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POVERTY IN EARLY CIVILIZATIONS: A COMPARATIVE VIEW

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2017
International Conference, Cologne

ORGANIZATION

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REGISTRATION

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CONFERENCE

Cross-cultural research of early civilizations is traditionally focussed on elite culture and the central institutions of the societies compared. This conference explores on comparative grounds the social, cultural and economic disposition of people outside the elite. It contributes to questions of how poor people might surface in the available record, whether poverty is a corollary of social complexity and to what extent it challenges notions of civilization. The speakers cover a wide range of periods and societies, including ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, prehispanic Mexico, early and Buddhist India, late Bronze Age China, Greece and Rome in antiquity, and modern Africa.



Research Training Group 1878
Archaeology
of Pre-Modern
Economies

PROGRAM

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Non-public introduction: Institute of Archaeology

10.00 REGISTRATION

10.30 MEET AND GREET THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

12.30 LUNCH

OFFICIAL OPENING

Public lectures: Lecture room XVIII, main building of the University

13.30 REGISTRATION

14.00 INTRODUCTION

MODERN AFRICA AND ANCIENT CHINA

14.15 WHO AND WHAT IS POOR ANYWAY? POVERTY IN
PROCESSUAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE
Thomas Widlok | Cologne

15.00 POVERTY IN LATE BRONZE AGE CHINA – WHAT DO
WE KNOW ABOUT IT, AND WHAT ARE WE MISSING?
Lothar von Falkenhausen | Los Angeles

15.45 COFFEE BREAK

GREECE AND ROME

16.15 BETTLER, TAGELÖHNER UND GESINDE.
ARMUT IM ARCHAISCHEN GRIECHENLAND
Winfried Schmitz | Bonn

17.00 POVERTY AND SLAVERY IN THE ANCIENT ROMAN
SOCIETY: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IDENTITY AND
DIFFERENCE
Elisabeth Herrmann-Otto | Trier

18.00 DINNER

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MESOAMERICA

9.30 IDENTIFYING POVERTY AMONGST THE CLASSIC MAYA
Nikolai Grube | Bonn

10.15 INEQUALITY: A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE
PREHISPANIC VALLEY OF OAXACA, MEXICO
Gary M. Feinman & Linda M. Nicholas | Chicago

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

INDIA

11.30 POVERTY, WEALTH AND WELL-BEING
IN THE INDUS CIVILIZATION
Heather M.-L. Miller | Toronto

12.15 AN ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY AND HUMAN:
NON-HUMAN SUFFERING: SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL
OUTCOMES OF, AND RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL
RESPONSES TO SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND
CLIMATIC CHANGE IN ANCIENT INDIA
Julia Shaw | London

13.00 LUNCH

EGYPT

14.30 DISCOURSE AND REALITY: POVERTY IN ANCIENT EGYPT
RICHARD BUSSMANN | COLOGNE

15.15 WORKMEN HUTS IN THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS (TBC)
ANDREAS DORN | FRIBOURG

16.00 COFFEE BREAK

MESOPOTAMIA

16.30 POVERTY IN BABYLONIA: EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXTS
REINHARD PIRNGRUBER | VIENNA

17.15 THE MISSING POOR IN EARLY MESOPOTAMIAN STATES
SUSAN POLLOCK | BERLIN

18.00 CONCLUDING REMARKS