Call for Papers

Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Prehistoric Demography

Workshop 29th & 30th March 2019
UCL Institute of Archaeology

Demography underpins a number of important prehistoric cultural processes, from cultural diffusion and changes in subsistence practices, to population bottlenecks and migration episodes. Yet, no element of the archaeological record is directly associated with demographic factors such as population sizes, growth or fertility rates – they must be inferred from the analysis of different proxies. Using site and artefact densities, radiocarbon dates, palaeoanthropological data and ancient DNA, and vastly different methods, scholars have been able to reconstruct these variables, and infer dispersal rates, population growths, crashes and bottlenecks.

Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Prehistoric Demography (CROSSDEM) will create a space for scholars working on prehistoric demography, through different disciplinary lenses and types of data, to come together and discuss current methodological and theoretical issues.

The workshop will comprise keynote papers delivered by scholars from across a range of disciplines, structured discussions led by experts, and contributed papers.

We cordially invite submissions from motivated scholars working on prehistoric demography to submit proposals for a paper of approximately 20 minutes (300-500 words in length) to crossdem2019@gmail.com, by 19th December 2018.

Abstract submissions and more information:

www.crossdem2019.com

Keynote Speakers

Prof Rebecca Sear (LSHTM)
Dr Andreas Maier (FAU)
Prof Stephen Shennan (UCL)

Dr Nicole Creanza (Vanderbilt)
Prof Nicola Whitehouse (Plymouth)
Prof Andrew Chamberlain (Manchester)