence their behaviour?
- Is there evidence for alternative explanations of archaeological transformations from the onset of the Lateglacial Interstadial to the transition to the Postglacial?

Papers exploring these questions on Lateglacial palaeoarchives in northern Eurasia are particularly welcome in this session.



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