

Archaeology of Mountain Landscapes: Interdisciplinary Research Strategies of Agro-Pastoralism in Upland Regions

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Agro-pastoral landscapes characterize not only upland plains or irrigated areas around water courses, but they also define most mountain landscapes, sometimes considered as “marginal lands” when the territories of urban centers are concerned. However, at least a fifth of the terrestrial surface could be defined as mountain areas, hosting a fifth of the human population and providing sustenance for a much larger percentage. Bearing this in mind it is not a surprise to know that mountain areas have been transited, inhabited, exploited and conceptualized by humans since the very beginning of the species.

Due to the multiple factors and relationships involved, landscape-shaping - not only in mountain areas - is an extremely complex subject. Landscape studies are part of a wide range of disciplines

such as History, Archaeology, Anthropology, Geography, Geology, Ecology, Economics, and Paleo-environmental Studies. In this research context, interdisciplinary and diachronic approaches have a great potential and they are a practical reality in nowadays research projects about mountain Landscapes.

Fieldwork developed during the last decades has changed our knowledge about the history of mountain environments. The 10th International Visiting Scholar Conference at the Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology (IEMA) at the University at Buffalo will gather researchers who in different geographical areas (in both Eurasia and the Americas) have made significant contributions about land-use in mountain areas and human activities in the shaping of mountain cultural landscapes.

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Keynote:

Stairways to heaven: mountains as sacred topographies

Felipe Criado (Institute of Heritage Sciences, Spanish National Research Council)

Talks:

José A. Beltrán (Rovira i Virgili University): Landscape-Shaping in The Andes: The Case Of Cusco As Inka Capital

Robert Brunswig (University of Northern Colorado): Exploring Seasonal Transhumance of Hunter-Gatherers and Neolithic Pastoralists in Poland's High Tatras and Foothill Lowlands: Applying Landscape Archaeology Methodologies from the Colorado Rockies to the Western Carpathians

Michael R. Coughlan (University of Georgia): Holocene anthropization of mid-elevation landscapes around Pic d'Orhy, Western Pyrenees

Michael L. Galaty (Mississippi State University): Agro-Pastoralism in a Dispersed Village, Mountain Economy: Results of the Shala Valley Project, Northern Albania

Emilie Gauthier (French National Center for Scientific Research, University of Franche-Comté): Farmers in mountainous and subarctic areas: a diachronic history of land use and adaptation to environmental conditions

Mercourios Georgiadis (University of Nottingham): Research at the Late Bronze Age peak sanctuary on Mt Leska, Kythera (Greece)

Adriano La Regina (University of Roma La Sapienza): Ancient pastoralism and settlements in Central Italy mountains

Yannick Miras (French National Center for Scientific Research, Blaise Pascal University): Addressing the complexity of the paleoenvironmental impact of Prehistoric settlement and Protohistoric urbanism in the Auvergne mountains (Massif Central, France)

Franco Nicolis (Archaeological Heritage Office, Autonomous Province of Trento): Central Alpine environments as Mountain Cultural Landscapes from prehistory to contemporary present

Klaus Oeggli (Botanical Institute, University of Innsbruck): The onset of alpine pastoral systems in the Eastern Alps

Héctor A. Orengo (McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge): Coastal Mediterranean Mountains: a neglected archaeological register for the study of the first complex societies

Josep M. Palet (Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology): Landscape Archaeology in Eastern Pyrenees high mountain areas (Segre & Ter valleys): human activities in the shaping of Mountain Cultural Landscapes

Christopher Prescott (University of Oslo): Norway's mountain landscapes: national romantic legends and the political economy of agro-pastoralism

Sabine Reinhold (Eurasia Department of the German Archaeological Institute): From mobile pastoralism to combined mountain economy – the Late Bronze Age in the North Caucasus

Phillips Stevens (University at Buffalo): The Sacred Mount

Pawel Valde Novak (Jagiellonian University): Agro- or pastoral thinking about Mid-Mountains Neolithisation

Ralf Vandam (University of Leuven): Hate or love? Exploring the relationship between the marginal landscapes of the Western Taurus Mountains, SW Anatolia, and past communities

Martijn Van Leusen (Groningen Institute of Archaeology): Developing a systematic approach to the archaeological study of mountain landscapes: the Raganello Basin experience

Cecilia Dal Zovo (Institute of Heritage Sciences, Spanish National Research Council): Archaeology of a sacred mountain: *longue duree*, mobile pastoralism, and monumental landscapes in Eastern Eurasia

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