

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
ANTH 3232 WAO Archaeology of Europe

Winter 2022

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-2:30 pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Topics and research problems in European archaeology, from the first Europeans to the formation of states and empires. Topics may include the life-ways of Neanderthals and other early hunter-gatherers, Ice Age art, the origins and spread of farming, early metallurgy, the development of inequality, and the interactions between “civilized” and “barbarian” societies.

Credit Weight: 0.5

Prerequisite(s): Anthropology 1032 or 2151, or permission of the instructor and Chair of the Department.

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A Trypilian Neolithic figurine
from Eastern Europe, 5th MBC

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course surveys Europe’s prehistoric and early historic archaeology, from the Ice Ages to the early medieval period.

Archaeology began in Europe first, and archaeologists have been working there in greater numbers, and for longer, than anywhere else. Europe’s prehistoric past is relatively well studied by archaeologists

drawn from many nations, and is published in a variety of languages. It is among the most difficult of the world's archaeological records to untangle. Needless to say, European prehistoric archaeology also offers many spectacular discoveries and more than a few fascinating questions.

In this course the major anthropological problem we will confront has to do with the development of complex, stratified society following the introduction of agriculture into Europe in the 7th millennium BCE. Why did some regions of Europe develop highly stratified, urban societies while (most) others did not? What was the relationship between developed cores and less-complexly organized peripheries?

Normally, Wednesday classes will be lectures and Friday classes will be seminar discussions.

COURSE OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- demonstrate a practical and conceptual understanding of how archaeological methods and theories have been applied in the study of European prehistory and how European archaeologists have contributed to the development of archaeology as a discipline
- articulate general and specific levels of knowledge regarding European prehistory
- critically evaluate existing research results and methods

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Europe before Rome: A Site-by-Site Tour of the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages

T. Douglas Price

Oxford University Press 2013

ISBN: 9780199914708

Other materials on reserve or on line.

EVALUATION

Map test	5%
Term paper proposal	10%
Midterm exam	15%
Term paper	30%
Participation	15%
Final examination	25%



The Horse Panel, Grotte Chauvet

Term Paper Proposal and Term Paper:

This semester you will write a term paper on some topic having to do with either European prehistory or the conduct of archaeological research in Europe. After you confirm your choice of topic with the instructor you will write a brief paper proposal with an outline and a research

bibliography consisting of at least 10 scholarly, peer-reviewed sources attached. This proposal is worth 10% of your grade and is due **March 1, 2022**.

Whatever your topic, your term paper will go beyond the textbook's account: it will provide a more extensive description, a fuller synthesis of current archaeological knowledge, and an assessment of the subject's significance. The term paper is due **April 7, 2022**. It is worth 30% of your grade.

Technical specifications: Essays should be 15-20 pages long (not including references cited and any additional illustrations, figures, maps, etc.), double-spaced. In-text citations and bibliographies should be in APA format.

Submit your work via the D2L Dropbox.

Midterm exam:

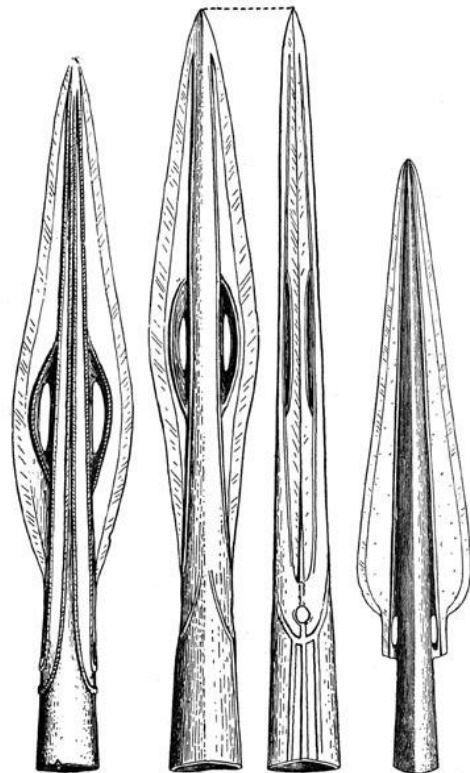
Short essay question format, **March 1, 2022**.

Participation:

Learning demands your active participation – it is not something that lends itself to osmosis. Students are required not only to show up for classes but also to be engaged with the subject matter. Aspects that will be considered for grading include how often you show up, how often you speak up, and how often your contributions advance the conversation.

Final Examination:

The final exam will consist of essay-format questions.
Date TBA.



Important Dates:

Winter Study Break: Monday, February 21 – Friday, February 25, 2022. No classes.

