

Final conference of the English Landscapes and Identities Project ('EngLaid');

PAST LANDSCAPES AND COMMUNITIES

*Wednesday 23rd-Thursday 24th September 2015
Pusey Room, Keble College*

Conference abstract:

Archaeologists do not look straightforwardly at communities, but approach people in the past through artefacts and features of the landscape. A key issue for the English Landscapes and Identities project is to rethink the nature of 'community' within and across different periods. This is especially important as it appears that in England there is a contrast between more mobile and dispersed ways of life from the Bronze Age to the early medieval period in the north / west of the country, against more settled communities of the living and the dead in the south / east. Quite different forms of community might have existed. This conference presents papers covering a variety of periods and different European contexts, and with a particular focus on rural (non-urban) contexts. They will examine the following broad themes:

- How can we model and visualize the use and history of landscapes in the past using multiple/large datasets?
- How do material culture, spatial distribution, and landscape lead us to understand past identities?
- Can we explore community identities and histories in the long term (and across disciplinary period boundaries)?
- How does the situation in England compare to other regions within Europe?

Session schedule:

Wednesday 23rd September

9.00-9.20	Welcome & Introduction – <i>Chris Gosden (EngLald)</i>
9.20-10.40	Session 1 (Chair: David Fontijn)
9.20-9.50	Identity in rural Roman Britain – <i>Mike Fulford</i>
9.50-10.20	Collective manifestations in a herding landscape – <i>Mads Holst</i>
10.20-10.40	Discussion
10.40-11.00	Tea break
11.00-13.00	Session 2 (Chair: Roger Thomas)
11.00-11.30	Now you see me, now you don't? Mapping the fugitive & invisible – <i>Mark Gillings</i>
11.30-12.00	Embrace the chaos: structuring affordances & the PPG16 Big Bang – <i>Chris Green & Vicky Donnelly</i>
12.00-12.30	From static distribution maps to dynamic models of occupation: rethinking spatial analysis of Roman rural settlement in France & the Netherlands – <i>Philip Verhagen, Laure Nunninger & Frédérique Bertoncetto</i>
12.30-13.00	Discussion
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.20	Session 3 (Chair: Helena Hamerow)
14.00-14.30	From landscape to material culture: a cognitive-archaeometric approach to material construction, individual perception & social domination (4000-0 BC) – <i>Felipe Criado Boado</i>
14.30-15.00	Medieval fields, farming & villages – the basis of a communal English identity? – <i>Grenville Astill</i>
15.00-15.20	Discussion
15.20-15.40	Tea break
15.40-17.30	Session 4 (Chair: Zena Kamash)
15.40-16.10	Landscape archaeology in the Czech Republic: short history & new trends – modeling distribution of archaeological settlement evidence – <i>Dagmar Dreslerová & Peter Demján</i>
16.10-16.40	Feeding from dense & sparsely populated surroundings – aspects of EIA communities in southern Germany – <i>Axel Posluschny</i>
16.40-17.10	Hydrological influence on floodplain settlement in Roman Britain & Germany – <i>Tyler Franconi</i>
17.10-17.30	Discussion

Thursday 24th September:

9.00-10.20	Session 5 (Chair: Sarah Semple)
9.00-9.30	Searching for the past in the present – <i>Harry Fokkens</i>
9.30-10.00	English landscapes from the perspective of Bronze Age barrows, 1500 BC – 1086 AD – <i>Anwen Cooper</i>
10.00-10.20	Discussion
10.20-10.40	Tea break
10.40-12.40	Session 6 (Chair: Richard Bradley)
10.40-11.10	Making communities; interpreting the late IA ladder settlements of East Yorkshire – <i>Melanie Giles</i>
11.10-11.40	Enclosing space: defining boundaries in England c. 1500 BC-AD 1086 – <i>Letty ten Harkel</i>
11.40-12.10	Polity & locality: unpicking the hundredal geography of Anglo-Saxon England – <i>Stuart Brookes</i>
12.10-12.40	Discussion
12.40-13.40	Lunch
13.40-15.00	Session 7 (Chair: Gary Lock)
13.40-14.10	Historical landscapes in the Colli Eugeni – <i>Alexandra Chavarría & Gian Pietro Brogiolo</i>
14.10-14.40	Not quite the same: settlement & community in early medieval Castile – <i>Julio Escalona</i>
14.40-15.00	Discussion
15.00-15.20	Tea break
15.20-16.40	Session 8 (Chair: Mark Pollard)
15.20-15.50	Patterns of demographic change & land use in sedentary societies – <i>Johanna Hilpert, Karl Peter Wendt & Andreas Zimmermann</i>
15.50-16.20	Diet & regionality: the case of the (southern) English Landscape 1500 BC-AD 1086 – <i>Dan Stansbie & Sarah Mallet</i>
16.20-16.40	Discussion
16.40-17.30	General discussion (Chair: Chris Gosden)

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