



Call for Papers

Rest in Peace? Burial Grounds as spaces for non-funerary activities

In different times and places, burial grounds have been used for activities other than the disposal of the dead. This can include commemorative and apotropaic practices, but also settlement activities, the use of cemeteries as market places or even as spaces for games and recreation. In prehistory, such phenomena are only rarely discussed explicitly in a diachronic context, even though there is plentiful evidence for them.

We want to ask:

- In how far can such practices even be reconstructed archaeologically and how should we interpret them?
- How frequent is this phenomenon, and is it particularly focused on certain times and places?
- Are there correlations between wider social developments and the appearance of such practices?

This workshop, which will take place in Hamburg on the 10th and 11th of November 2017, aims to address these questions by providing specific examples and case studies which together offer a diachronic overview from an interdisciplinary perspective.

We are currently looking for contributions from different periods and regions as well as from scholars within and outside archaeology. If you would like to participate, please send an abstract of about 300 words to robert.schumann@uni-hamburg.de or daniela.hofmann@uni-hamburg.de by the 31 June 2017.