

## Social Dimensions of Food in the Prehistory of the Eastern Balkans and Neighbouring Areas

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# PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2015

9:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

### First Session Theories and Overarching Approaches

Chair: Joseph Maran

9:15 **PHILIPP W. STOCKHAMMER**  
Food for Thought: The Potential of Food Studies for Prehistoric Archaeology

9:45 **BOGDAN ATHANASSOV**  
Pepper Roaster: Preserving Food for the Winter in Urban Spaces in Late 20th century AD Bulgaria

10:00 **RICHARD WILK**  
Pass the Fish Please: How Taste Mediates Culture, Subsistence, and Trade

10:30 **NERISSA RUSSELL**  
Neolithic Taboos in Anatolia and Southeast Europe

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 **RICHARD P. EVERSLED**  
Probing Patterns of Diet and Subsistence in the Neolithic Balkan Region using Lipid Residues in Pottery

12:00 **LÁSZLÓ BARTOSIEWICZ**  
“Herd” Mentality

12:30 **ANTHONY HARDING**  
Salt in European Prehistory:  
Social and Economic Considerations

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

### Second Session Early and Middle Neolithic

Chair: Vanya Petrova

14:00 **TSVETANA POPOVA | KRASSIMIR LESHTAKOV**  
Early Neolithic House (Family) Farming. Yabalkovo Case Study

14:30 **MARIA IVANOVA**  
Stories Behind the Stones: Grinding Technology and the Farming Expansion in the Balkans

15:00 **RAIKO KRAUB**  
Ernährungsstrategien während des Frühneolithikums im Balkan-Karpatengebiet

15:30 **MATEJA HULINA | CYNTHIANNE DEBONO SPITERI TIHOMILA TEŽAK-GREGL**  
Ancient Lipid Residues Provide Evidence for the Use of Dairy Products since Early Neolithic Phases in Croatia

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 **HASKEL J. GREENFIELD**  
Feasting during the Early Neolithic of the Central Balkans: The Fauna from Blagotin, Serbia

17:00 **IVANA STOJANOVIĆ | ĐURĐA OBRADOVIĆ**  
Food Practices in Early Neolithic Settlement of Drenovac: Archaeobotanical and Archaeozoological Study

17:30 **OLGA PERIĆ**  
Painted Pottery and Culinary Practices: Use-alteration Analysis of Middle Neolithic Painted Pottery from the Site Starčevo-Grad

18:00 **JASNA VUKOVIĆ**  
Food Processing in the Neolithic of the Central Balkans: Pottery Evidence

19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER

## FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2015

### Third Session Neolithic and Copper Age

Chair: Bogdan Athanassov, Desislava Takorova

9:00 **MARIA GUROVA**  
Prehistoric Agriculture Toolkits in Diachronic Perspective: Case Study from Bulgaria

9:30 **DUSHKA UREM-KOTSOU**  
Breath of Change: Food and Pottery in the Course of the Neolithic in Northern Greece

10:00 **KOSTAS KOTSAKIS**  
Eating Out: Places of Consumption and Food Preparation in Neolithic Settlements

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 **VALASIA ISAAKIDOU | PAUL HALSTEAD**  
Ceramics, Carcasses, and Cooking in Neolithic Greece: Towards an Integrated Approach

11:30 **NORBERT BENECKE**  
Zur Nahrungsversorgung mit Tierprodukten in Siedlungen Thrakiens im Zeitraum Neolithikum bis Eisenzeit

12:00 **KRUM BACVAROV | JOHN GORCZYK**  
Of Pits and Bones: Social Context of Animals at the Neolithic Site of Sarnevo in Thrace

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

Chair: Maria Ivanova

13:30 **CLIVE BONSALE | LÁSZLÓ BARTOSIEWICZ ADINA BORONEANŢ | CATRIONA PICKARD**  
Problems with Pigs

14:00 **ADRIAN BĂLĂŞESCU | MARIE BALASSE CARLOS TORNERO | STEPHANIE BREHARD VALENTIN RADU**  
Animal Palaeoeconomy in the Hamangia Culture

