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– Call for Papers –

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The Production of Space and Landscape

Conference dates:

Monday 8th – Tuesday 9th October 2018

Conference venue:

Haus zur Lieben Hand, Löwenstraße 16, 79098 Freiburg, Germany

Modelling of archaeology in landscape becomes more and more prominent in multidisciplinary research projects concerning material and human mobility, settlement dispersal, economy and exchange. However, a more holistic understanding of the interaction among human, material and environmental spheres in space requires consideration of the scale of previous mental and natural boundaries. What role did topography, a river system or a coastline play in the process of linking or separating groups and individuals and thus their relationships? An even bigger question is to what extent the perception of landscape in past times can be traced with a modern conception of space and time.

1. The production of space and landscape: theoretical framework

The first part of this conference focuses on the construction of space on different sociological and archaeological levels. Cognitive, material, anthropogenic and environmental spheres are not always and necessarily congruent. Archaeologists might be able to grasp the expansion of an idea or the function of a thing's sphere. Although the equation of the spatial requirement and the actual expansion of a human action area need to be reconsidered.

2. The production of space and landscape: applied theory

A second part deals with possible applications, methodological approaches and solution strategies to access and model human behaviour in landscape. In this context, the surrounding landscape is understood as the ordering body of the individual or group's spatial extent. However, we must ask to what degree it is possible to model mental constructions of space and landscape. This section considers the possibility of differentiating landscapes into physical and cognitive categories. We welcome approaches from archaeology as well as neighbouring disciplines to gather further multidisciplinary insights.

We consider communications of **15 minutes** with a subsequent five minutes discussion.

The official language of the conference is **English**.

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Please send abstracts (250 words) of your paper proposals including your contact and affiliation details by **15th June 2018** to **michael.kempf@archaeologie.uni-freiburg.de**