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TAG '88

University of Sheffield

13th - 15th December 1988

This year we are celebrating the tenth Theoretical Archaeology Group conference which will be held at the University of Sheffield. The conference will commence at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13th and end at 6.00 p.m. Thursday 15th December.

Sessions and paper titles are listed here. A full programme will be available at registration. Accommodation is available in Tapton Hall of Residence, and a limited amount of free floor space is also available for unwaged conference members. There will be a civic reception on the Tuesday evening, and a party on the Wednesday night. British Rail conference concessionary travel is available, and details will be sent out to you with your ticket if requested.

We look forward to seeing you in Sheffield !

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## TAG 88 SESSIONS AND PAPER TITLES

### Tuesday 13th December - Afternoon Sessions

#### Symposium: **Theoretical Approaches in Museums**

Organiser: Tim Schadla-Hall

- Tim Schadla-Hall - Epistemology, archaeology and museology.
- Peter Gathercole - Some ideological problems.
- David Gaimster and David Crowther - Presenting archaeology in museums: picking the short straw?
- Martin Millet - Museums and the sociology of the consumer.
- Alison Alden - The information crisis in museums of archaeology.
- Nick Merriman - The public image of museums and archaeology.

#### Symposium: **A matter of life and death**

Organisers: Helen Bush and Marek Zvelebil

- Helen Bush - Introductory paper: "Illness of any kind is hardly a thing to be encouraged in others. Health is the primary duty of life." (Wilde)
- Marek Zvelebil & Christopher Meiklejohn - Health status of European populations at the agricultural transition and the implications for the causes and mechanisms of the adoption of farming.
- Simon Strickland - Concepts of health in simple societies.
- Simon Hillson - Dental histology as an index of past community health.
- Keith Dobney - An epidemiological pilot study of dental enamel: problems and procedures.
- Christina Cattaneo - The importance of immunology and genetics in the reconstruction of health and biocultural conditions of past populations.
- Michael E. Hyland and Win Scutt - The evolution of Psychoneuroimmunology or, Did unfriendly Palaeolithic people get ill and die?
- Leslie Eisenberg - Measures of prehistoric community health in south-east U.S.A.

#### Symposium: **Gender Archaeology**

Organisers: Pam Graves and Roberta Gilchrist

- Elizabeth Nordbladh - Gender in Scandinavian archaeology.
- John Barrett - Gender and the question of "Romanisation".
- Sarah Taylor - A feminist perspective on the rise of civilisation.

8.00 - 9.30 p.m. -

Civic wine reception at Tapton Hall,  
hosted by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

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### Wednesday 14th December

#### Symposium: **Towards critical histories of archaeology**

(All Day Session)

Organisers: Ian Bapty and J.D.Hill

- Ian Bapty and J.D.Hill - Introduction: Towards critical histories of archaeology.
- Ian Bapty - Knowledge and discourse: uncovering the historical identities of archaeology.
- Nick Winder - The development of on-site analysis and the British Academy Major Research Project on the early history of agriculture.
- Richard Bradley - General Pitt-Rivers: material culture and the preservation of public order.
- Tim Champion - Archaeology and the myth of the rural past in nineteenth century England.
- Tom Evans - Borders now were boundaries then: the history of archaeology in Wales.
- Ian Hodder - The excavation report as a disciplinary code: an historical perspective.
- J.D.Hill - Coping with tradition, or why the Iron Age is boring.
- Chris Evans - "The Book of Sand": the archaeological constitution of prehistoric houses.
- Simon Kaner - Crisis and conformity: ideals and affluence in Japanese archaeology.
- Sofia Voutsakis - Modern Greek identity through and despite archaeology.
- Tim Yates - Stonehenge incomplete.

Symposium: **Archaeological theory: who sets the agenda?**  
(All Day Session)

Organisers: Andrew Sherratt and Norman Yoffee.

Andrew Sherratt and Norman Yoffee - Introduction.

Richard Bradley - The loss of nerve.

Chris Chippindale - Ambition, deference and discrepancy: the contradictions of post-processualism.

Alison Wylie - Feminist agendas.

Clive Gamble - Rocking the cradle: human origins as vicariant form making.

Jim Lewthwaite - Food for thought.

Norman Yoffee - Social evolutionary theory and the rise of the state.

Steve Shennan - Title to be confirmed.

Tim Taylor - Excavating art: the archaeologist as analyst and audience.

Howard Morphy - Title to be confirmed.

Miriam Stark - Title to be confirmed.

Tim Murray - Where the rubber meets the road in archaeological theory: who owns the past?

Kristian Kristiansen - Title to be confirmed.

Philip Kohl - The New Scholasticism?

Andrew Sherratt and Norman Yoffee - Conclusion: the relativity of theory.

Symposium: **Reconstructing the palaeoeconomy: the other side of the coin.** (Morning Session)  
Organiser: John Creighton.

Andrew Fitzpatrick - Why did the Celts of the European Iron Age adopt coinage?

Colin Haselgrove - Evaluating archaeological methodology: contributions of stratified coin finds.

Nick Ryan - The coin in the context: what is it really worth?

John Creighton - Palaeoeconomic reconstruction: modelling the money-supply to Roman Britain.

Simon Keay - Town and country in Roman Britain: patterns of coin loss in Verulamium and its hinterland.

