International Workshop

Rest in Peace? Burial grounds as spaces for non-funerary activities

In different times and places, burial grounds have been used for activities other than the disposal of the dead. This can include commemorative and apotropaic practices, but also settlement activities, the use of cemeteries as market places or even as spaces for games and recreation. In prehistory, such phenomena are only rarely discussed explicitly in a diachronic context, even though there is plentiful evidence for them.

This workshop, which will take place in Hamburg on the 10th and 11th of November 2017, aims to address questions concerning these topics by providing specific examples and case studies which together offer a diachronic overview from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Place: University of Hamburg, Institut für Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, West

Time: Friday, 10.11.2017, 13.00 till Saturday 11.11.2017, 15.00

Organisation: Daniela Hofmann / Robert Schumann

If you would like to participate in this workshop and discuss these topics with us, please contact the organizers, no conference fee is charged.

Friday, 10.11.2017

13.00-13.15 Welcome and organizational matters
13.45-14.15 Gerd Stegmaier, Ancestor worship and the legitimation of Power: the role of early Iron Age cemeteries for late La Tene society in Southwest Germany
14.15-14.45 Yann Lorin, The excavation of the barrow of Etaples "ZAC of Chemin des Prés"
14.45-15.15 Coffee break
15.15-15.45 Daniel Lau, Waste dumps as burial grounds for the rich and the poor in mid-3rd millennium BCE Mesopotamia
15.45-16.30 David Fontijn, Barrow landscapes - the social and economic geography of death
Coffee break
Reena Perschke, *A cultic Gallo-Roman reuse of megalithic graves and souterrains*
Anwen Cooper, *Beyond burial: the role of ‘Bronze Age’ round barrows in English landscapes, 1500 BC to AD 1086*
Discussion

**Saturday, 11.11.2017**
Estella Weiss-Krejci, *Falling into oblivion: how to recognize dissolved burial grounds in prehistory*
Nadine Leisner, *Living with the Dead: Greco-Roman necropolis as places of social interactions*
Coffee break
Ignacio Prieto Vilas, *Non-funerary activities in the Iberian necropoleis (Spain)*
Stephanie Zintl, *All just robbed? Reopened graves in Early Medieval ,row grave’ cemeteries*
Lunch break
Daniel Nösler/Angelika Franz, *Undead - Revenants - Vampires. The archaeology of the living dead*
Birte Meller, *The Korean way - burial grounds in daily culture and as reflection an imaginary world*
Final discussion

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