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EUROPEAN PROJECTS IN AMERICA: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Theme: The archaeology of material culture, bodies and landscapes
Organisers: Moragas, Natalia (University of Barcelona) - Pecci, Alessandra (University of Barcelona) - Barba, Luis (UNAM)
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For a long time, different European institutions have carried out research projects in America and in Latin America in particular. The session expects — although it is not limited to — contributions that show the results and perspectives of these projects. In particular, we welcome papers addressing the theme of the social interpretation of material culture in Latin America and North America, including the interpretation of people’s tangible and intangible worlds in the past, the social and spatial aspects of archaeological sites and archaeological landscapes, themes related to subsistence and economy, politics, social behavior and ideology.

Investigations can be related with archaeological and ethnoarchaeological projects, as well as the study of Museum collections.
Papers involving the European and American teams are especially welcome.

**ABSTRACTS**

**03 LA PUNTILLA PROJECT: SOCIAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN NASCA (ICA, PERÚ)**

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La Puntilla Project aims to produce sociological research about communities dating 1400 cal BCE to 400 cal CE in the coastal desert regions of the Central Andes. The focus is the Rio Grande of the Nasca Basin, where cultural historicism has placed the "Paracas Culture" and the "Nasca Culture", benchmarks of periodization of the entire Andean region. Our team has been carrying out fieldwork since 2005 in two sites at El Trigal (La Puntilla, Orcona, Nasca). Excavations have provided evidence about singular buildings for centralised work, communal fortifications, domestic units and burials. These contexts make possible the analysis of production of social life, and if there was a dominant class controlling production or patriarchal relations.

The main purpose of the project is to obtain and analyse archaeological information about social spaces, particularly about architectural units, urban organisation, household characteristics and extradomestic economic or political-ideological places. Research
tries to review and update relevant archaeological contexts of social spaces, and define categories in settlements of the region. It is an indispensable starting point to advance the knowledge of social practices, real conditions of production and technological foundations, dynamics of emergence or crisis of the first state in the zone, and in involved networks for women and men at each temporal horizon.

Another objective is the social use of archaeological sites in La Puntilla, and we are linked with people of the Orcona community. Self-organization and mutual support in management is the basis for designing an itinerary for visitors of the region.

The project is financed by Spanish institutions: IPCE (Exterior Archaeological Projects), MINECO (HAR2009-12625, HAR2013-44276-P) and Fundación PALARQ. Our team is composed of professors, researchers and students from Catalonia, Andalusia, Chile and, evidently, Peru.
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