



CALL FOR PAPERS

for the International Conference

## **DYNAMICS AND ORGANISATION OF TEXTILE PRODUCTION IN PAST SOCIETIES IN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN**

**Polish Academy of Sciences, Łódź, Poland, 21-22 June, 2017**

### **Organisers**

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Textile production with its complex technology and high socio-cultural significance has been a key craft in past societies in Europe and the Mediterranean. However, despite its complexities and social and economic importance textile manufacture has been often considered a household-scale production performed and maintained predominantly by women.

The present conference aims to examine the dynamics and organisation of textile production, through investigating the combined evidence of archaeological textiles, textile tools and equipment, archaeological remains of textile workshops and dye-works, and written and iconographic sources. The conference will focus on Europe and the Mediterranean from the late Neolithic to Iron Age and early historical periods.

We particularly welcome papers discussing various aspects of the dynamics and organisation of textile production, such as:

- modes of production: individual, household manufacture and organised industry;
- scale of textile production and consumption of fabrics;
- degree of the elite's participation in textile production and the level of their control of textile technology (resources, techniques and skills, workers) and distribution of textiles;
- advancements of textile techniques, transfer of skills and knowledge, systems of the apprenticeship;
- gendered division of labour in textile craft;
- experimental approaches to investigating organisation of production and its specialisation.

We invite submission of paper titles and abstracts (ca. 250 words) by **January 15, 2017**, at:  
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The presentations must not exceed 20 minutes.

The provisional programme of the Conference will be announced by **February 15, 2017** and followed by the First Circular.

**Conference fee:**

The conference fee is **60 Euro** for scholars and researchers, and **35 Euro** for students and PhD students. Please note that the organisers do not cover travel and accommodation expenses.

**Payment details:**

Please pay at the bank account of the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Aleja Solidarności 105, 00-140 Warsaw, **by May, 15, 2017**.

The account for payments will open on **March 1, 2017**.

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Please write your name and “Dynamics and Organization of Textile Production” on the payment form.

**If you have any questions regarding participation in the session,  
please do not hesitate to contact us!**

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