



Baikal Archaeology Project Workshop
*Individual life histories in long-term culture change: Holocene hunter-gatherers in
Northern Eurasia*
Oxford, UK, June 17–19, 2023

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Host:

Dr. Rick Schulting, University of Oxford

Workshop Location:

Lecture Room 1SPR
School of Archaeology, University of Oxford
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<https://baikalproject.artsrn.ualberta.ca/event/workshop-oxford-uk/>

Workshop Agenda

Friday, June 16: Arrival

Day 1, Saturday, June 17

Advisory Board: Bettinger

Research Team/Staff: Czermak, Jaouen, Jessup, Ramsey, Schulting, Tarasov, Temple, Weber, Zagorska, Zarina

Invited Guests: Collins, Gordon, Kalniņa, Macãne, Mannermaa, Meadows, Pouncett, Snoeck

Graduate Students: Batraga, Eckelmann, Griffith, Kobe, Krikunova, Le Bras, Macleod, Rinker, Werens

9:00 Welcome by A. Weber

9:15 Business Meeting 1: General matters

BAP research team, Advisory Board, and graduate students only

- Thanks to: Dr. Rick Schulting, Dr. Andrea Czermak
- Nominations and volunteers for Research Session chairs
- A. Weber: Executive summary
- A. Hiob: Financial summary (presented by A. Weber)
- E. Jessup: Research collections, samples, and laboratory analyses
- R. Schulting: An update on research activities in Karelia at Latvia
- Other business: Future workshops, graduate students etc.

10:30 Coffee Break

Day 1, Saturday, June 17, continued

11:00 Research Session 1: Baikal Bioarchaeology and Genetics, Chair TBA

11:00 R. Macleod: Separated by time but not space: Palaeogenetic results of the EN and EBA communities represented at Shamanka II

11:20 G. Le Bras: Tracking freshwater resource consumption using Zn isotope ratios: a case study based on prehistoric human and animal samples from the Little Sea Microregion in Cis-Baikal, Eastern Siberia

11:40 A. Czermak: Growing up in Trans-Baikal: Early life histories of hunter-gatherers in the Selenga Delta (Fofanovo cemetery)

12:00 *Lunch on site*

13:00 Research Session 1, cont.: Baikal Bioarchaeology and Genetics, Chair TBA

13:00 K. Werens: Water, water everywhere, so it's time to drop the bass-line: oxygen isotope analysis in support of multi-isotope mobility studies in the Baikal region

13:20 J. Pouncett, K. Werens: Can't see the wood for the trees: baseline generation and prediction of bioavailable strontium using machine learning

13:40 Discussion

14:00 Research Session 2: Karelia, Chair TBA

14:00 R. Eckelmann, L. Arppe & K. Mannermaa: Ongoing investigations into strontium isotope values at Yuzhniy Oleniy Ostrov

14:20 K. Mannermaa: An overview to the project Animals Make Identities (AMI) - where are we now?

14:40 Discussion

15:00 *Coffee Break*

15:30 Discussion: A. Weber: Discontinuity in the development of Neolithic mortuary traditions in Cis-Baikal, Siberia: History, concepts, current state and thoughts

~16:30 END OF DAY 1

17:30 and onwards, BAP Group Dinner: [Victoria Arms](#). This is a 30-minute walk from our Workshops venue, or short taxi ride! [Walking Map](#) from School of Archaeology to Victoria Arms. This stunning riverside pub and restaurant is located on the banks of the River Cherwell.

Day 2, Sunday, June 18

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9:00 Research Session 3: Baikal archaeology and environment, Chair TBA

9:00 V.I. Bazaliiskii, S.A. Peskov: Excavations on the Upper Lena in summer 2022 (Presented by A. Weber)

9:20 C. Bronk Ramsey: New approaches to structured data organisation for projects with a strong chronological component: Ideas for implementation in BAP

9:40 E. Jessup et al.: Kitoi mortuary practices at Shamanka II: A summary

10:00 O.I. Goriunova, A.G. Novikov: Excavations at Tuakhane IX in summer 2022 (Presented by A. Weber)

10:20 Coffee Break

10:40 P. Tarasov et al.: Palaeoenvironmental research in the Baikal region: Current advances and perspectives

11:00 A. Weber: Baikal Middle Holocene hunter-gatherer isotopic and dietary variation: The big picture in light of new data

11:20 C. Bronk Ramsey, N. Loader, D. Miles, E. Ineshin, R. Moritz, V. Oskolkov, A. Weber: Radiocarbon analysis on Muya River dendrochronology samples (Vitim River basin, northern Trans-Baikal)

11:40 Discussion

12:00 Lunch on site

13:00 Research Session 4: Latvia, Chair TBA

13:00 C. Snoeck: Living by the lake: First Sr isotope results from Zvejnieki

13:20 D. Temple: Inequality emerging: Habitual activity and pendant usage at Zvejnieki, Latvia

13:40 G. Zariņa, L. Kalniņa: Stone age environment and population subsistence strategies in the lake Lubāns wetland, Latvia

14:00 A. Batraga, A. Czermak, R. Schulting, G. Zariņa: Weaning patterns of Stone Age inhabitants of Aora and Kreiči

14:20 R. Schulting, C. Hyland, L. Koster, A. Czermak, G. Zarina, I. Zagorska: Update on ongoing research at Zvejnieki

14:40 Coffee Break

15:10 Discussion

15:30 Business Meeting 2: Summary and Planning

~16:30 END OF DAY 2

17:00: Everyone is free to have dinner where they wish, but several large tables are booked at [The White Rabbit](#), just across the road from School of Archaeology, where you can join us for delicious craft beer!!! And yummy pizza!!!

Day 3, Monday, June 19

Excursion Day!

Avebury Stone Circle and surrounding area with Pub Lunch at the Red Lion

We will be going on an excursion to Marlborough Parish,
home of the [Avebury Stone Circle](#) and [Silbury Hill](#)

Note: Folks should bring some sturdy shoes/trainers, as we are walking through fields
and it can be muddy, even in June

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9:30 Bus departs from St. Giles car park, Oxford, for Avebury Stone Circle

10:30 Arrive at Silbury Hill enroute to Avebury Stone Circle

Workshop participants can explore both sites (the bus will stop at both sites or it is a ~20 minute walk), as well as the [Alexander Keiller Museum](#) and [Avebury Manor & Gardens](#).

13:15 Pub lunch at the [Red Lion pub](#) in Avebury, located in the middle of the stone circle. Reservations for three tables of eight people at 13:15, 13:30 and 13:45

Post-lunch stroll or nap

17:00 Bus departs Avebury National Trust car park for Oxford

18:00 Arrive in Oxford.

18:00 No group dinner, everyone is free to do as they wish

Tuesday, June 21: Departure. Safe travels home!

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