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**47th International Colloquium
of the French Association for the Study of the Iron Age
Lausanne (Suisse), 18-20 May 2023**

**WAR AND ITS PROCESSION
Studying conflicts
and their impacts on Iron Age cultures**

Date and place:

18-20 May 2023, Palais de Rumine, in the heart of the City of Lausanne

Topic of the colloquium:

The perception of war and of the importance of military activities in protohistoric cultures has greatly changed, following socio-cultural paradigms and researchers' centres of interest.

The place of military activity in Iron Age civilisations was first overestimated, to the point of considering 'Celtic' nations as mainly being warrior nations, but later it was minimised with a form of archaeology that focused on issues that were inspired by New History and cultural anthropology. Today, the many discoveries that are related to preventive operations, the improvements in chronotypological tools and the rising number of explorations in wider geographical areas make it possible to re-evaluate conceptions and the influence of war events on western societies and protohistoric cultures.

These issues will be tackled by seeking to link the contributions of archaeological information, sources (for the Second Iron Age), iconography and numismatics and also less traditional approaches, such as traceology, practical experiments and ethnographic comparisons.



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SESSION 1. UNDERSTANDING EVENTS: ARCHAEOLOGY, CONFLICTS AND POPULATION MOVEMENTS

- **Battles, wars, violence and migratory phenomena**

Anthropological study of the topic of war and conflict situations and how archaeologists can identify them.

Presentation of the results of recent research into military events: focus on battle sites in the First and Second Iron Ages without historical attestation.

Research into cultural disruptions and markers that show evidence of population displacements and work about conflicts that are known through literary sources.

- **What happened to sites and historical analysis**

Study of the contexts of the creation, modification and abandonment of sites or groups of sites from the First and Second Iron Ages: potential and methodological risks.

How and why Hallstatt fortified settlements, and more broadly protohistoric settlements, were founded and how and why they disappeared.

The development of oppida and other types of La Tène urban areas (2nd to 1st centuries) put into historical perspective.

- **Turmoil, ritual deposits and human sacrifices**

Evaluation of the potential of ritualised weapon deposits to show proof of Iron Age battles: contributions of typochronology, traceology, archaeometry and ethnoarchaeology. Contextualisation of deposits buried in places of worship and locations of remarkable ritual practices.

Study of isolated weapon deposits, the presence of military equipment in watercourses and the chronological and historical contexts of the attestations of human sacrifices and crouched burials.

Evaluation of links between the phenomena observed and conflict situations.





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SESSION 2. WAR, CULTURE, SOCIETIES AND THE ECONOMY

- **Martial practices**

Contributions focused on weapons, their potential and how they were used. Interpretations based on the archaeological data, literary sources and iconography (Hallstatt, La Tène and Mediterranean), archaeometric and traceological analysis and ethnographic comparisons, as well as the results of practical experiments.

- **Weapons as social and identity markers**

Research into assemblies of tombs with weapons, leading to taxonomic and sociological analysis.

Study of the potential of the presence of weapons in rural settlements and urban areas in determining the social status of their owners.

Representation of armed warriors, an iconography at the service of power.

Contributions from studies about weapon production techniques (metallography and experimentation).

- **Territorial surveillance and defence systems**

Presentation of studies about networks of fortified settlements in the First and Second Iron Ages.

Study of the roles of fortifications and their architecture, topographic choices, ranking of sites, distances and inter-visibility between them.

Attempts at modelling territorial defence systems and evaluating their importance in structuring territories.

- **Conflicts, war economies, monetarisation and monetary facies**

Methodological studies about the links between historic & military events and the monetarisation of the Celtic area.

Research into the war economy, the mobilisation of resources for waging war and military operations.

Research into the historic contexts of monetary hoards from the Second Iron Age. Research into the contributions of numismatic data to bring to light conflicts and population displacements.





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