

BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIUM

Semester topic "Environment, Technology, Sociality in the Times of Transitions and Transformations"

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Manifestation of economy changes in the Middle Bronze Age Moravia

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The Middle Bronze Age (local 1600 - 1300 BC) is a transition period between the Early Bronze Age with its Neolithic tradition and the Urnfield period with the homogeneous-looking society. The objective of this paper is to present particular changes in the context. It will discuss the period based on the new radiocarbon data, the change of material of artefacts, the structural change in the Middle Bronze Age settlement - which is in Moravia represented by dispersed lowland sites, recurring structures of timber-framed and post hole houses - and the transformation of settlement features. The occurrence of hilltop settlements is still assumed only at the beginning and at the end of the Middle Bronze Age. We can see changes in crop husbandry and sufficient livestock breeding. From this point of view is the short time of the Middle Bronze Age a period of significant transition that is conditioned by economic prosperity. The question remains whether the increasing number of archaeological traces is related to real population growth or a change of the nature of the living culture.

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