Symposium: **Philosophy and pedagogy in archaeology: a workshop.** (Afternoon Session)  
Organisers and discussion leaders: John Bintliff, Chris Gaffney, Rob Janaway and Jim Lewthwaite.

Titles to be confirmed.

Symposium: **Ethnicity, Language and Material Culture.**  
(All Day Session)  
Organisers: Ross Samson and Robert van de Noort  
(assisted by Huw Evans and Alex Woolf)

**Part One: What is ethnicity?**

Michael Banton - Ethnic relations as a means of securing public goods.

Ladislav Holy - Cultural constructions of ethnic identity.

Ross Samson - An introduction to Marxist "ethnogenesisology".

Mary Ann Levine - Archaeology and ethnicity: perspectives from Fenno-Scandia.

Steve Driscoll - Edinburgh Castle and Scottish National identity.

Colin Renfrew - Language and material culture.

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**Part Two: Ethnicity and archaeology.**

Edward James - Title to be confirmed.

J. Bloemers - The Roman army as a force for acculturation and ethnic assimilation.

Neil Lang - The identification of ethnicity: a prehistorian's viewpoint.

Huw Evans - Seven Siblings in Search of a Culture: the Case of the Croats.

Eleanor Scott - The Romanisation of Britain: the creation of a new ethnic identity?

John Hines - Acts of identity in Viking England.

8.00 p.m. - Party in the Lower Refectory of the Students' Union.  
Disco with late bar.  
By special arrangement, the Sheffield band, Don Valley and the Rotherhides will be on stage at 10 p.m.

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Thursday 15th December

**Symposium: Structure, Agency and Power Relations**  
(All Day Session)

Organisers: Andrew Fleming and Trevor Kirk.

Ian Hodder - Introduction.

Douglas W. Bailey - Demanding change in the way we think our archaeology.

Andrew Fleming - Ideology, oral tradition and material culture.

Tom Saunders - Class struggle and the origins of feudalism in ninth century England.

Robert Lowe - New light on the Lascaux "swimming deer": criteria and conclusions.

Christiane Frirdich - The individual: a key to understanding cultural evolution.

Jarl Nordbladh - Ways of existence: persons and individuals as problematic categories in archaeology.

Matthew Johnson - The transformation of the medieval house: a study in structure and agency.

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Trevor Kirk - Structure, agency and power relations  
"chez les derniers chasseurs" of N.W. France

Anthony Sinclair - Probing the snows: prospecting for structure and agency in late-glacial Spain.

Barbara Bender - Change and resistance.

Tim Yates - The Name of the Father: Archaeology and Oedipus.

Kenneth R. Dark - Breaking the mould: from ecological to ideological modes of explanation.

Julian Thomas - Rethinking the Neolithic: pits, pots and dirt.

Symposium: **Method and theory: on the frontier.** (Morning Session)  
Organisers: TAG organising committee.

Max Adams and Rob Janaway - Formation, inference and politics: the curious case of the detective with the high IQ.

Christopher Smith - Retrogressive analysis in landscape archaeology.

Mark Bell - Archaeological hypothesis testing by simulation.

Robert C. Dunnell - Does archaeology have a future?

A. Robert-Peyron - Vertical archaeology.

M. Beatrice Annis - Ceramic ethno-archaeology in Sardinia: method and theory.

Symposium: **Archaeology and the heritage industry**  
(All Day Session)  
Organisers: Frederick Baker and J.D.Hill.

Frederick Baker - Archaeology and the other heritage.

Hamish Park - Constructive history: the Palio of Siena.

Paola Filippucci - The manipulation of the past: the social and political dynamics of history in Bassano, a northern Italian town.

Alexander West - Learning from the heritage industry in America: a case study from South Carolina.

Caroline Wickham-Jones - The road to Heri-Tat: archaeologists and interpretation.

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Nancy Jo Chabot - The fibreglass women of Jorvik go shopping.

Nicholas James - Technical and ethical dilemmas at busy monuments.

Jim Inglis - About human beings, about being human.

Ken Smith - A view from the Peak.

Peter Fowler - Teaching heritage.

Symposium: **What is it all about? (Part 2: A pact with the living)** (Afternoon Session)  
Organisers: Duncan Brown and Hal Dalwood.

Hal Dalwood - Introduction: the dead have a pact with the living.

Caroline Wickham-Jones - 'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard.

Duncan Brown - Listen more often to things than to beings.

Please indicate requirements:

..... conference ticket (s) @ £7.00 each

..... place (s) bed and breakfast in Tipton Hall of Residence

bed and breakfast per night (waged) @ £11.85

bed and breakfast per night (unwaged) @ £6.50

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you require B & B:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

please indicate in the space provided below if you  
require floorspace accommodation:

..... place (s) dinner in Tipton Hall of Residence  
@ £5.20 per meal

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I enclose a cheque for ..... made payable to: SUSU TAG 88

Name (in full) .....

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Please return this slip by Friday 2nd December together  
with your cheque for the appropriate amount to:

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(\* If possible please use your departmental/work address)

STOP PRESS! Since the Wine Reception will begin at 8 p.m. PROMPT on  
Tuesday 13th, at Tipton Hall, we advise participants to  
take advantage of Tipton's reduced rate (£2.50) self  
service meal on that evening.