

Session Proposal

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Theme:

Archaeology and Material Culture: Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Session Title:

‘BUILDING BRIDGES WITH THE PAST: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MEMORY AND TRADITION IN THE GENESIS AND TRANSMISSION OF CULTURE’

Abstract:

The aim of this session is to discuss and evaluate the significance of memory and tradition in the genesis, development and transmission of culture. Interdisciplinary approaches combining archaeology with history, anthropology, sociology, philosophy and psychology will contribute to the better understanding of the ‘use’ and ‘abuse’ of the past, memory and tradition for the formation of cultural identities and consciousness in different societies.

We invite fellow colleagues to join us and discuss issues related to

- a) the perception of the past in the past
- b) the shaping of memory and identity in transitional societies
- c) the function of cultural remembrance and cultural amnesia
- d) memory, tradition and the formation of cognitive landscapes
- e) death, social remembrance and material culture
- f) the use and misuse of archaeological ‘products’ to form or force the creation of memory and identity

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