

Multiple femininities – multiple masculinities: the diversity of gendered identities in the Bronze and Iron Ages

Workshop Schüttkasten Klement, Klement 1, 2116 Ernstbrunn, Austria - 29-30 September 2016

The archaeology of personal identities has firmly established age, gender and status as relevant categories of investigation. Beyond the recognition that not all women and men led identical lives, however, there has been little effort to unravel the diversity of gendered lives. Women's lives may have differed significantly according to their reproductive status – whether they were infertile, had few or many surviving children. Craft specialists of both genders may have led lives that took them away from their communities and brought them into contact with different ways of living. Similarly, medical or ritual specialists of both genders may be integral to many societies. Further, the mechanisms by which men turned into warriors are still little understood – was being a warrior part of every man's lifecycle, was this particular identity restricted to a certain age group or class, or were other selection mechanisms at play? Some aspects of personal identity may not be gendered at all. Was gender relevant for making pots or taking care of children?

This workshop aims to review how different social roles have been conceptualized and attributed to prehistoric people, and how these roles intersected with each other as well as with age, gender and status. We would like to reconstruct the variability of gendered lifecycles and brainstorm for common as well as unusual social roles in prehistory. In addition, we would like to discuss methods of investigating the burial and settlement record that will aid in understanding the diversity of gendered identities in the Bronze and Iron Ages.

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Attendance at the workshop is free and registration is not required. In order to plan refreshments, please e-mail us informally if you intend to come. Klement is best reached by car and local accommodation is available in the vicinity.



Der Wissenschaftsfonds.

Thursday, 29 September 2016

10:00-10:20 Welcome Coffee

10:20 – 10:40 Katharina Rebay-Salisbury and Peter C. Ramsel: Introduction

10:40 – 11:10 Katharina Rebay-Salisbury: Motherhood and alternative life courses

11:10 – 11:40 Doris Pany-Kucera: the physical anthropology of motherhood

11:40 – 12:10 Estella Weiss-Krejci: LGBTQIA identification in archaeology: an eight-letter riddle

12:10 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 Jan Turek: Age and gender identities in the Central European Copper Age

14:00 – 14:30 Alexandra Krenn-Leeb: Geschlecht und Alter im Fokus sozialer Praktiken. Diversität von Genderidentitätengemeinschaften in der Frühbronzezeit im mittleren Donauraum

14:30 – 15:10 Vajk Szeverényi, Gabriella Kulcsár, Judit Pásztókai-Szeőke, Zsuzsanna Siklósi, Viktória Kiss: changing femininities and masculinities between the Neolithic and Late Iron Age in Hungary: a review

15:10 – 15:40 Coffee

15:40 – 16:10 Ines Beilke-Voigt: Weibliche Beigaben in männlichen Gräbern und männliche Ausstattungen für die Frau? Eine Frage der Identität und Geschlechterrolle

16:10 – 16:30 Barbara Teßmann: Gehörgangsexostosen - ein Anzeiger für Tätigkeiten im oder am Wasser

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

Friday, 30 September 2016

9:00 – 9:30 Christoph Baur: Waffengräber der Villanova-Zeit aus Mittelitalien: alles Krieger oder was?

9:30 – 9:50 Peter C. Ramsel: Male identities in La Tène period cemeteries

9:50 – 10:20: Daria Ložnjak Dizdar – Marko Dizdar: Female identities vs. male identities – visibility in burial records during Late Bronze Age and Iron Age in the southern Carpathian Basin

10:20 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 11:30 Barbara Teßmann: Japodische Frauen an der Macht? Überlegungen zur japodischen Frauentracht

11:30 – 12:00 Hrovje Potrebica: Multidimensional gender identities in Iron Age communities of the southern Carpathian basin

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 Ramona Blecha: Rätische Frauen im Kult

14:00 – 14:30 Anna Cannot: Der Gürtel als Identitätsmarker der frühen Eisenzeit? Technologischer Ansatz und Kulturanalyse der Gürtелеlemente in Ost-Frankreich und Südwestdeutschland

14:30 – 15:00 Discussion