

THE GENETIC TURN IN HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

IN PERSON WORKSHOP,
JUNE 6, 2024

THE BONN CENTER FOR DEPENDENCY AND SLAVERY STUDIES

hosts the Cluster of Excellence "Beyond Slavery and Freedom", which aims to overcome the binary opposition of "slavery versus freedom". We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives

This workshop examines the opportunities and challenges posed by the application of archaeogenetics to the study of the past. Genetic evidence has become a powerful tool, repeatedly producing studies whose results have caught the attention of the media and the general public. This event offers an interdisciplinary, 'behind the scenes,' look at this Genetic Turn in Archaeology and History, exploring its methodological, theoretical, and ethical challenges. Bringing together experts in bioarchaeology, population genetics, funerary archaeology, and historical theory, the event offers a range of perspectives on the use of both ancient and modern DNA to pursue questions about migration, mobility, socio-political organisation, as well as inequalities and dependency relationships in the premodern world.

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VENUE

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Thursday, June 6, 2024

09:00 – 09:10 A.M. CEST

Welcome

Julia Hillner,
BCDSS

09:10 – 9:20 A.M.

Overview of the workshop and its goals

James Harland,
BCDSS

9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

The test tube revolution: how biomolecular approaches have changed Archaeology

Alice Toso,
University of Bonn and BCDSS

10:30 – 11:00 A.M. - Coffee break

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 A.M.

Defining ethnic, cultural, genetic groups in interdisciplinary communication

Walter Pohl,
University of Vienna

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Archaeogenetics as a quantitative approach to human history

Stephan Schiffels and Joscha Gretzinger,
*Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology,
Leipzig*

1:00 – 2:00 P.M. - Lunch break

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2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

DNA and the early medieval migration: the media strategy and exploration of the popular press response to Gretzinger et al 2022

Duncan Sayer,
University of Central Lancashire

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Who do you think you are? Archaeology, Genetics and Identity

Susanne Hakenbeck,
University of Cambridge

4:00 – 4:30 P.M. - Coffee break

4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

Genetics in the History Classroom: Altering Perceptions of the Early Medieval Past

Bonnie Effros,
University of British Columbia

7:30 P.M. Conference dinner (for speakers and organizers only): Schumann's, Weberstraße 43, 53113 Bonn