

THIRD THEORETICAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP CONFERENCE

UNIVERSITY OF READING

DECEMBER 14th-16th, 1981

INFORMATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Thank you for your application to attend T.A.G. 1981. Please find enclosed with this sheet the following information:

1. an admission ticket, which should be retained throughout the conference. This entitles you to admission to the conference, reception, party and any meals you have booked
2. a map of the campus
3. voucher(s) if you have booked lunch(es) on Tuesday/Wednesday
4. details of British Rail concessionary fares to Reading if you requested these.

The conference sessions will take place in the Theatre on the first floor of the Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences. Morning coffee and afternoon tea will be served in the Junior Common Room on the second floor of the Faculty. Lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday will be taken in the Lounge Bar of the Students' Union. The conference reception and party will also be held in the Students' Union Lounge Bar.

It is hoped that there will be a bookstall exhibiting recent archaeology books from the major publishers.

Registration will take place outside the Faculty Theatre between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. and during the tea interval on Monday December 14th, as well as between 8.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday December 15th.

Participants with accommodation booked in Wells Hall will be able to check in from 11.00 a.m. on Monday December 14th.

For those eating in Wells Hall, dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. on the Monday and Tuesday. Breakfast will be served from 8.00 - 8.45 a.m. on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

Finally can we remind all participants that they should make their own provision for lunch on Monday December 14th?

We look forward to seeing you in Reading in December.

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MONDAY 14th DECEMBER

1.50 p.m. Conference opens

Symposium: THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Chairperson: Giovanna Vitelli (London)

- 2.00 Giovanna Vitelli 'Introduction'
- 2.10 Gina Barnes (Cambridge) 'An East Asian perspective on the role of written documentation in historical archaeology'
- 2.25 Dr. John Alexander (Cambridge) 'Invasion theory: the applications of historical archaeology'
- 2.40 Dr. Grenville Astill (Reading) 'The social and the economic: models for late Medieval England'
- 2.55 Dr. Michael Fulford (Reading) 'Archaeology and the evolution of Roman trade networks'
- 3.10 Wendy Bates (Reading) 'Spatial analysis in urban environments: the example of Roman Silchester'
- 3.25 Steve Roskams (DUA, London) 'Models, research designs and the use of pre-existing data: an example from an urban rescue site'
- 3.40 Clive Mira-Smith (UCL, London) 'Town and country in Graeco-Roman Sicily: ethnographic case-studies'
- 3.55 TEA
- 4.25 Discussant: Dr. Richard Hodges (Sheffield)
- 4.40 Discussion
- 5.15 CONFERENCE RECEPTION
- 6.00 DINNER

TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER

Symposium: THE USE OF ECOLOGICAL MODELS: HUMAN ADAPTIVE STRATEGY IN THE PLEISTOCENE

Chairperson: Dr. Robert Foley (Durham)

- 9.00 Dr. Robert Foley 'What did hunters do for a living in the Pleistocene? Problems in hunter-gatherer studies'
- 9.15 Dr. Nicholas Flemming (Institute of Oceanographic Studies) 'Adaptation and the rising sea of the Late Pleistocene'
- 9.30 Dr. Andrew Hill (Nairobi) 'Hyaenas and hominids: can we identify the earliest hunter-gatherers?'
- 9.45 Dr. Alan Turner (York) 'Hominids and fellow travellers'
- 10.00 Katherine Scott (Cambridge) 'Hunter-gatherers in big, cold, empty spaces: theoretical issues in the Middle Palaeolithic'
- 10.15 Dr. Clive Gamble (Southampton) 'Ecological resources and alternative hunter-gatherer strategies in Late Pleistocene Central Europe'
- 10.30 Dr. Andrew Garrard (Cambridge) 'The Middle East in transition: ecological aspects of the Late Pleistocene'

- 10.45 COFFEE
11.15 Discussant: Professor David Harris (London)
11.30 Discussion

GENERAL SESSION 1

Chairperson: Dr. Sander van der Leeuw (Amsterdam)

- 12.00 John Barrett (Glasow) 'The poverty of theory'
12.15 Valerie Pinsky (Cambridge) 'Towards a theoretical archaeology'
12.30 Dr. Clive Ruggles (Cardiff) 'Can anything worthwhile emerge from studying site orientations?'
12.45 Ian Thorpe (UCL, London) 'Anthropological orientations on astronomy in complex societies'

1.00 LUNCH

Symposium: SOCIAL RELATIONS IN NON-STATE SOCIETIES: COMPLEXITY AND FORM

Chairperson: Dr. Alasdair Whittle (Cardiff)

- 00 Dr. Alasdair Whittle 'Introduction: problems in the reconstruction of social evolution'
2.15 Dr. Tim Ingold (Manchester) 'The origins of social differentiation'
2.30 Deborah Prence (Sheffield) 'The implications of sedentism for the development of social differentiation'
2.45 Andy Myers (Sheffield) 'Social evolution and hunter-gatherers: some myths'
3.00 Clay Mathers (Sheffield) 'Agricultural production and cultural change: some Neolithic myths'
3.15 Discussant: Dr. Barbara Bender (UCL, London)
3.30 Discussion
4.00 TEA

GENERAL SESSION 2

Chairperson: Dr. Bob Chapman (Reading)

- 30 Henry Gent and Clare Dean (Reading) 'Hill-forts, storage and territory'
4.45 Richard Bradley (Reading) 'From concept to cliché: consumption, exchange and the archaeological record'
5.00 Lucia Nixon (Cambridge) 'Interpretation of deposits at abandoned sites'
5.15 Christopher Gosden (Sheffield) 'Low-level economics'
5.30 Stephen Cogbill (Cambridge) 'Not the Bronze Age in southern England: the relational data model and spatial patterning'
5.45 Discussion
6.30 DINNER
8.00 CONFERENCE PARTY

WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER

Symposium: IDEOLOGY AND THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD

Chairperson: Christopher Tilley (Cambridge)

- 00 Christopher Tilley 'Introduction'
9.15 Polly Fahnstock (Cambridge) 'The reaction to logical positivism'

- 9.30 Dr. Mark Leone (Maryland) 'The Present in the Past: St. Mary's City, Maryland'
- 9.45 Henrietta Moore (Cambridge) 'Ideology and change: an ethnoarchaeological illustration'
- 10.00 Danny Miller (UCL, London) 'Ideology and categorisation processes'
- 10.15 Christopher Tilley 'Ideology, symbolic power and the legitimation of power in the Middle Neolithic of southern Sweden'
- 10.30 Mary Braithwaite (Cambridge) 'Confronting complexity in the material record: politics, ideology and archaeology'
- 10.45 COFFEE
- 11.15 Michael Parker-Pearson (Cambridge) 'Ideology and the interpretation of burial patterning in the Scandinavian Iron Age'
- 11.30 Discussant: Dr. Stephen Shennan (Southampton)
- 11.45 Discussion

GENERAL SESSION 3

Chairperson: Richard Bradley (Reading)

- 12.15 Richard Hingley (Southampton) 'A proxemic analysis of the formal and functional organisation of selected colonial African and Romano-British building types'
- 12.30 Jozef Saers (Stockholm) 'How to distinguish between seriations'
- 12.45 Dr. John Collis (Sheffield) 'Storage pits and Iron Age population estimates'
- 1.00 LUNCH

Conference ends.

PLEASE NOTE: A BOOKSHOP WILL BE OPEN IN ROOM 128 (DIRECTLY ALONG THE CORRIDOR FROM THE F.O.L. THEATRE) AT SPECIFIED TIMES ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY AFTERNOONS AND WEDNESDAY MORNING.