

Session Proposal

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Session Title:

Prehistoric Pedagogies? Approaches to teaching European prehistoric archaeology

Abstract:

It is often commented that there is a gap between theoretical archaeology, excavation and teaching. Indeed our own recent research has revealed the extent to which UK undergraduates often feel that their fieldwork is disassociated from the rest of their degree. Furthermore, when addressing prehistory it is particularly difficult to bridge this gap. Therefore in this session we aim to bring together a variety of different approaches to teaching prehistoric archaeology whilst incorporating excavation data and theoretical insights. We would like to invite those who are pioneering innovative methods of teaching which integrate theory and practice in prehistoric archaeology to share their experiences. We anticipate that through the dissemination of these approaches, and through the discussions that this will generate, the teaching of European prehistoric archaeology can be significantly enhanced.

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