

Session Proposal

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Theme:

Archaeology and Material Culture: Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Session Title:

Bronze and Iron Age strongholds in Central and Southeast Europe, new results

Abstract:

Stronghold archaeology in Central and Southeast Europe has been a focus of prehistoric research since the mid 19th century. Their interpretation has been a paradigmatic factor in constructing visions of social and political patterns in ancient Europe during later prehistory.

While intensive and large scale research has been carried out on strongholds in the last ten years, there has been no accompanying attempt to sum up the present state of play. We would like to redress this imbalance.

Papers would be welcome to the following topics:

- 1: News: Recent excavations of and research on Central and Southeast European strongholds.
- 2: Forts in their landscape: Strongholds in their regional and environmental context.
- 3: Politics and power: The social and political implications of Bronze and Iron Age strongholds.
- 4: Contact and conflict: Strongholds as a supra regional phenomenon.
- 5: War and peace: Strongholds as a source of historic knowledge.
- 6: Propaganda, politics and nationalism: The historic role of stronghold archaeology in the formation of prehistoric research and its ideological and political context.

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Abstracts are welcome and should be sent to the afore mentioned e-mail address or to the EAA secretariat. A publication of the papers is planned.