



JIA 2015

VIII YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE
Between science and culture: from interdisciplinarity to the transversality of archaeology

JIA 2015, FIRST CALL

After the VII JIA, held Vitoria on May 2014, CHAM took on the organization of the next Young Researchers in Archaeology Conference at Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, convinced that the JIA are an important scientific meeting proposal not only planned by young researchers but also directed for them. Therefore we will try to try to fulfill with confidence all expectations that have been deposited up on us. We wait for everyone in Lisbon on 21-24 October 2015.

Considering the theme proposed for this event: “Between Science and Culture: from interdisciplinarity to the transversality of Archaeology” we aim to discuss the path that Archaeology should take nowadays. Our goal is also to reflect on the advantages and changes from the inter to the transversality of the discipline in a space that encourages the participation of all that, at a same point of his career research and professional practice, had encountered Archaeology.

We will try not only to discuss the interaction between archaeology and other sciences, especially the social ones, but also its interaction with the current societies. Although our study subject is directed towards the past, is fundamental to reflect on how archaeological practices take into account the particularities of the socio-cultural environment in where they are developed.

On one hand we intend to discuss about the best way to convey the works that are being developed and the impact of our activities, and, on the other hand to understand how different areas are working with Archeology. Thus we propose to discuss the role of the Archeology as a science among sciences, what it is its impact and how itis seen from other areas. The goal is to learn from these different experiences, bringing forth other fields of knowledge that lately work on Archeology. Therefore we aim to promote greater knowledge of the impact of the discipline in other areas and as our object of study works from other perspectives. We also think that this dialogue with other professionals may provide new methodologies and provide results that often fall outside the specific archaeological knowledge.

For this meeting we propose a model that facilitates an approach to Archeology from a transversal perspective, defined by a space that invites students from other areas to discuss archaeological issues. Thus, we have chosen fields of knowledge that work within the universe of sense perceptions through the Art. Considering the exposed above it will be particularly welcome proposals that reflect on the following issues:

a) The relation of archeology with the other sciences, especially social sciences, which so far have been less considered in the archaeological works.

b) How to build archaeological knowledge? How to overcome the previous models and create new methodologies? How to articulate the scientific activity to society, whether through heritage, education or in any other way?

c) Archaeology and heritage – The association between Archeology and the heritage has overcome the purely academic scope of the discipline and value the archaeological remains as a collective aim. This is the idea behind the rescue Archeology, which tries to relate the archaeological work with the community requests where the work is being developed. However, what is the real impact on the community? Do the archaeological works respond to the expectations of these persons? Are we aware of these interests? Will it be profitable to associate Archeology with other interests? What is the better way to do it avoiding manipulations?

d) Archaeology and education – Assuming that there is no Archeology if the discipline is only directed to the scientific community; we have to discuss the archaeologist's role as trainer. The scarce appreciations of the social sciences and particularly of Archeology results on the difficulty of the population to recognize its importance. This is due mainly to the lack of knowledge about its activities and the obtained results of its investigation. So, we plan to launch the debate about the archaeologist responsibility on the dissemination of the archaeological work among the population. Education to whom, for what purpose, and how to do it?

e) Art as a mirror of the archaeology – Where archeology can better observe itself and understand how others see it and how it can be passed to others. For example we can refer the work carried out within the mass graves during the Franco policies and how documentaries about these excavations have allowed us to reflect on our activities and in which way it affects the community at an emotional level.

Call for sessions

With this 1st call are established the conditions to accept the proposals for JIA 2015 and opened the deadline for receiving proposals, which will end on **31 March 2015**. From this date on CHAM and the JIA Scientific Committee will select the accepted sessions. The results will be published from **April 2015**. Since this date the deadline to be accepted proposals for communications, posters, images and illustrations and multimedia integrated in the round tables will be open and the sessions already defined. **The only condition for participation in JIA is not have finished the PhD thesis until the date of the event.** The second circular will be published on September.

Through the experience gained in previous JIA's we propose a journey that brings together the scientific-researcher aspect in a debate format, based on sharing ideas on common themes from different points of view.

Therefore the call for sessions (**traditional** and **roundtables**) is as follows:

Traditional sessions: will consist of sessions that will approach specific issues of material culture or archaeological contexts, in particular the ones that propose an innovative model and include the results of collaboration with other scientific areas. We will select the most original proposals, leaving the session coordinators select the lectures that will join the session. This will last for 2h15m and so we recommend that the number of speakers shouldn't be more than 5 or 7 in order to stimulate the discussion. The presentations should occur with no interruptions and the debate should be held last in order to have a better time control.

The formalization of the several proposals should be sent to secretariajia2015@gmail.com with the reference **“traditional session” + NAME of the person responsible for it**, together with the following documents:

- Detailed description (maximum 1000 words) arguing the motivations and session objectives. Once selected the proposal, this text will be used as a description and call for communications, so we suggest a clear and expressive content.
- Personal details and institutional affiliation of the person or people who are in charge of coordinating the session: name, surname, email, postal address and telephone number.
- A relation of all the researchers that have chosen to participate in the session. All should have been consulted before its participation in the session.

Round tables: The roundtable model will follow the criteria set in the last congress since the results were very positive. In these sessions broader issues for the collective debate should be proposed, establishing a scheme with the main points to be discussed. The proposal sent to the organizing committee must include the title of the table, the issues to be discussed and the theoretical current that fits, as well as a guide to the key issues that are intended to be highlighted. Once approved, the coordinators should launch a call to the table and, according to the proposals received, the initial script should be reformulate including a summary of the selected contributions. This guide should not exceed 2000 words and will be posted on the conference website 15 days before the closing, so that everyone can previously reflect on these issues and actively participate in the debate.

During the event the table should be organized according with the following procedure: a brief intervention (approximately 20 minutes) of the coordinators or authors that present the table and a summary of the proposals, followed by the discussion of the points highlighted by the table assistants and the public. To conclude, the last 10 minutes should be reserved for systematize the main ideas discussed.

The formalization of the proposals should be sent to secretariajia2015@gmail.com with the reference **“round table” + NAME of the person responsible for it**, together with the following documents:

- Title that summarizes the debate subject and a detailed description (maximum 1000 words) of the theme with the issues to be approached from a theoretical or methodological point of view; accompanied by a question script with the questions (maximum 5) that are expected to be discussed at the table.
- Personal details and institutional affiliation of the person or people who are in charge of coordinating the session: name, surname, email, address and telephone number.
- A relation of all the researchers that have chosen to participate in the session. All should have been consulted before its participation in the session.

Last requests and commands

Facing toward the elaboration of the proposals we point out some suggestions to facilitate the task of the organization:

First of all, once the deadline of proposals' reception is open, if there are several about the same subject, the organization will put the coordinators in touch, trying to unify the proposals into one common session, improving in dynamism and interest. Secondly, the duration of the communications will change in relation of their number; this information will be provided in the next circular. The coordinators may take part with a communication during the session they coordinate, with the same duration as the rest of participants.

With this first circular the path to the next JIA 2015 starts, where everybody is welcome. For any consultations do not hesitate to contact us at secretariajia2014@gmail.com or take a look at the website: www.cham.fcsch.unl.pt/jia.

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