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## Scales of Social, Environmental & Cultural Change in Past Societies

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### Session 7

#### Sliding scales – Integrating scales in 1st millennium BCE research

As most disciplines, archaeology cannot withdraw itself from trends, currents of thought and controversy. Most recently the debate on the Western approach to the world in archaeology (and beyond) has been challenged by “The Dawn of Everything”, fueling criticism on Graeber and Wengrow’s work and showing once again the incommensurability of archaeological research. This dynamic is not new – one might call it dialectics – but the ever more rapid transformation of technology and the increasing specialization of researchers has diversified the scales of archaeological discourse.

While every archaeologist works within certain scales while dealing with her/his field of expertise, the integration of different scales is a trending challenge. The digitalization and availability of vast amounts of data is a tempting steppingstone for large-scale comparative analysis. However, the hypotheses behind are often missing solid theoretical considerations, leading to unsatisfying results. This is especially true when considering that archaeology is becoming more and more an interdisciplinary field, involving multiple terminologies, research histories and pre-theoretical commitments.

A good example for this particular intersection is the research of the 1st millennium BCE: investigated by various disciplines, this highly dynamic period is the framework for transformations on many scales. From local innovations to global connectivities, from material to oral and written traditions, from environmental change to its perception, from grand narratives to great (mis)understandings.

Navigating between Central Europe and the Mediterranean, Prehistory and the Classical World, the integration of the multiple scales of the 1st millennium BCE is made by people. We encourage paper and poster submissions dealing with your very own scale integration struggles and strategies, in order to launch a think tank, initiate a comprehensive dialogue and create a possibility for sharing and discussing ideas and perspectives on how to master this current challenge in archaeology.

The presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes plus 5 minutes of discussion. Poster presentations are also possible. Abstracts are limited to 2,500 characters (incl. spaces) and may include up to 5 references.

**Abstracts can only be submitted via the conference website:**

[www.kielconference.uni-kiel.de](http://www.kielconference.uni-kiel.de) from 15.08.2022 to 15.10.2022. The review-period is until 15.11.2022. Registration for the conference will be possible from November onwards.

**We are looking forward to your contributions!**

**On behalf of the speakers of ROOTS and the CRC1266**

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