

Call for papers session #207

Session theme: Assembling archaeological theory and the archaeological sciences

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COMBUSTION FEATURES IN MEDITERRANEAN LATE PREHISTORY: MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO THEIR USES AND FUNCTIONS

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Abstract

Firing installations, such as hearths and ovens, are among the most frequent structures documented in settlements of any period. They are mainly associated with cooking but also had other functions such as heating, lighting or transforming raw materials. Their location determines the circulation and use of space, as well as the organisation of daily activities, both individual and collective, and, ultimately, the organisation of the households. Their study can be approached from very different perspectives in order to obtain information on aspects such as fuels, technological level of the societies that built and used them, food, management of natural resources, craft activities or certain ritual practices, among others.

The aim of this session is to share the results of studies carried out or underway on combustion structures from different methodological approaches, such as geo-archaeology, bio-archaeology, experimental archaeology or ethno-archaeology, including interdisciplinary analyses. It includes the presentation of both case studies and regional syntheses of the different areas of the Mediterranean arc in recent prehistory (from the Neolithic to the Iron Age).

Keywords

firing installations, late Prehistory, microarchaeology, experimental archaeology, ethnoarchaeology, interdisciplinary

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