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Scales of Social, Environmental & Cultural Change in Past Societies

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Session 13

Scales of mobility in 3rd millennium BC Europe

Is mobility just a keyword or can we disentangle, empirically and theoretically, the various scales at which interactions took place in 3rd millennium BC Europe? Ancient DNA studies have since 2014 revived interest in the origins and dispersal of three major pan-European cultural complexes, known as the Yamnaya, the Corded Ware and the Bell Beaker. In all three cases, mass or folk migrations from, ultimately, a hypothetical source in the Pontic-Caspian steppes have been suggested as a trigger, though in place supported by admixture with local populations. How to reconcile these narratives of long-range migration –and not only east-to-west but also the other-way-round– with other forms of mobility and interactions, such as regional mating networks, kinship systems in which members are returned to their own descent group at death, translocal identities, cattle pastoralism, seasonal and vertical mobility, etc.? Some networks being the size of the Eurasian continent, how to study human mobility on a local scale, particularly in relation to things, raw materials, techniques, ideas and beliefs, each of which have their own dynamics and distribution? In this session, we invite interdisciplinary papers addressing the various scales of mobility in 3rd millennium BC Europe and attempts to integrate archaeological results with genetics, stable isotopes and other proxies.



The presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes plus 5 minutes of discussion. Poster presentations are also possible. Abstracts are limited to 2,500 characters (incl. spaces) and may include up to 5 references.

Abstracts can only be submitted via the conference website:

www.kielconference.uni-kiel.de from 15.08.2022 to 15.10.2022. The review-period is until 15.11.2022. Registration for the conference will be possible from November onwards.

We are looking forward to your contributions!

On behalf of the speakers of ROOTS and the CRC1266

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