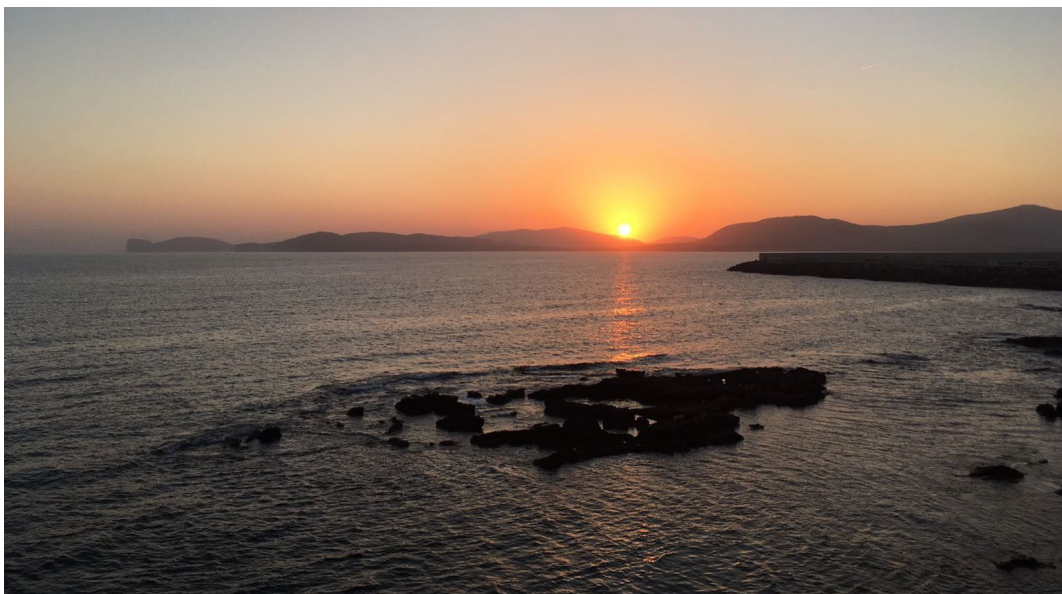




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## WORKSHOP

# COLLAPSE AND INEQUALITY

## VIEWPOINTS FROM LATER PREHISTORY

A workshop and open debate on crisis, social marginality and survival in our distant past. Key themes of the event are micro-scale disaster and settlement instability, climate change, and debating the bioarchaeology of crisis events.

Keynote lecture by Kerstin Kowarik (NHM Wien) on *Looking at crisis and collapse. Insights and questions from the prehistoric Hallstatt salt mines*, 23 May, 17:30

Workshop convener: Elisa Perego

Co-organizers: Elisa Perego, Veronica Tamorri, Rafael Scopacasa, Silvia Amicone

To join the debate on Twitter please follow [#CollapseInequality18](#)



This workshop is part of the MSCA-Project CoPOWER (Government of life and death: the rise of coercive power in European late prehistory) and has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 750596.





KEY NOTE LECTURE

# LOOKING AT CRISIS AND COLLAPSE

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PREHISTORIC HALLSTATT SALT MINES

**KERSTIN KOWARIK**

*Naturhistorisches Museum Wien*

with contribution by Flavio Anselmetti, Anke Bacher, Thomas Berberich, Achim Brauer, Ruth Drescher-Schneider, Daniela Festi, Michael Grabner, Anna Ita, Julia Klammer, Stefan Lauterbach, Klaus Oeggel, David Ottowitz, Thomas Ragger, Heimo Rainer, Hans Reschreiter, Alexander Römer, Michael Strasser, Johannes Walter

Im Anschluss an den Vortrag bitten wir zu einem Glas Wein.

