

ETHICS & POLITICS IN ARCHAEOLOGY

(27 & 28 November 2010)

Brief outline

In a real Cambridge tradition this workshop will not be a ‘sit back and listen’ meeting but an intense 1,5 day of dialogue and discussion. All participants are expected to prepare reflections on both the ethical and political issues and implications of their individual project and the overall Forging Identities beforehand. We have divided up the tasks, so we will all be involved some way or another.

For the specific presentations about own work (Dalia, Sam, Nicole); we would like to ask you to think about certain problems you have encountered and strategies taken. Try to challenge existing dogmas on ethical standards. There are a lot of rules dealing with the ‘proper’ way of handling human remains, but do these rules make sense? Why should we be respectful towards archaeological human material? What is the problem of displaying some skeletal remains in comparison to an exhibition like “bodies revealed”?

For those not working on human remains, think about some ethical issues regarding your project / material. Why am I not allowed to drill holes in Bronze Age swords for the purpose of research for instance? Tim will present us with some more issues dealing with the “rights” of things. Hopefully we will have a fruitful discussion!

Saturday morning session – Ethics

Chair (Maikel Kuijpers)

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| 09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome (Marie Louise Stig Sørensen) |
| 09:10 – 10:40 | Ethical issues of working with human material (Jo Appleby) |
| 10:40 – 11:45 | Specific presentations by those working on human remains |
| 10:40-10:55 | Sam Reiter |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Nicole Taylor |
| 11:15 - 11:30 | Dalia Pokutta |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | The ‘rights’ of things (Tim Flohr Sørensen) |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | General discussion
(All to prepare thoughts on the relevance of ethics to their work) |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | Rapporting (Vanessa Guyot, Christina Karlsson, Sascha Mael) |

(Coffee served throughout)

Saturday afternoon session – Politics

Chair (Tim Flohr Sørensen)

14:30 – 15:50	Politics as an aspect of the discipline (Dacia Viejo-Rose & Marie Louise Stig Sørensen)
15:50 – 16:15	The politics of “Forging Identities” and other European projects (Maikel Kuijpers & Catalin Popa)
16:15 – 16:30	Three group break-out sessions (‘the political issues in my research’)
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion
17:30 – 17:45	Rapporteurung (Ole Alaksen, Heide Wröbel, Constanze Rassmann)

Sunday morning - Assessment

(28 November)

Chair (Marie Louise Stig Sørensen)

General discussion and assessment – what have we learned, highlights, key points

Opportunity for rapporteurung groups to give and get feedback.

Participants:

Dr. Marie Louise Stig Sørensen

Dr. Jo Appleby

Dr. Tim Flohr Sørensen

Dr. Dacia Viejo-Rose

Constanze Rassmann

Heide Wröbel

Vanessa Guyot

Sascha Mauel

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