

TIMING CULTURAL CHANGES IN THE SOUTHERN CAUCASUS:
WHERE DO WE STAND WITH ABSOLUTE CHRONOLOGY FROM THE
LATE CHALCOLITHIC TO THE IRON AGE?



THURSDAY JANUARY 20TH, 2022

CHAIR Elisabetta BOARETTO

(Scientific Archaeology Unit, Weizmann Institute of Science)

9:30 - 09:50 Maria DEL VALLE OJEDA CALVO (Prorettrice alla Ricerca Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Giovanni VIAN (Direttore del Dipartimento Studi Umanistici Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Welcome greetings

09:50 - 10:05 Elena ROVA - *The SPIN-2 FRAC-SISCANEA project: an introduction*

10:05 - 10:20 Flavia AMATO - *FRAC-SISCANEA project: the general framework and a synthesis about the Early Bronze Age in Shida Kartli*

10:20 - 10:35 Andrea MILANESE - *Results of the FRAC-SISCANEA project: The Middle Bronze and the transition to the Late Bronze Age*

10:35 - 10:50 Francesco BIANCHI - *Results of the FRAC-SISCANEA project: The Late Bronze – Iron Age*

10:50 - 11:00 *Questions and Answers*

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11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:00 Elisabetta BOARETTO - *Radiocarbon chronology with a large data set: how to reduce the outliers* (paper + questions and answers)

12:00 - 12:30 Veli BAKHSHALIYEV (ONLINE) - *Results of archaeological excavations in Nakhchivan Tepe* (paper + questions and answers)

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12:30 - 14:30 LUNCH

14:30-15:00 Catherine MARRO - *The South Caucasian chrono-cultural sequence from the Chalcolithic until the Early Bronze Age (ca. 5000-2400 BCE): the view from Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan* (paper + questions and answers)

15:00 - 15:30 Bertille LYONNET, Michel FONTUGNE (ONLINE) - *Mentesh Tepe and Soyug Bulaq (Western Azerbaijan) radiocarbon dates, from the Late Chalcolithic to the Early Bronze Age* (paper + questions and answers)

16:00 - 16:30 Giulio PALUMBI, Andrea RICCI (ONLINE) - *Radiocarbon dates from the settlements of Kiçik Tepe and Qaraçinar. Old and new data for the definition of the cultural developments of Western Azerbaijan between the fifth and third millennium BCE* (paper + questions and answers)

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16:00 - 16:30 BREAK (free)

16:30- 17:00 Sarit PAZ, Mindia JALABADZE, Elisabetta BOARETTO - *New radiocarbon dates from the Kura-Araxes village of Kvatskhelebi, Shida Kartli, Georgia* (paper + questions and answers)

17:00 - 17:30 Irina GAMBASHIDZE - *Pre-Kura-Araxes Culture Settlement of Orchosani and the Chalcolithic/Early Bronze Age chronology of Samtskhe (South-West Georgia)* (paper + questions and answers)

17:30 - 18:30 Discussion

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19:30 DINNER

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(Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy, GISKAP-GILAP projects)

9:00-9:30 Annapaola PASSERINI, Adam SMITH - *The EBA/MBA transition: integrating geographic variability into chronology building* (paper + questions and answers)

9:30-10:30 Giorgi BEDIANASHVILI, Andrew JAMIESON, Claudia SAGONA

- 1) *Early Kurgan evidence from the settlement of Rabati, Southwest Georgia: Issues of stratigraphy, absolute dating and terminology*
- 2) *Early Kurgan-Bedeni material culture from Rabati: Cultural remains and their wider implications* (papers + questions and answers)

10:30 - 11:00 Pavel AVETISYAN, Ruben BADALYAN (ONLINE) - *Corpus of radiocarbon dates of the Chalcolithic, Bronze and Early Iron Ages of Armenia: an attempt at systematisation and interpretation* (paper + questions and answers)

11:00-11:30 Lauren RISTVET, Hilary GOPNIK, Veli BAHSHALIYEV - *The Absolute Chronology of the Early Bronze Age to the Iron Age in Northern Naxcivan* (paper + questions and answers)

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11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 12:30 Martin GRUBER (ONLINE) - *Radiocarbon-dated burials of the Late Bronze/Early Iron Age in Azerbaijan – a view from Karacamirli Tepe 5* (paper + questions and answers)

12:30 - 13:00 Walter KUNTNER, Sandra HEINSCH, Vakhtang LICHELI (ONLINE) - *Considerations on the chronology of the pottery of the Samtavro Culture based on the radiocarbon-dated stratigraphy of Khovle Gora* (paper + questions and answers)

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13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH

14:30-15:00 Gian Maria DI NOCERA - *New considerations on the Upper Euphrates chronology between the 5th and 1st millennium BC* (paper + questions and answers)

15:00 – 16:00 Discussion

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16:00 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 -18 Final discussion

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