Final Day to Drop This Course: Friday, March 11, 2022

Exam Period: Monday, April 11, 2022 - Sunday, April 24, 2022 (10 Days)

*No Exams April 15-18 (Easter) **DO NOT MAKE ANY TRAVEL PLANS UNTIL AFTER THE EXAM DATE FOR THIS COURSE HAS BEEN POSTED.** <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/enrolment-services/timetables> **IF APPROPRIATE, TELL YOUR FAMILY!**

Schedule
(subject to change as circumstances warrant)

Week	Date	Topic and readings
1	Jan 11	Introduction to the archaeology of Europe Europe: continent or peninsula? The dimensions of space and time Required: T.D. Price (2013) <i>Europe Before Rome</i> , pp. 1-14 Recommended: B. Cunliffe (2008) <i>Europe Between the Oceans 9000BC – AD 1000</i> , pp. 1-61. C. Broodbank (2013) <i>The Making of the Middle Sea</i> , ch. 1-2
	Jan 13	
2	Jan 18	Upper Palaeolithic: modern humans and the late glacial period Required: T.D. Price (2013) <i>Europe Before Rome</i> , pp. 56-92. Recommended: C. Scarre (1998) <i>Exploring Prehistoric Europe</i> , Ch. 2 J. Thurman (2008) First impressions. <i>The New Yorker</i> 23 June 2008 pp 58-67. R. White (1992) Beyond art: toward an understanding of the origins of material representation in Europe. <i>Annual Reviews in Anthropology</i> 21: 537-564. Documentary: <i>Cave of Forgotten Dreams</i> by Werner Herzog https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtPd_1uXXlc Bailey, S. et al. 2009. Who made the Aurignacian and other Early Upper Palaeolithic industries? <i>Journal of Human Evolution</i> 57, 11-26. Hoffecker, J. 2011. The Early Upper Paleolithic of Eastern Europe reconsidered. <i>Evolutionary Anthropology</i> 20, 24-39.
	Jan 20	
		Seminar discussion MAP TEST
3	Jan 25	Mesolithic: complex foragers in the post-glacial world Required: T.D. Price (2013) <i>Europe Before Rome</i> , pp. 93-122 B. Cunliffe (2008) <i>Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000</i> Ch. 3 Recommended: Straus, L.G. (1996) The archaeology of the Pleistocene-Holocene transition in Southwest Europe. In <i>Humans at the End of the Ice Age</i> , eds. L.G. Straus, B.V. Eriksen, J.M. Erlandsen and D.R. Yesner, 83-99. New York: Plenum. Grøn, O. 2003. Mesolithic dwelling places in south Scandinavia: their definition and social interpretation. <i>Antiquity</i> 77: 685-708.
	Jan 27	
		Seminar discussion

- 4 Feb 1 6-5th MBC: Neolithic first farmers, settling in and adapting**
Required:
T.D. Price (2013) *Europe Before Rome*, pp. 123-170
B. Cunliffe (2008) *Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000* Ch. 4
- Recommended:
C. Broodbank (2013) *The Making of the Middle Sea*, ch. 6
D. Borić (2016) *Deathways at Lepenski Vir: patterns in mortuary practice*.
M. Radivojević., et al. (2010) On the origins of extractive metallurgy: new evidence from Europe. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 37 (11):2775-2787
Porčić, M. (2018) Evaluating social complexity and inequality in the Balkans between 6500 and 4200 BC. *Journal of Archaeological Research* 51: 88-103

Feb 3 Seminar discussion

- 5 Feb 8 Neolithic villages: people getting on with their lives**
Required:
J. Robb (2007) *The Early Mediterranean Village*, pp 22-34; 75-158.
- Recommended:
A. Coudart (2015) The Bandkeramik longhouses: A material, social, and mental metaphor for small-scale sedentary societies. *The Oxford Handbook of Neolithic Europe*
D. Anthony (ed) (2010) *The Lost World of Old Europe: The Danube Valley, 5000–3500 BC*. D2L

Feb 10 Seminar discussion

- 6 Feb 15 4th MBC Late Neolithic and Copper Age: regions, rituals and proto-urbanism**
Required:
T.D. Price (2013) *Europe Before Rome*, pp. 149-151; 171-181
B. Cunliffe (2008) *Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000* Ch. 5
Gaydarska, B., Nebbia, M., & Chapman, J. (2020). Trypillia Megasites in Context: Independent Urban Development in Chalcolithic Eastern Europe. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, 30(1), 97-121. doi:10.1017/S0959774319000301
- Recommended:
A. Sherratt (1994a) The transformation of early agrarian Europe: The later Neolithic and Copper Ages, in Cunliffe, B. (editor) *Oxford Illustrated Prehistory of Europe*, pp 167-201
Greenfield, H. (2010) The Secondary Products Revolution: the past, the present and the future. *World Archaeology*, 42:1, 29-54.
J. Chapman (2020) The Vinča group forty years on. *Quaternary International* 560-561: 5-19.
J. Chapman et al. (2006) The social context of the emergence, development and abandonment of the Varna cemetery, Bulgaria. *European Journal of Archaeology* 9(2-3): 159-183.
J. Chapman (2017) The Standard Model, the Maximalists and the Minimalists: New Interpretations of Trypillia Mega-Sites. *Journal of World Prehistory* 30:221–237
J. Chapman & B. Gaydarska (2007) *Parts and Wholes: Fragmentation in prehistoric context*.
I. Manzura (2005) Steps to the steppe: Or, how the north Pontic region was colonised. *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 24: 313-338.

