25th meeting of the EAA  
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session:

Communities, identities, rituals  
The Bronze/Iron Age urnfields as a pan-European phenomenon

The Bronze/Iron Age urnfields covered a vast area and proceeded through chronological periods starting from middle second millennium BC. Despite the long history of research, the urnfield evidence is rarely used in complex and multifaceted studies on Bronze and early Iron Age. We are however convinced the urnfields deserve high research interests and the data they provide may give us many answers if we try to post new questions.

Main objective of the session is to compare investigatory procedures developed for the Bronze/Iron Age urnfields in various parts of Europe. We invite scholars from various fields to go beyond typological and/or chronological studies to present and interpret results of analysis which are rarely carried out and discussed in the urnfield archaeology. The urnfields are always sites used for many generations thus the variety of analysed phenomena can be interpreted in diachronic perspective as well.

Our main question is: what do we know about the communities that used the urnfields from the data collected over decades? What was their biological and cultural life quality? How can we compare data obtained from urnfields and other types of sites? The urnfields are always sites used for many generations thus the variety of analysed phenomena can be interpreted in diachronic perspective as well.

Call for papers is now open and ends on 14 February 2019, 23:59 CET.

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