

**DEBATING SPATIAL ARCHAEOLOGY:
International Workshop on Landscape and Spatial Analysis in
Archaeology.
8th – 9th June 2012, Santander (Spain).**

DEBATING SPATIAL ARCHAEOLOGY CALL FOR PAPERS

The main aim of the *Debating Spatial Archaeology* International Workshop is to provide a debate forum where archaeologists can discuss what *space* means in Archaeology, how it is perceived and interpreted by archaeologists, and why. Keeping in mind the need for a connection between methodology issues, analysis results and interpretations, participants are encouraged not only to analyse spatial variability, but to point out the probable reasons for such variability from in terms of social space, as well as to discuss how their spatial analyses can improve the understanding of social and historical dynamics within their case studies.

These issues will be covered within three sessions:

- **Beyond archaeological spatial datasets: Old Restrictions and New Opportunities in Archaeological Spatial Information:** The use of landscape and the internal organization of habitats, camps, etc. constitute a major theme in the studies of human evolution. They tell us how humans interacted with space and how this relationship changed over time. Certain landmarks of evolution such as the colonization of new lands; the beginning of land use planning; the changes in dependence on ecological conditions; the manipulation of space; or the adaptation and internal structure of habitats, are assessed by various analytical approaches.
- **The use of space from an evolutionary perspective:** The use of landscape and the internal organization of habitats, camps, etc. constitute a major theme in the studies of human evolution. They tell us how humans interacted with space and how this relationship changed over time. Certain landmarks of evolution such as the colonization of new lands; the beginning of land use planning; the changes in dependence on ecological conditions; the manipulation of space; or the adaptation and internal structure of habitats, are assessed by various analytical approaches.
- **People beyond the numbers: the anthropological implications of spatial analyses:** The aim of this session is to discuss how human behavior has to be considered and introduced in spatial analyses, by considering the broad spectrum of choices available for any given human being or society, as well as the different ways in which spatial analyses results can be interpreted when considering behavioral variability.

After sessions, a **Roundtable** will be held, where all issues, questions and conclusions addressed during the workshop could be discussed.

The workshop will be held in Santander (Spain), on 8th – 9th June, 2012. Two sessions will be held during the first day, while the third one will be held during the second day morning; finally, workshop will be held on second day afternoon.

For those interested in participating in the conference, an **abstract must be submitted before 29th February, 2012**, to spatialarchaeology@unican.es, indicating in which session you want to be included. Abstract between about 500 words must be submitted in the provided template format; up to five references and up to one image could be included in the abstract. Due to time limitation, some communications could be not accepted, despite their quality. Accepted abstracts will be published in electronic format, in order to provide participants a better knowledge of the papers submitted to the conference, and to facilitate discussions during the conference.

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