

GAO Annual Conference 2009
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“Living in the Past: Living Conditions through Time and Space”

Key words: habitation, landscape occupation, trade, exchange, production and consumption, scientific methodology, environmental archaeology, artefacts.

Conference Abstract –

Archaeology can illuminate the past in ways in which other disciplines cannot. From a varying range of archaeological information (artefacts, biological remains, environmental evidence, artistic representation, human bones and building/site evidence) we can build a picture of how our ancestors lived and the economic and social conditions that shaped their lives. This conference seeks to present papers from across the various fields of archaeology in order to bring together the following themes:

Inner space versus outer space;
Diet, provisions and consumption;
Trade and hinterland;
Life in town and country;
Consumer goods and production;
‘Fine’ art in the ancient world –
improving living conditions;

Communal living and working;
The accident of preservation;
How archaeology illuminates living
conditions in the past;
How space was used in the past;
How changing environmental
conditions affect human movement.

We are looking for papers from all walks of archaeology, and want to encourage discussion between archaeological science, anthropology, archaeology and classics.

Abstracts to be received by Monday, 1 December 2008.

Delegates will be notified of acceptance of papers by 15 January, 2008.

Limited conference bursaries for attendance will be available – to assist us with their allocation, if a bursary is required, please include with your abstract a short statement on why the conference is necessary to your research.

Selected papers will be published in a volume, as part of the GAO monograph series.

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