14:30 **MARIE BALASSE | CARLOS TORNERO ALLOWEN EVIN | ANNE TRESSET DELPHINE FRÉMONDEAU | JOËL UGHETTO THOMAS CUCCHI | ADRIAN BĂLĂŞESCU**  
The Place of Domestic Pig in the Romanian Gumelnița (5th millennium BC): Insights from the Zooarchaeological Analysis of Bordușani–Popină, Hârșova–Tell and Vitănești Măgurice

15:00 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 **AGATHE REINGRUBER**  
Dishes Reheated: Secondary Burnt Pottery Inventories of the 5th Millennium BC from Pietrele, Romania

16:00 **VASSIL NIKOLOV**  
Soziale Dimensionen des Salzes in der späten Urgeschichte des Ost-Balkans

16:30 **EVA ROSENSTOCK | ROBERT MARTIN MARCUS GROB**  
Body Height, Burial Depths and Grave Goods in Later Southeastern European Prehistory: A Comparison of Proxies for Nutritional, Social and Material Status

19:00 DINNER

Ever since the definition of the Neolithic Revolution by Vere Gordon Childe, prehistorians have been aware of the crucial importance of food for the understanding of prehistoric developments. Numerous studies have classified and described cooking ware, hearths and ovens, have studied food residues and more recently also stable isotopes in skeletal material. However, we have not yet succeeded in integrating traditional, functional perspectives on nutrition and semiotic approaches (e.g. dietary practices as an identity marker) with current research in the fields of Food Studies and Material Culture Studies.

This conference focuses on practices of food production and consumption in its social dimensions from the Mesolithic to the Early Iron Age in the Eastern Balkans and their neighbouring regions. We understand the Eastern Balkans as the region between Anatolia and the Aegean Sea on one side and Central Europe and the Eurasian steppe regions on the other side. The prehistoric inhabitants of the Eastern Balkans were repeatedly confronted with foreign knowledge and practices of food production and consumption which they integrated and thereby transformed into their life. On the basis of a transdisciplinary perspective, we intend to shed new light on the various social dimensions of food in a synchronous as well as diachronic perspective.



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SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2015

**Fourth Session**

**Bronze Age & Iron Age**

Chairs: Bogdan Athanassov, Desislava Takorova

- 9:00 **SOULTANA MARIA VALAMOTI**  
Plant Foods in Daily Meals and Feasting in  
Prehistoric Northern Greece
- 9:30 **RALF GLESER | ELENA MARINOVA**  
Continuity and Innovations of the Plant Based Food  
during the Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age in  
the Micro-region of Drama, Southeastern Bulgaria
- 10:00 **HELMUT KROLL**  
Das Vermögen und die Vielfalt der Zutaten.  
Hinweise auf hierarchische Dimensionen  
im pflanzlichen Fundmaterial Südosteuropas
- 10:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00 **STELIOS ANDREOU**  
The Politics of Food Production and Consumption  
in the Bronze Age Communities of Northern Greece
- 11:30 **AMY NICODEMUS**  
Food, Status, and Power: Animal Production and  
Consumption Practices during the Carpathian Basin  
Bronze Age
- 12:00 **KRASSIMIR NIKOV | ELENA MARINOVA  
IVANKA HRISTOVA | HRISTO POPOV**  
Food Supply and Disposal at Late Bronze and Iron  
Age Ada Tepe: Archaeobotanical Aspects of Diet,  
Plant Economy, and Waste Management
- 12:30 LUNCH BREAK

Chair: Philipp W. Stockhammer

- 13:30 **KRASSIMIR LESHTAKOV**  
Diet and Mobility: Were the LBA Inhabitants in the  
East Balkans Semi-sedentary?
- 14:00 **ELENA MARINOVA | HRISTO POPOV  
IVANKA HRISTOVA**  
Spätbronzezeitliche und Eisenzeitliche pflanzliche  
Nahrung aus der Höhensiedlung Kusch Kaja,  
Ostrhodopen, Bulgarien
- 14:30 **JOHN GORCZYK | BOGDAN ATHANASSOV  
PHILIPP STOCKHAMMER**  
Food from the Forest: Social Aspects of Hunting  
at a 12th century BC Fortified Site in Southwestern  
Bulgaria
- 15:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 15:30 FINAL DISCUSSION
- 19:00 DINNER



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