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Roads and Routes in Anatolia from prehistory to Seljuk times

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Interaction between individuals and human communities and societies has always entailed movement, an action that does not occur randomly in the landscape, but is instead focused on specific paths that allow faster and easier connections. Roads and routes are therefore essential in carrying vital materials and information from one location to another. Turkey offers amongst the richest remains of routes, roads and tracks worldwide. The aim of this conference is to discuss these, networks and their impact on society from different angles from the prehistory onwards.

Themes for contributions will include theoretical approaches to human geography and network structures as well as diachronic comparison of systems of roads and routes and GIS landscape analysis. Various methods for identifying roads and routes including textual analysis, the study of artefact distribution or targeted epigraphical and archaeological surveys, as well as excavations are equally welcomed. Papers focussing on the impact of roads, routes and network on society will allow the study of communication from a social angle. The conference is not intended as a forum for the publication of finds of individual stretches of ancient roads; the intention is to incorporate such finds into their wider geographical and social context.

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