TAG '91

Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group.

Leicester : 16-19 December 1991

Final Programme

MONDAY PM

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE?

RATRAY LECTURE THEATRE

A plenary session with a panel of invited speakers. These will include: Julian Thomas, Martin Jones, Elizabeth Slater and Colin Renfrew. The aim is to start the conference with a serious debate about a problem which has dogged recent theoretical literature. After the initial contributions the discussion will be open to the floor......... its up to you.....

TUESDAY AM

USING BIOMOLECULAR ARCHAEOLOGY
(M. Jones and T. Brown)
Bennett 5

9.00 - 9.40 Human Origins
9.40 - 10.20 Global Dynamics
10.20 - 10.35 Questions
10.35 - 11.00 Coffee
11.00 - 11.40 Exploitation of Plants/Animals
11.40 - 12.20pm Kinship and Gender
12.20 - 12.45 Discussants and Discussion

The invited speakers include B. Bender, K. Brown, G. Hillman, M. Jones, C. Renfrew, P. Rowley-Conwy. The panel of discussant includes: T. Brown, R. Evershed, and G. Hewitt
NEW TRENDS IN SLOVENIAN ARCHAEOLOGY (P. Mason Z.V.N.K.D. and I. Saksida, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia)

Bennett 1

09.00 - 09.10am Introduction (B. Slapsak)
09.10 - 09.40 B. Slapsak "Post-modernism, amateurism and politics: the changing past in a society in change".
09.40- 10.10 P. Novakovic "After Marx and before Braudel: the identity of the Balkans and Jovan Cvjic".
10.10 - 10.45 Z. Stanicic "Tools and Theories: the case of GIS"
10.45 - 11.05 Questions
11.05 - 11.25 Coffee
11.25 - 11.55 P. Mason "From, land and power - the social landscape in the 1st millennium BC in the eastern Alps and the Karst".
11.55 - 12.25 I. Saksida "On the beginning of Prehistory".
12.25 - 12.45 Discussion

TUESDAY AM & PM

GENDER, MATERIALITY, LANGUAGE AND TEXT : EXPLORING THE PROBLEMS (TAG Local Organising Committee).

Bennett 2

9.00 - 9.20am H. Zawadzka "The potential for gender archaeology in Poland"
9.20 - 9.40 L. Stine "Agrarian material culture: reflections on gender".
9.40 - 10.00 L. Bevan "Powerful pudenda: the penis in prehistory".
10.00 - 10.25 Questions/Discussion
10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
10.55 - 11.15 K. Mizoguchi "The materiality of Wessex beakers".
11.15 - 11.35 M. Edgeworth "The material culture of material culture".
11.35 - 11.55 J. Dronfield "Philosophical residues; Primitivism and Liberalism in archaeological approaches to the interpretation of art".
11.55 - 12.30pm Questions/Discussion
12.30 - 2.15 Lunch
2.15 - 2.35 J. Bintliff "Why Indiana Jones is smarter than the post-processualists".
2.35 - 2.55 J. Whitely "Patterns and intentions: notes towards an explanation of form".
2.55 - 3.15 P. Graves "The retreat from life into language".
3.15 - 3.35 Questions/Discussion
3.35 - 4.05 Tea
4.05 - 4.25 S. Content & J. Kenworthy "Text, (Con)Text and (Pre)Text!".
4.25 - 4.45 S. Content & J. Kenworthy "Text as Culture"
4.45 - 5.05 Discussion/Questions
TUESDAY PM

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL  (D. Brown, Southampton)
Bennett 1

2.15 - 2.20pm  D. Brown  Introduction
2.20 - 2.40  J. Williams  "An introduction to football as a social phenomenon".
2.40 - 3.00  C de Rouffignac  "Why?"
3.00 - 3.20  P. Spoerry  "Not the tele-printer: football and archaeological data".
3.20 - 3.40  D. Mackay  "Island archaeology and football: a study in history, mass participation, alcohol and diffusion".

3.40 - 4.00  Questions/Discussion
4.00 - 4.30  Tea
4.30 - 4.50  D. H. Brown  "Architecture economics and control".
4.50 - 5.10  J. Hunter  "There's only one 'F' in Foucault".
5.10 - 5.45  J. Williams & I. Holroyd  "Discussants and Discussion".

