

# TAG '91

## Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group.

Leicester : 16-19 December 1991

### Final Programme

#### MONDAY PM

##### *WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE?*

##### RATTRAY LECTURE THEATRE

A plenary session with a panel of invited speakers. These will include: **Julian Thomas, Martin Jones, Elizabeth Slater and Colin Renfrew.** The aim is to start the conference with a serious debate about a problem which has dogged recent theoretical literature. After the initial contributions the discussion will be open to the floor..... its up to you....

#### TUESDAY AM

##### *USING BIOMOLECULAR ARCHAEOLOGY*

*(M. Jones and T. Brown)*

Bennett 5

9.00 - 9.40	Human Origins
9.40 - 10.20	Global Dynamics
10.20 - 10.35	Questions
10.35 - 11.00	Coffee
11.00 - 11.40	Exploitation of Plants/Animals
11.40 - 12.20pm	Kinship and Gender
12.20 - 12.45	Discussants and Discussion

The invited speakers include **B. Bender, K. Brown, G. Hillman, M. Jones, C. Renfrew, P. Rowley-Conwy.** The panel of discussant includes: **T. Brown, R. Evershed, and G. Hewitt**

**NEW TRENDS IN SLOVENIAN ARCHAEOLOGY (P. Mason Z.V.N.K.D. and I. Saksida, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia)**

Bennett 1

09.00 - 09.10am	Introduction ( B. Slapsak)	
09.10 - 09.40	B. Slapsak	"Post-modernism, amateurism and politics: the changing past in a society in change".
09.40- 10.10	P. Novakovic	"After Marx and before Braudel : the identity of the Balkans and Jovan Cvjic".
10.10 - 10.45	Z. Stanicic	"Tools and Theories: the case of GIS"
10.45 - 11.05	Questions	
11.05 - 11.25	Coffee	
11.25 - 11.55	P. Mason	"From, land and power - the social landscape in the 1st millennium BC in the eastern Alps and the Karst".
11.55 - 12.25	I. Saksida	"On the beginning of Prehistory".
12.25 - 12.45	Discussion	

**TUESDAY AM & PM**

**GENDER, MATERIALITY, LANGUAGE AND TEXT : EXPLORING THE PROBLEMS (TAG Local Organising Committee).**

Bennett 2

9.00 - 9.20am	H. Zawadzka	"The potential for gender archaeology in Poland"
9.20 - 9.40	L. Stine	"Agrarian material culture : reflections on gender".
9.40 - 10.00	L. Bevan	"Powerful pudenda : the penis in prehistory".
10.00 - 10.25	Questions/Discussion	
10.25 - 10.55	Coffee	
10.55 - 11.15	K. Mizoguchi	"The materiality of Wessex beakers".
11.15 - 11.35	M. Edgeworth	"The material culture of material culture".
11.35 - 11.55	J. Dronfield	"Philosophical residues; Primitivism and Liberalism in archaeological approaches to the interpretation of art".
11.55 - 12.30pm	Questions/Discussion	
12.30 - 2.15	Lunch	
2.15 - 2.35	J. Bintliff	"Why Indiana Jones is smarter than the post-processualists".
2.35 - 2.55	J. Whitely	"Patterns and intentions : notes towards an explanation of form".
2.55 - 3.15	P. Graves	"The retreat from life into language".
3.15 - 3.35	Questions/Discussion	
3.35 - 4.05	Tea	
4.05 - 4.25	S. Content & J. Kenworthy	"Text, (Con)Text and (Pre)Text!".
4.25 - 4.45	S. Content & J. Kenworthy	"Text as Culture"
4.45 - 5.05	Discussion/Questions	

## TUESDAY PM

### **ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL** (D. Brown, Southampton)

Bennett 1

2.15 - 2.20pm	D. Brown	Introduction
2.20 - 2.40	J. Williams	"An introduction to football as a social phenomenon".
2.40 - 3.00	C de Rouffignac	"Why?"
3.00 - 3.20	P. Spoerry	"Not the tele-printer : football and archaeological data".
3.20 - 3.40	D. Mackay	"Island archaeology and football : a study in history, mass participation, alcohol and diffusion".
3.40 - 4.00	Questions/Discussion	
4.00 - 4.30	Tea	
4.30 - 4.50	D. H. Brown	"Architecture economics and control".
4.50 - 5.10	J. Hunter	"There's only one 'F' in Foucault".
5.10 - 5.45	J. Williams & I. Holroyd	"Discussants and Discussion".

