

International Workshop
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THREAT FROM THE EAST?

THE EURASIAN STEPPE REGION
AS A RESERVOIR OF CONFLICT
AND MOTOR OF INNOVATION

VENUE

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Monday, 11 March

9:00 Registration and Welcome

9:30 Tobias Mörtz, Hamburg

Mobility, innovation, and conflict. Prolegomena based on archaeological case studies

10:00 Elke Kaiser, Berlin

Interactions between steppe pastoralists and farmers in the Balkan region during the Copper Age: Invasions, migrations, peaceful contacts?

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Marzena Szmyt, Poznań

Borderlands as places of encounter or conflict? The case of the forest-steppe between the Dnieper and the Carpathians, 3000–2500 BC

12:00 Piotr Włodarczak, Kraków

The western migrations of Yamna people and their consequences

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 Kirsten Hellström, Jena/Berlin

North Caucasus as an innovation centre of early wagons in Europe in the 3rd millennium BC

14:30 Stephan Lindner, Berlin

Invasion of chariot-driving pastoralists from the Central Eurasian steppes into neighbouring regions during the second millennium BC? Or rather an exchange of ideas between opposed societies with common interests

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Fabian Fricke, Berlin

Mixing East and West – Metallurgy and genetics of the Seima-Turbino transcultural phenomenon (with coauthors Ainash Childebayeva, Adam Benjamin Rohrlach, Lei Huang, Stephan Schiffels, Outi Vesakoski, Lena Semerau, Franziska Aron, Vyacheslav Moiseyev, Valery Khartanovich, Igor Kovtun, Johannes Krause, Sergey Kuzminykh, Wolfgang Haak)

16:30 Felix Wiedemann, Berlin

Dawn and downfall. On the ambivalence of the “East” in geo-historical narratives

17:00 Discussion

18:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 12 March

9:00 Jens Schneeweiß, Schleswig/Kiel

East-West vs. North-South - Interaction and contact between forest and steppe in Eastern Europe around the middle of the 1st millennium AD

9:30 Ursula Brosseder, Mainz

Xiongnu, Huns and the persistent narrative of the „threat from the east“

10:00 Valentina Mordvintseva, Leipzig

Various group identities in the North Pontic region from the 3rd c. BC to the mid-3rd c. AD (based on the elite burial assemblages)

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Denis Topal, National Museum of History of the Republic Moldova, Chişinău

Military culture of the Danube-Carpathian region from the 7th to 4th centuries BC: Spatial, chronological, and cultural patterns of nomadic origin

12:00 Clío Felicitas Stahl, Wiesbaden

Horses, helmets, hornbows: Nomadic warfare as a catalyst of innovation

12:30 Discussion

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00 Sabine Huy, Kiel

Greek migration movements to the Don: Failed to Colonise – Succeeded to Network

14:30 Jochen Fornasier, Halle

Greek migration movements to the North Pontic area: Strategies of interaction using the case of Olbia Pontica

15:00 Discussion

16:00 Farewell

Guests are welcome!

Those who would like to attend online, please, request a Webex link by sending an email to ekaiser@zedat.fu-berlin.de until March 6th.