

## BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIUM

Semester topic "Human and natural resources in prehistory:  
qualitative and quantitative analyses"

Monday, December 3<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 p.m.

ResourceCultures – Driving forces behind economies and societies.  
Perspectives from Chalcolithic and Bronze Age Southern Spain

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The basic concept of ResourceCultures is the understanding of resources as a result of cultural valuation and not just something provided by nature; they can be both material and immaterial. Resources are essential for the stimulation of socio-cultural dynamics and can be traced in the evolution of polities and economies, in processes of acquisition and development of space, or in the creation of identities and fostering of symbolic orders.

The archaeology of southern Iberia is a good testing area for the related theoretical approaches, since the specific natural conditions in the region characterised above all by strong climatic contrasts between landscapes, varying access to water, specific adaptations of land-use to droughts and a wealth in minerals allow us to analyse elements like these as factors in social and economic dynamics in different regions. By exploring both lowland areas with good agricultural conditions and mountain regions with the specific south Iberian forest type of the 'Dehesas' we intend to identify the key resources that were involved in those developments mainly during the 4th until the 2nd millennia BC, i.e. the Chalcolithic and Bronze Age.

Photo: Dehesa landscape near Sevilla

**Venue: Leibnizstraße 1, Seminar Room 204**