

Ethnoarchaeology as Means for Archaeological Interpretation



Einladung zum Gastvortrag

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This lecture will introduce the topic of ethnoarchaeology in relation to more conventional archaeology. We often think of ethnographic studies either as useful for archaeological interpretation or as very problematic as it often involves distant people and cultures very different from our own. This lecture will therefore take a brief look at the history and conceptual development of ethnoarchaeology, and ask what is *really* ethnoarchaeology and can we at all use ethnoarchaeological studies in order to understand prehistoric societies? The question is can we use analogies for understanding archaeological material, and if so how should this be done? This will partially be explored by an ethnoarchaeological study on mining and smelting of copper ores, and casting by the *cire-perdue* technique in Nepal (= Wachsaußmelzverfahren, Guss in verllorener Form). Further this will tell us how we can understand archaeological material both from the Alps and Norway, and the challenges connected to this.

Mit anschließender Filmvorführung: „*Tama Gaun - the copper village*“
(ca. 80 Minuten)

Über Ihr/Euer Kommen freut sich: Gert Goldenberg, FZ HiMAT