HUMAN SKELETAL STUDIES : Exploring the Limits of Interpretation  (J.Wakely, Leicester)
Bennett 5

2.15 - 2.20pm  J. Wakely  Introduction
2.20 - 2.40  K. Manchester  "A clinical perspective in diagnostic precision in palaeopathology".
2.40 - 3.00  J. Wakely  "Surgery or Sorcery? The art and science of trephination".
3.00 - 3.20  S. McLaughlin  "SR 90 - A date for death".
3.20 - 3.50  Questions/Discussion
3.50 - 4.20  Tea
4.20 - 4.40  J. Henderson  "Fact or fiction - the nature of the evidence".
4.40 - 5.00  E. Scott  "Image and context of infants and infants burials: A cross cultural examination".
5.00 - 5.30  Discussion
### WEDNESDAY AM

**THEORY IN PRACTICE?**

(Bennett 2)

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<td>M. Cooper</td>
<td>&quot;Archaeological theory really does include management theory!&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;The psychic/intuitive element in archaeological thinking: helping the subject to move forward?&quot;</td>
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### PLACE, TIME AND EXPERIENCE

(J. Harding - Reading)

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WEDNESDAY AM & PM

THE REVENGE OF THE GRAND NARRATIVE: MARXIST PERSPECTIVES IN ARCHAEOLOGY
(S. Roskams and J. Saunders, York).
Bennett 1

09.00 - 09.30am A. Callinicos "Against post-modernism: A Marxist critique?"
09.30 - 10.00 M. Caygill "Historical materialism is still better than historical sociology".
10.00 - 10.20 Questions/Discussion
10.20 - 10.50 Coffee
10.50 - 11.20 D. Hawes "Beer cans and bits of pot but not a lotta bottle"
11.20 - 11.50 S. Roskams "Marxism and the ancient economy: the case of Roman Britain".
11.50 - 12.20pm Questions/Discussion
12.20 - 2.15 Lunch
2.15 - 2.45 T. Saunders "Economy and Society: technological change in early medieval England".
2.45 - 3.15 D. Saitta "Class, society and historical transition in the prehistoric American southwest".
3.15 - 3.35 Questions
3.35 - 4.05 Tea
4.05 - 4.35 B. Bender "Stonehenge - politics and perspectives".
4.35 - 5.05 T. Patterson "The creation of culture in pre-state and non-state social formations".
5.05 - 5.30 Discussion

WEDNESDAY PM

THEORY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL LEARNING (D. Fine - Sheffield)
Bennett 5

2.15 - 3.35pm D. Fine "Learning and Teaching from Objects".
2.15 - 3.35 N. Mills "Learning and Teaching from Places".
2.15 - 3.35 G. McElearney "Understanding our own skills".

These sessions will take the form of workshops - Rooms in the Department of Geography to be announced.

3.35 - 4.05 Tea

4.05 - 5.30 Full session. Workshop members and leaders will come together to share findings and views.*

*Total members for this session will be limited to 50.
### DOCUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGY  (P. Courtney - Leicester)

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### THURSDAY AM

### MATERIAL CULTURE AND CULTURAL IDENTITY  
(S. Hides - Leicester)

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<td>T. Puttnham</td>
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<td>J. Hines</td>
<td>&quot;Language, material culture and identity in early Anglo-Saxon England&quot;.</td>
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<td>A. Woolf</td>
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STONED INTO SILENCE? - HERITAGE AND DISCOURSE  
(J. Carman  Cambridge)  
Bennett 5

9.00 - 9.20am  J. Carman  "Above and below discourse: Rubbish theory, 'heritage' and silences".

9.20 - 9.40  A. Sinclair  "Land rights in the English countryside: English Heritage as aboriginal horde".
9.40 - 10.00  S. Pearce  "Calm and collected or how moveable objects became heritage".

10.00 - 10.25  Questions/Discussion
10.25 - 11.00  Coffee
11.00 - 11.20  C. Evans  "Equivalents and chance: British art and archaeology in the 1930s?"

11.20 - 11.40  C. D. de Roche  "Heritage and the craft connection".
11.40 - 12.00  K. Pretty
C. Hills
C. Chippindale  Discussants
12.00 - 12.30pm  Discussion

MANAGEMENT AND NATURE: RETHINKING ENVIRONMENT/HUMAN INTERACTIONS IN ARCHAEOLOGY  
(T. Brown - Leicester)  
Bennett 1

9.00 - 9.20am  S. McGlade  "The eco-dynamics of human modified landscapes: the disturbance regimes and the evolution of spatial and temporal heterogeneity".

9.20 - 9.40  M. Zvelebil  "Hunter-gatherer management of natural resources and the implications for mesolithic societies in Europe".

9.40 - 10.00  M. Bell  "Hazard frequency and response in coastal environments".

10.00 - 10.20  Y. Hamilakis  "Perceptions and management and some thoughts on reconstructing past environments and economies".

10.20 - 10.40  Questions
10.40 - 11.05  Coffee
11.05 - 11.25  T. Brown  "Management, risk and cultural controls on environmental activity".

11.25 - 11.45  C. Sparey-Green  "Archaeology 2000: Dark rides or green futures".

11.45 - 12.05pm L. Janik  "Theoretical problems with environmental explanations in archaeology: A view from the Balkans".