

# TAG 89

The Eleventh Annual Conference  
University of Newcastle upon Tyne  
December 18th - 20th 1989

## Programme and Abstracts

*Edited by John Chapman*

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### MONDAY 18th DECEMBER

AFTERNOON (1) Plenary session: archaeological futures: directions in theory and practice [*Physics/Curtis Auditorium*]

EVENING 6.00 - 7.30 Women's Discussion Group

7.30 Reception, dinner and entertainment hosted by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Civic Centre.

### TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

MORNING (2) Science fiction : scientism, technism and archaeology [*Curtis Auditorium*]  
(3) Classical archaeology [*Haymarket Lecture Theatre*]  
(4) New perspectives on prehistoric migrations [*Physics I Lecture Theatre*]  
(5) General Session I [*Physics I Lecture Theatre*]  
(6) Archaeology, media and society [*Physics II Lecture Theatre*]

AFTERNOON (7) Approaches to the archaeology of death [*Curtis Auditorium*]  
(8) The archaeology of the self : subjectivity after humanism [*Physics I*]  
(9) Ethno-archaeological analogy [*Physics 2*]  
(10) Landscape archaeology [*Haymarket Lecture Theatre*]

EVENING 6.00 TAG open meeting  
8.00 TAG party, *Students' Union Building Level 2*

### WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

MORNING (11) The social archaeology of houses [*Curtis Auditorium*]  
(12) Heritage in public : attitudes to the use of the past [*Physics I*]  
(13) Feminist theory and gender studies [*Haymarket lecture Theatre*]  
(14) Geoarchaeology: theory and practice in European prehistory [*Physics II*]

AFTERNOON (15) Making sense of space [*Curtis Auditorium*]  
(16) Present politics and contemporary archaeology [*Physics I*]  
(17) Taphonomy : implications for hypothesis-testing [*Haymarket lecture Theatre*]  
(18) General session II [*Physics II*]

## MONDAY AFTERNOON - PLENARY SESSION

- 2.00 - 2.05 Introduction & Welcome to TAG
- 2.05 - 2.15 Introduction to Session
- 2.15 - 2.40 **Michael Shanks** 'Identity, the past and an archaeological poetics'
- 2.40 - 3.05 **Chris Tilley** 'Science, subjectivity and archaeological discourse'
- 3.05 - 3.30 **Colin Renfrew** Archaeology as a scientific discipline
- 3.30 - 3.50 Tea / Coffee
- 3.50 - 5.00 Break up into discussion groups. Group discussions
- 5.00 - 6.00 Re-assemble for plenary discussion.

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** Venue : Veggies Restaurant, St. Mary's Place.  
(see TAG Eating Out Map)

6.00 - 7.30 Discussion led by Susie West

## THE LORD MAYOR'S CIVIC RECEPTION

TAG delegates are requested to assemble in the corridor outside the Banqueting Hall of the Civic Centre at 7.30, where they will be greeted by the Lord Mayor. A cash bar will be open from this time. Guests may take their places at 8.00 for the dinner. Northumbrian entertainment, with dancing, will be provided in the later part of the evening.

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## TUESDAY MORNING SESSIONS

### SCIENCE FICTION : SCIENTISM, TECHNISM AND ARCHAEOLOGY (ROOM)

- 0900 - 0910 Introduction
- 0910 - 0930 **Sander van der Leeuw** 'Archaeology between scientism and essentialism'
- 0930 - 0950 **Pippa Smith** 'An independent scientist says.....'
- 0950 - 1010 **Mark Edmonds** 'I've got a heuristic device and I'm going to use it'
- 1010 - 1030 **Keith Ray** 'Science and anomaly : burnt mounds in British prehistory'
- 1030 - 1050 Discussion
- 1050 - 1120 Coffee / Tea
- 1120 - 1140 **Julian Thomas** 'Silent running : the ills of environmental archaeology'
- 1140 - 1200 **John Moreland** 'Perception, environment and structural history'
- 1200 - 1220 **John Barrett** 'Archaeology in the age of uncertainty'
- 1220 - 1300 Discussion

## CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

- 0930 - 1000 **Robin Osborne** 'Orientalism in eighth and seventh century Greece'  
1000 - 1030 **Michael Vickers** 'The impoverishment of the past'  
1030 - 1100 **Timothy Taylor** 'The four gender roles of the Scythians: the place of Amazons and transvestite shamen in archaeological epistemology'  
1100 - 1130 Tea / coffee  
1130 - 1200 **Karen Griffiths** 'The marketing of Roman pottery in second century Northamptonshire and the Milton Keynes area'  
1200 - 1230 **David Gill** 'Fine wares and site interpretation: the contribution of intensive field-surveys in Greece'  
1230 - 1300 **Hugh Bowden** 'The chronology of Greek painted pottery: some observations'

## NEW PERSPECTIVES ON PREHISTORIC MIGRATIONS

- 0900 - 0910 **K. Kristiansen** 'Introduction - new perspectives on prehistoric migrations'  
0910 - 0930 **T. Champion** 'Migration in the histographical context'  
0930 - 0950 **T. Kristiansen** 'the Single-Grave culture in Jutland - an example of prehistoric migration'  
0950 - 1010 **H. Härke** 'Germans heading for the beaches - and old perspective on protohistoric migrations'  
1010 - 1030 **J-P. Warnier** 'Grassfields People's history (Cameroon). A methodological exercise from linguistic, archaeological and other types of evidence'  
1030 - 1110 Discussion  
1110 - 1130 Tea/Coffee

## GENERAL SESSION I

- 1130 - 1150 **J. Bell** 'On the search for universals in archaeological explanation'  
1150 - 1210 **P. Novaković** 'A contribution to the study of the language of archaeology'  
1210 - 1230 **U. Sommer** 'Dirt theory, or archaeological sites seen as trash heaps : the analysis of intrasite artifact distributions'  
1230 - 1300 Discussion

## ARCHAEOLOGY, MEDIA AND SOCIETY

- 0930 - 0940 **Alex West** 'Archaeology, media and society: towards a common bond'  
0940 - 1000 **Mike Corbishley** 'Watch with teacher: the past on video'  
1000 - 1020 **Fred Baker** 'Archaeology and television: consuming "Chronicle"  
1020 - 1040 **David Fine** 'Cain and Able: archaeology and ecology in the airspace'  
1040 - 1100 **Ray Sutcliffe** 'Visualising the invisible'  
1100 - 1130 Coffee / tea  
1130 - 1230 Discussion

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### APPROACHES TO THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH

- 1400 - 1410 **Neil Lang** 'Introduction'  
1410 - 1440 **Arthur Saxe** 'Natural selection, the fruit fly effect and archaeological testing of ethnographic propositions'  
1440 - 1510 **Lynne Goldstein** 'Is secondary burial a mortuary practice ?'  
1510 - 1540 **James Brown** 'The problem with the rich child burial'  
1540 - 1555 Discussion  
1555 - 1610 Coffee / tea  
1610 - 1640 **Mike Parker-Pearson** 'The symbolic and structural study of funerary material - an ethno-archaeological review'  
1640 - 1710 **Michael Shanks** 'Death and a general economy of excess: aspects from Archaic Greece'  
1710 - 1740 **Peter Ucko** 'Variation in ethnographic funerary practice: a retrospect'  
1740 - 1800 Discussion

### THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SELF

- 1400 - 1410 **J. D. Hill & T. Yates** 'Introduction'  
1410 - 1435 **J. Thomas** 'Megaliths as a technology of the Self'  
1440 - 1515 **I. Bapty** 'From history to structure: the discovery of subjectivity in the Irish Neolithic'  
1515 - 1525 Discussion  
1525 - 1550 **J. D. Hill** 'When is a human not a human ? When it's a horse'  
1600 - 1620 Tea / Coffee  
1620 - 1645 **S. Kaner** 'Unmasking the anatomy of the self: faces from Post-glacial Japan'  
1650 - 1715 **T. Yates** 'Becoming a sexed body in the Bronze Age'

### ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHIC ANALOGY

- 1400 - 1420 **Robert Layton** 'Opening comments on causal and analogical explanations in archaeology'  
1420 - 1450 **Stig Welinder** 'Ecological and symbolic approaches to the study of the 19th. century landscape of Dalecarlia, Sweden'  
1450 - 1520 **John Chapman** 'Drawing on analogies of social power'  
1520 - 1540 Tea / coffee  
1540 - 1610 **Stephen Mithen** 'Ethnographic analogy and prehistoric hunting'  
1610 - 1640 **Miriam Stark** 'Transforming the Kalinga Immoso: an ethno-archaeological study of change in ceramic morphology & style'  
1640 - 1700 **Matt Edgeworth** 'Analogy as practical reasoning'  
1700 - 1800 Discussant: **Martin Jones**

### LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY

- 1400 - 1410 **C. Smith** 'Introductory remarks'  
1410 - 1440 **P. Coones** 'What is Landscape Archaeology ?'  
1440 - 1510 **R. Mercer** 'Landscape archaeology - objectives and attainment'  
1510 - 1540 **A. Fleming** 'That's all very well in practice but how does it work in theory ?'  
1540 - 1630 Tea/coffee, leading into small-group discussions/ workshops  
1630 - 1730 Discussant: **P. Fowler**

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSIONS

### THE SOCIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF HOUSES

- 0900 - 0935 **Douglass Bailey** 'The living house: possession, continuity and signification'  
0935 - 1000 **Anick Coudart** 'Domestic architecture and small-scale sedentary societies'  
1000 - 1025 **Colin Richards** 'East, West, Home's best: cosmology and architecture in Late Neolithic Orkney'  
1025 - 1040 General discussion  
1040 - 1100 Coffee / tea  
1100 - 1130 **Chris Evans** 'Model households? The house in lowland Iron Age communities'  
1130 - 1155 **Eleanor Scott** 'Winged-corridor villas and the social construction of space'  
1155 - 1220 **Matthew Johnson** 'The Englishman's home and its study'  
1220 - 1245 **Ross Samson** 'The rise and fall of post-Reformation Scottish tower-houses'  
1245 - 1300 General discussion

### HERITAGE IN PUBLIC : ATTITUDES TO THE USE OF THE PAST

- 0920 - 0935 **Tim Darvill** 'The rise of the consultant'  
0935 - 0950 **Melanie Whewell** 'Ancient monument to heritage facility'  
0950 - 1005 **Caroline Symes** 'Heritage and the visually impaired'  
1005 - 1020 **Oliver Maurice** 'The past estate'  
1020 - 1035 **Nigel Mills** 'Non-archaeological professional views of the past'  
1035 - 1100 Coffee / tea  
1100 - 1115 **Priscilla Boniface** 'Nice work ? - interpretation of the industrial heritage'  
1115 - 1130 **Pat Southern** 'Coaching the past: the view from the charabanc'  
1130 - 1145 **Henry Cleere** 'The archaeological heritage: an international perspective'  
1145 - 1245 Discussants - **John Goddard, Andrea Taziker**

### FEMINIST THEORY AND GENDER STUDIES

- 0930 - 1000 **Susie West** 'Feminist theory and Clarke's "Self-conscious discipline"  
1000 - 1030 **Sarah Taylor** 'Gender and state formation in East Asia'  
1030 - 1130 Discussion led by **Marie-Louise Sørensen**, with **Alexandria Alexandri**  
1130 - 1200 Tea/Coffee  
1200 - 1300 Discussion continues

