



GAO Annual Conference: Call for Papers

Transition and Bridging the Divide: new approaches to archaeological investigation

Graduate Archaeology at Oxford invites submissions for papers and posters to be presented at the annual conference in Oxford from 14th – 15th March, 2015.

With a strong tradition of encouraging novel approaches and interdisciplinary methods, this conference builds upon previous years with the theme, 'Transition and Bridging the Divide'. Academic divides, the product of our educational tradition, often serve to confine and constrict the study of archaeology; it is time for us to bridge the divides that separate us. We encourage applications from researchers working on transitional periods, across modern political borders, with various types of evidence, and between academic departments.

The GAO conference is a friendly forum for postgraduates to present their work and engage with fellow researchers. Presentations and posters from all areas of Archaeology, Anthropology, and History are welcome. Presenters will have the option to submit their papers to the biennial GAO conference volume published by Archaeopress.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- Research spanning multiple time periods or focussing on those key transitional phases. What methodological difficulties are encountered? What advantages are there for this kind of research?
- Scientific and technological methodologies and their applications within historical or archaeological agendas. How can we work together?
- Combining evidence. What are the challenges and advantages of working with different types of data and theories?
- Regional and multi-regional studies. How do these compare to local projects? What are the methodological difficulties? How can these advance archaeological research?

Papers should be in English and no more than 20 minutes long. Poster and paper abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to gao@arch.ox.ac.uk. Abstracts should include: title, name, institution, and 4 keywords. The deadline for abstracts is 5th December, 2014.

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