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Session

Structure and Function of Wealth in Prehistoric Eurasia



Session's organizers: Lolita Nikolova (USA and Bulgaria) and Marco Merlini (Italy and USA)

The goal of the session is to approach deconstructing of wealth in Prehistoric Eurasia as a problem of prehistoric archaeology and theoretical anthropology.

We will search for archaeological evidence about:

- Distinctiveness and evolution of wealth
- The role of wealth in the segmentation and stratification

of society

- Wealth and prehistoric social complexity
- Wealth and formation of regional cultural centers
- Wealth and its role in the changes in the cultures.
- Wealth and interregional close and distant cultural interactions

Case studies and theoretical approaches should help to address the problem of genesis and early multifunctional development of wealth in human society.

Please submit your individual and group proposals for presentations to:
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We encourage graduate and postgraduate students to participate in the session.

About the organizers: **Lolita Nikolova, PhD**, is a specialist in Balkan Prehistory. She is the founder and Research Director of the International Institute of Anthropology, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Website: <http://www.iianthropology.org>. Resume and a list of selected publications are available at: <http://www.iianthropology.org/lnikolova>

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