

Worlds in Transition: Migration, Innovation and Environmental Change in the Caucasus from the Neolithic to the Iron Age

International Research Network

Work Package #2: The integration of the mountains into the Caucasian agro-pastoral systems between the Neolithic and the Bronze Age.

All time slots are indicated following the Paris time zone

Theme #1 - The beginnings of vertical pastoralism in the Caucasus

Theme #2 - The formation and development of mountain communities

Monday November 9th

Session 1: 9 AM – 12:30 (together with breaks and discussions)

Catherine Marro, Giulio Palumbi, Rémi Berthon: *Introduction*

Catherine Marro: *An introduction to the archaeological settlements of Ovçular Tepesi, Kültepe I, Uçan Agil and Duzdagi (Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan)*

Estelle Herrscher: *Human diet in highland settlements*

Rémi Berthon, Marjan Mashkour, Adeline Vautrin, Marie Balasse: *Isotopic evidence for the appearance of vertical herd mobility in the Southern Caucasus*

Erwan Messenger, Andréa Julien, David Etienne: *A first view of high-altitude pastoralism during the Holocene in the Samsari-Javakheti region. Fungal spore analysis of White Lake record (Tetri Tba, Samsari Ridge)*

Session 2: 2PM – 5:45 PM (together with break and discussions)

Christine Chataigner: *Presentation of the settlements of Bavra (Georgia) and Getahovit (Armenia)*

Giulio Palumbi: *Presentation of the settlement of Godedzor (Armenia)*

Jwana Chahoud, Adrian Balasescu: *Early pastoral activities in the Armenian and Georgian highlands*

Pavol Hnila: *Prehistoric pastoralism at the high mountain site of Karmir Sar, Armenia*

Hannah Chazin: *Vertical mobility in the Late Bronze Age Tsaghkahovit Plain: A simple question with complicated answers*

Catherine Longford, Alexia Decaix, Lucie Martin: *Agriculture and plant economy at three high altitude sites in Georgia: the example of the Djavakheti plateau*

Tuesday November 10th

9 – 9:30 AM: Networking session (2 online rooms will be available for open discussions)

Session 3: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM (together with breaks and discussions)

Giorgi Bedianishvili, Andrew Jamieson and Claudia Sagona: *Archaeology at the Frontiers: An Overview of the Settlement, Stratigraphy and Architecture at Rabat and its Regional Setting*

Alessandra Gilibert: *The date and meaning of the vishaps at Karmir Sar, Armenia*

Ani Danielyan: *Ancient mountain communities in the Lesser Caucasus: contribution of rock art studies from Syunik highlands in southeastern Armenia*

Sabine Reinhold: *Vertical pastoralism in the North Caucasus? On the dynamics of lowlands and uplands in the economic systems of Bronze Age populations at the northern flank of the Caucasus mountains*

Session 4:

2 – 4 PM: Networking session (2 online rooms will be available for open discussions)

Theme #3

Mobility and the exploitation of natural resources

Wednesday November 11th

Session 5: 9 AM – 1 PM (together with breaks and discussions)

M. Orange, F.-X. Le Bourdonnec: *Obsidian consumption at the salt mine of Duzdağı (Babek district, Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan)*

C. Marro, M. Orange: *Duzdağı during the Kura-Araxes period: a pastoralist hub? A preliminary cross-analysis of ceramic and obsidian data.*

R. Berthon, Ch. Claude, G. Gadebois, S. Bouzid, J. Giblin: *Mapping herd mobilities and evaluating their role in exchange networks, a preliminary view from Ovçular Tepesi.*

N. Gailhard: *The Chalcolithic and Kura-Araxes Metallurgy of Ovçular Tepesi and Kültepel: Continuity or Change ?*

V. Bakhshaliyev: *The role of the pastoral lifestyle in the formation of the Early Chalcolithic Age culture of Nakhchivan (Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan)*

Session 6: 2 PM – 5 PM (together with breaks and discussions)

Th. Stöllner, I. Gambaschidze, R. Berthon, G. Gogotchuri, F. Klein, A. Vautrin : *Pastoral activities and the search for mineral resources: Insights and new approaches from Late Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age Transcaucasus*

O. Barge: *Hunting with desert kites on the foothills of Mount Aragats.*

J. Thomalsky: *Of men and houses: vertical stratification in NW-Iran in the 6-5th millennium*

S. Sarialtun: *Land-use and the exploitation of natural resources by semi-nomadic groups in contemporary South-Eastern Anatolia*