### **HUMAN SKELETAL STUDIES : Exploring the Limits of Interpretation** (J. Wakely, Leicester)

Bennett 5

2.15 - 2.20pm	J. Wakely	Introduction
2.20 - 2.40	K. Manchester	"A clinical perspective in diagnostic precision in palaeopathology".
2.40 - 3.00	J. Wakely	"Surgery or Sorcery? The art and science of trephination".
3.00 - 3.20	S. McLaughlin	"SR 90 - A date for death".
3.20 - 3.50	Questions/Discussion	
3.50 - 4.20	Tea	
4.20 - 4.40	J. Henderson	"Fact or fiction - the nature of the evidence".
4.40 - 5.00	E. Scott	"Image and context of infants and infants burials: A cross cultural examination."
5.00 - 5.30	Discussion	

## WEDNESDAY AM

### ***THEORY IN PRACTICE?*** (TAG Local Organising Committee) Bennett 2

9.00 - 9.20am	M. Tingle	"Recent developments in the interpretation surface scatters".
9.20 - 9.40	B. Ferrari	"A plough zone below high water".
9.40 - 10.00	M. Locock	"Spatial analysis of an eighteenth century formal garden".
10.00 - 10.20	C. Currie	"The application of soil analysis to the interpretation of historic gardens".
10.20 - 10.40	Questions/Discussion	
10.40 - 11.05	Coffee	
11.05 - 11.25	M. Levine	"The use and abuse of archaeo-zoological data by non-archaeologists".
11.25 - 11.45	E. Musgrove	"The grand constructions of the living : ossuary monuments the cult of the dead and community relationships in Brittany".
11.45 - 12.05pm	M. Cooper	"Archaeological theory really does include management theory!"
12.05 - 12.25	K. Craw	"The psychic/intuitive element in archaeological thinking : helping the subject to move forward?"
12.25 - 12.45	Discussion	

### ***PLACE, TIME AND EXPERIENCE*** (J. Harding - Reading)

Bennett 5

9.00 - 9.20am	J. Thomas	"Totalised landscapes"
9.20 - 9.40	S. Mithen	"An appreciation of distinctions : The Prehistoric hunter - gatherer landscape".
9.40 - 10.00	R. Bradley	"Signing the land".
10.00 - 10.20	H. Morphy & V. Strang	"Conflicting perceptions of landscape in N. Australia".
10.20 - 10.40	Questions/Discussion	
10.40 - 11.10	Coffee	
11.10 - 11.30	J. Harding	"Creating the landscape; monuments and social space"
11.30 - 11.50	J. Barrett	"Later prehistoric landscapes: creating the biography of space".
11.50 - 12.10pm	T. Ingold	"The temporality of the landscape".
12.10 - 12.30	Discussion	

## WEDNESDAY AM & PM

### ***THE REVENGE OF THE GRAND NARRATIVE : MARXIST PERSPECTIVES IN ARCHAEOLOGY***

*(S. Roskams and J. Saunders, York).*

Bennett 1

09.00 - 09.30am	A. Callinicos	"Against post-modernism : A Marxist critique?"
09.30 - 10.00	M. Caygill	"Historical materialism is still better than historical sociology".
10.00 - 10.20	Questions/Discussion	
10.20 - 10.50	Coffee	
10.50 - 11.20	D. Hawes	"Beer cans and bits of pot but not a lotta bottle"
11.20 - 11.50	S. Roskams	"Marxism and the ancient economy: the case of Roman Britain".
11.50 - 12.20pm	Questions/Discussion	
12.20 - 2.15	Lunch	
2.15 - 2.45	T. Saunders	"Economy and Society: technological change in early medieval England".
2.45 - 3.15	D. Saitta	"Class, society and historical transition in the prehistoric American southwest".
3.15 - 3.35	Questions	
3.35 - 4.05	Tea	
4.05 - 4.35	B. Bender	"Stonehenge - politics and perspectives".
4.35 - 5.05	T. Patterson	"The creation of culture in pre-state and non-state social formations".
5.05 - 5.30	Discussion	

## WEDNESDAY PM

### ***THEORY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL LEARNING (D. Fine - Sheffield)***

Bennett 5

2.15 - 3.35pm	D. Fine	"Learning and Teaching from Objects".
2.15 - 3.35	N. Mills	"Learning and Teaching from Places".
2.15 - 3.35	G. McElearney	"Understanding our own skills".

