Balkan Dialogues. Spatial Boundaries and Cultural Identities in the Prehistoric Balkans
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Conference Programme

FRIDAY 02.05.2014

8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:15 Opening
9:15-10:00 Keynote address: JOSEPH MARAN (Heidelberg)
Younger Balkan Prehistory: Towards a Transcultural Perspective
10:00-10:20 Coffee break

Session 1: Ethnographic perspectives
Chair: M. Gori

10:20-10:40 OLIVIER P. GOSSELAIN (Brussels)
Techniques and aesthetics along the river Niger (Niger & Benin). The social
and ecological foundations of shifting cultural boundaries

10:40-11:00 HANS P. HAHN (Frankfurt)
Ethnic grouping as a mode of managing conflicts. About the benefits of belonging
and distinction

11:00-11:20 ZOI TSIRTSONI (Paris)
Let’s stop speaking “cultures”: alternative means to assess historical
developments in the prehistoric Balkans

11:20-11:50 Discussion
11:50-12:00 Poster presentation

12:00-13:40 Lunch break
### Session 2: Identities in transition
**Chair:** E. Bánffy

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<td><strong>Johannes Müller</strong> (Kiel) <em>Settlement structures, inheritance and social identities: Balkan inequality and mobility 5200-4300 BCE</em></td>
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<td><strong>Jean-Paul Demoule</strong> (Paris) <em>The transitions between Neolithic and Early Bronze Age in Greece and Bulgaria, and the &quot;Indo-European problem&quot;</em></td>
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### Session 3: New data
**Chair:** J. Müller

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<td><strong>Petrika Lera</strong> (Tirana), <strong>Gilles Touchais</strong> (Paris) and <strong>Cécile Oberweiler</strong> (Athens) <em>The Neolithic settlement of Kallamai, Lake of Prespa, Albania. New data about the absolute chronology and the interconnections of the Neolithic of south-eastern Albania</em></td>
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<td><strong>Jasna Vuković</strong> (Belgrade) <em>Erasing boundaries or changing identities? The transition from Early/Middle to Late Neolithic, new evidence from Southern Serbia</em></td>
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<td><strong>Krasimir Leshtakov</strong> (Sofia) <em>Minoan-type sanctuaries in the Eastern Balkans during the Middle Bronze Age: Evidence from the site of Tatul</em></td>
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**Saturday 03.05.2014**

Session 4: Practices  
Chair: J.P Demoule

9:30-9:50  
**Susan E. Allen** (Cincinnati)  
*Landscape production and identity among early farmers in the southern Balkans*

9:50-10:10  
**Maryia Ivanova** (Heidelberg), **Elena Marinova-Wolff** (Leuven)  
*Cultivating tastes: food and identity of the first farming communities in the Balkans*

10:10-10:30  
**Soutaina Valamoti** (Thessaloniki)  
*Culinary identities of prehistoric Greece: an archaeobotanical exploration*

10:30-11:00  
Discussion

11:00-11:10  
*Poster presentation*

11:10-11:40  
Coffee break

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Session 5: Cultural boundaries  
Chair: M. Furholt

11:40-12:00  
**Maia Gori** (Mainz)  
*Early Bronze Age "cultures" and "boundaries" in western Macedonia*

12:00-12:20  
**Sanjin Mihelic** (Zagreb)  
*Over-imagined communities? Reconstructing Early and Middle Bronze Age identities along the Middle Danube*

12:20-12:40  
**Johanna Soafer** (Southampton)  
*Similarity and difference in Balkan ceramic material culture: The cases of encrusted pottery and human figurines*

12:40-13:10  
Discussion

13:10-13:20  
*Poster presentation*

13:20-14:30  
Lunch break

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Session 6: Interaction and transformation  
Chair: J. Maran

14:30-14:50  
**Martin Furholt** (Kiel)  
*Social mobilisation: Processes of transformation during the establishment of early Neolithic settlement in south-eastern Europe*

14:50-15:10  
**Nenad Tasic** (Belgrade)  
*Squares, Masks and Skirts: Identities hidden and shown*
15:10-15:30  **ROBERT HOFMANN (Kiel)**  
*Social Boundaries and group identities in the Neolithic and Chalcolithic of the Central Bosnian low middle range (5700–4300 BCE)*

15:30-16:00  Discussion

16:00-16:10  **Poster presentation**

16:10-16:40  Coffee break

16:40-17:00  Eszter BÁNFFY  
*Response paper*

17:00-17:30  Final discussion

17:30-17:40  **Closing address**

18:00  **Reception at IWH**

19:30  Drink at the traditional German restaurant “Die Kulturbrauerei”, Leyergasse 6 (at own expense)