

Session Proposal

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Theme:

Archaeology and Material Culture: Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Session Title:

The Site and the Community.

Abstract:

The large scale excavation and research carried out over the past years has resulted in discovery of a substantial number of well preserved and excavated almost to its limits significant prehistoric settlements and cemeteries. The rich and complementary to each other data obtained during such investigations can be strong basis of socioeconomic studies. Social organization of prehistoric population can be analyzed from the size and internal arrangement of their settlements: contexts and spatial relationships between individual features, assemblages of artifacts (e. g. tools, pottery fragments, bones), empty areas within a settlement, absence or presence of individual households, internal arrangement, size and differentiation of households, and location to each other of individual clearly separated or not separated households.

The session is aimed at exploring to what extent spatial organization of site (settlement, cemetery) reflect social organization of community, social position of individuals, individual families and other groups inside the community, location inside the community the main decision making units, and the population size.

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