These sessions will take the form of workshops - Rooms in the Department of Geography to be announced.

3.35 - 4.05 Tea

4.05 - 5.30 Full session. Workshop members and leaders will come together to share findings and views.

\*Total members for this session will be limited to 50.

## **DOCUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGY (P. Courtney - Leicester)**

Bennett 2

2.15 - 2.35pm	P. Courtney	"At the interface : documents and archaeology".
2.35 - 2.55	S. Mastoris	"Urban continuity and change".
2.55 - 3.15	R. Newman	"Using documents to reconstruct landscapes : two case studies".
3.15 - 3.35	Questions/Discussion	
3.35 - 4.00	Tea	
4.00 - 4.20	M. Palmer	"The inter-relationship between field and documentary evidence : the Glyn Pitts colliery site in S. Wales".
4.20 - 4.40	Y. Courtney	"Evidence and inference : the problems of studying a Victorian backstreet industry".
4.40 - 5.00	M. Johnson	"Houses, fields, maps and lists"
5.00 - 5.30	Discussion	

## **THURSDAY AM**

### **MATERIAL CULTURE AND CULTURAL IDENTITY**

*(S. Hides - Leicester)*

Bennett 2

9.00 - 9.20am	D. Figuarado	" Roots, shoots and cultivation : representing material culture in Leicestershire museums' Indian collections."
9.20 - 9.40	S. Hides	"An archaeology of cultural identity".
9.40 - 10.00	S. Jones	"Theories and definitions : the politics of ethnicity".
10.00 - 10.20	R. Layton	"Stylistic variation in Australian rock art".
10.20 - 10.40	Questions/Discussion	
10.40 - 11.05	Coffee	
10.05 - 11.25	N. Merriman	"The peopling of London".
11.25 - 11.45	T. Puttnham	"Household choices as cultural matrix".
11.45 - 12.05pm	J. Hines	"Language, material culture and identity in early Anglo-Saxon England".
12.05 - 12.25	A. Woolf	"Folks and Fellowships: Signs, Symbols and Socio-identities"
12.25 - 12.45	Discussion	

## **STONED INTO SILENCE? - HERITAGE AND DISCOURSE**

**(J. Carman Cambridge)**

**Bennett 5**

9.00 - 9.20am	J. Carman	"Above and below discourse : Rubbish theory, 'heritage' and silences".
9.20 - 9.40	A. Sinclair	"Land rights in the English countryside : English Heritage as aboriginal horde".
9.40 - 10.00	S. Pearce	"Calm and collected or how moveable objects became heritage".
10.00 - 10.25	Questions/Discussion	
10.25 - 11.00	Coffee	
11.00 - 11.20	C. Evans	"Equivalents and chance; British art and archaeology in the 1930s?"
11.20 - 11.40	C. D. de Roche	"Heritage and the craft connection".
11.40 - 12.00	K. Pretty	
	C. Hills	
	C. Chippindale	Discussants
12.00 - 12.30pm	Discussion	

## **MANAGEMENT AND NATURE : RETHINKING ENVIRONMENT/HUMAN INTERACTIONS IN ARCHAEOLOGY**

**(T. Brown - Leicester)**

**Bennett 1**

9.00 - 9.20am	S. McGlade	"The eco-dynamics of human modified landscapes : the disturbance regimes and the evolution of spatial and temporal heterogeneity".
9.20 - 9.40	M. Zvelebil	"Hunter-gatherer management of natural resources and the implications for mesolithic societies in Europe".
9.40 - 10.00	M. Bell	"Hazard frequency and response in coastal environments".
10.00 - 10.20	Y. Hamilakis	"Perceptions and management and some thoughts on reconstructing past environments and economies".
10.20 - 10.40	Questions	
10.40 - 11.05	Coffee	
11.05 - 11.25	T. Brown	"Management, risk and cultural controls on environmental activity".
11.25 - 11.45	C. Sparey-Green	"Archaeology 2000 : Dark rides or green futures".
11.45 - 12.05pm	L. Janik	"Theoretical problems with environmental explanations in archaeology : A view from the Balkans".