### GEOARCHAEOLOGY : THEORY AND PRACTICE IN EUROPEAN PREHISTORY

- 0915 - 0925 **John Lewin** 'Chairman's introduction'  
0925 - 0955 **M. G. Macklin & J. Lewin** 'Late Quaternary river environments, glaciation and the Upper Palaeolithic occupation of the Vodiomatis basin, Epirus, NW Greece'  
0955 - 1025 **J. Woodward** 'Environmental controls on rockshelter and cave mouth sedimentation: example from the Late U. Palaeolithic sites of Klithi & Megalakkos, Epirus, NW Greece'  
1025 - 1055 **D. G. Passmore & M. G. Macklin** 'Geoarchaeological investigations of Holocene valley fill sediments in NE England'  
1055 - 1115 Coffee / tea  
1115 - 1145 **A. J. Barham** 'Sedimentological approaches to context formation on urban sites - application of the facies concept'  
1145 - 1215 **A. C. Stevenson** 'Dehesa detection in pollen diagrams'  
1215 - 1245 **A. G. Brown** 'Deforestation in early and middle prehistory: intent & opportunity'  
1245 - 1300 **J. Lewin** 'Chairman's concluding remarks'

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### MAKING SENSE OF SPACE

- 1400 - 1405 **R. Boast** 'Introduction'  
1405 - 1430 **J. Chapman** 'No-one likes a tell-tale - spatial structure in Bulgarian prehistory'  
1430 - 1455 **M. Cooper & J. Huggett** 'The definition and representation of space in urban archaeology'  
1455 - 1520 **F. Brown** 'Analyzing dwelling-plans : a morphological approach'  
1520 - 1540 Tea/coffee  
1540 - 1605 **M. L. Reid** 'Getting our house in order : views on architectural design and improving our understanding of buildings'  
1605 - 1630 **T. Saunders** 'The feudal construction of space : power and domination in the nucleated village'  
1630 - 1720 Discussion

### PRESENT POLITICS AND CONTEMPORARY ARCHAEOLOGY

- 1400 - 1410 **R. Young** 'Introduction'  
1410 - 1435 **T. Bell** 'The future of Government'  
1435 - 1500 **D. O'Sullivan** 'Decision-making and contemporary archaeology'  
1500 - 1525 **H. Lomas** 'Archaeology and contemporary feminism'  
1525 - 1545 Tea / Coffee  
1545 - 1610 **S. Hides** 'Politics, history and past propriety'  
1610 - 1635 **K. Walsh** 'The politics of post-modernism and the past'  
1635 - 1730 Discussion

### TAPHONOMY : IMPLICATIONS FOR HYPOTHESIS TESTING

- 1400 - 1405 Chairperson 'Introduction'  
1405 - 1420 **R. Janaway** 'Sediment formation, artifact incorporation and contemporary abandoned sites : implications for hypothesis testing'  
1420 - 1435 **B. Sydes** 'Impacts past and present : Sutton Common - a case study'  
1450 - 1505 **M. Adams** 'Amoebae leave no fossils ... taphonomy and the search for archaeological truth'  
1505 - 1545 General discussion  
1545 - 1605 Tea/coffee  
1605 - 1620 **N. Garland** : Soft tissue : the soft option ?  
1620 - 1635 **S. Stallibrass** 'Who killed cock robin ? Have animal bones on archaeological sites anything to do with past human behaviour?'  
1635 - 1650 **S. Willis** 'Material culture, diet and social identity'  
1650 - 1740 General discussion

### GENERAL SESSION II

- 1400 - 1420 **M. Johnson** 'Archaeology and theology : the life world of Father Teilhard de Chardin'  
1420 - 1440 **M. Morris** 'The contribution of a statistical approach to the theory of archaeological historiography : the example of Bronze Age publication and fieldwork'  
1440 - 1500 **F. Stathakis** 'Society, demography and space : the dialectics of region'  
1500 - 1540 Discussion