Prof. Dr. Barbara Horejs  
(Direktorin)

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## ABSTRACT OF THE WORKSHOP

Political disintegration, economic crises, the controversial and yet dramatic consequences of global warming and pollution, as well as the spread of poverty and social disruption in western countries, have made collapse one of the key topics in the humanities and social sciences. In the frenetic run for identifying the global causes and large-scale consequences of collapse, however, crisis events taking place at the micro-scale are not always explored by scholars addressing these issues in present and past societies. At the same time, the voices of the marginal and non-élite people that might be the main victims of collapse events are often silenced in ancient history and archaeology.

This workshop will address questions such as: How can collapse be identified in the archaeological record? What kind of archaeological, bioarchaeological and environmental evidence can be considered indicative of collapse? Is it appropriate to use this term for crisis events that take place at the micro-scale without evidence of extensive destruction in the archaeological record?

Topics of interest for our discussion include, but are not limited to, how crisis events affect the lives of people with different identities; the role of socially excluded groups in collapse events; climate change and climate downturns; “micro-scale” cases of natural disaster; migration and displacement; technology and production in contexts of intense socio-cultural change; cultural resistance and survival.

Collapse and Inequality is an output of the CoPOWER MSCA Project based at the OREA Institute. Building on the long-term projects “Collapse or Survival” and “The End of the Spectrum: Towards an Archaeology of Marginality” at UCL, this workshop contributes to the new research group at OREA “Prehistoric Identities”.

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### #TwitterWorkshop

The Vienna workshop at OREA will be combined with a #TwitterWorkshop running along the physical one. The co-organisers aim to share as much content as they can from the actual event online and to foster an open debate on past collapse with the help of both the workshop audience and Twitter discussants.

*Please follow the hash-tag #CollapseInequality18 if you would like to get involved.*

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## THURSDAY 24 MAY

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

**10.00–10.20** **Elisa Perego** | Vienna & London – **Veronica Tamorri** | London –  
**Rafael Scopacasa** | UFMG & Exeter – **Silvia Amicone** | Tübingen & London with  
contribution by **Viridiana Tamorri** | Rome  
*Collapse, survival, inequality: investigating past crisis at the micro-scale*  
*Introducing the key themes and explaining how the workshop will be structured.*  
*Presentation of the #TwitterWorkshop led by Viridiana Tamorri*

### SESSION 1. MICRO-SCALE DISASTER AND SETTLEMENT INSTABILITY

Chair: Elisa Perego – Veronica Tamorri

**10.20–11.00** **Elisa Perego** | Vienna & London – **Rafael Scopacasa** | UFMG & Exeter  
*Fluvial unpredictability and socio-political change in ancient Veneto, seventh/sixth centuries  
BC: methodological considerations*

**11.00–11.30** COFFEE BREAK

**11.30–12.00** **Veronica Tamorri** | London  
*Approaching crisis from a funerary archaeological perspective: case studies from late  
prehistoric Veneto (Northern Italy)*

**12.00–12.30** Open debate with contribution by **Vera Zanoni** | Pavia

**12.30–14.00** LUNCH BREAK (lunch not provided)

### SESSION 2. DEBATING THE BIOARCHAEOLOGY OF CRISIS EVENTS

Chair: Elisa Perego

**14.00–14.10** **Marlon Bas** | Vienna  
*The bioarchaeology of collapse: reflections on the human body in periods of crises*

**14.10–14.20** **Katharina Rebay-Salisbury** | Vienna  
*The individual and the community: bioarchaeological indicators of stress*

**14.20–14.50** Questions & open debate

**14.50–15.20** COFFEE BREAK

### SESSION 3. CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RESILIENCE

Chair: Veronica Tamorri

**15.20–15.40** **Rafael Scopacasa** | UFMG & Exeter – **Elisa Perego** | Vienna & London, with  
contributions by **Lars Heinze** | Cologne – **Silvia Amicone** | Tübingen & London  
*Approaching resilience in southern Italy: rural sites in the marginal landscapes of Daunia  
during the Roman expansion (325–200 BC)*

**15.40–16.00** Questions & open debate