Feb 17 **Seminar discussion**

Feb 21-25 **READING WEEK**

7 **Mar 1** **MIDTERM EXAM
PAPER PROPOSALS DUE**

Mar 3 **3rd MBC: hereditary social difference, megalithic monuments and migrations**

Required:

T.D. Price (2013) *Europe Before Rome*, pp. 182-218

B. Cunliffe (2008) *Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000* Ch. 5

Recommended:

C. Scarre 1998 Chs. 4, 6, 8, 9.

V. Gaffney, et al. (2018) Durrington Walls and the Stonehenge Hidden Landscape Project 2010–2016. *Archaeological Prospection* 2018: 1-15

Robb, J., 2001. Island identities: ritual, travel and the creation of difference in Neolithic Malta. *European Journal of Archaeology* 4, 175-202.

W. Haak, et al. (2015) Massive migration from the steppe was a source for Indo-European languages in Europe. *Nature* 522: 207–211 (11 June 2015)

M.E. Allentoft et al. (2015) Population genomics of Bronze Age Eurasia. *Nature* 522, 167–172 (11 June 2015)

J. Novembre (2015) Human evolution: Ancient DNA steps into the language debate. *Nature* 522: 164–165 (11 June 2015)

8 **Mar 8** **2nd MBC: Bronze Age heterarchy and hierarchy**

Required:

T.D. Price (2013) *Europe Before Rome*, pp. 219-286

B. Cunliffe (2008) *Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000* Ch 7

Recommended:

A. Sherratt (1994b) The emergence of elites: earlier Bronze Age Europe, 2500-1300 BC, in Cunliffe, B. (editor) *Oxford Illustrated Prehistory of Europe*, pp 244-276.

C. Broodbank (2013) *The Making of the Middle Sea*, ch. 8

Mar 10 **Seminar discussion**

9 **Mar 15** **1st MBC: Iron Age systematics**

Required:

T.D. Price (2013) *Europe Before Rome* pp 287-333

B. Cunliffe (2008) *Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000* Ch 8-9

Recommended:

T. Moore and X.-L. Armada (eds) (2011) *Atlantic Europe in the First Millennium B.C.: Crossing the Divide*

S. Alcock and J. Cherry (2009) The Mediterranean world. In C. Scarre (ed) *The Human Past*, pp. 486-517.

C. Broodbank (2013) *The Making of the Middle Sea*, ch. 10.

		D. Garrow and C. Gosden (2012) <i>Technologies of Enchantment? Exploring Celtic Art, 4000 BC to AD 100</i> .
	Mar 17	Seminar discussion
10	Mar 22	Classical Greece: the idea of the West is born? Required: B. Cunliffe (2008) <i>Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000</i> , Ch 10 Recommended: S. Price and P. Thonemann (2010) <i>The Birth of Classical Europe: A History from Troy to Augustine</i> Whitley, J. (2001) <i>The Archaeology of Ancient Greece</i>
	Mar 24	Seminar discussion
11	Mar 29	Rome: <i>de republica imperii</i> Required: B. Cunliffe (2008) <i>Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000</i> , Ch 11 Recommended: M. Beard (2015) <i>SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome</i> R. Laurence (2012) <i>Roman Archaeology for Historians</i>
	Mar 31	Seminar discussion
12	Apr 5	Post-Roman and Early Medieval archaeology: the not-so-Dark Ages Required: B. Cunliffe (2008) <i>Europe Between the Oceans 9000 BC – AD 1000</i> , Ch 12-13 Recommended: P. Crabtree (2018) <i>Early Medieval Britain: The Rebirth of Towns in the Post-Roman West</i> C. Loveluck (2017) <i>Northwest Europe in the Early Middle Ages, c.AD 600–1150: A Comparative Archaeology</i> F. Curta (2007) <i>The Making of the Slavs: History and Archaeology of the Lower Danube Region, c.500–700</i>
	Apr 7	Seminar discussion TERM PAPERS DUE
	TBA	FINAL EXAMINATION

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COURSE POLICIES

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In cases of un-excused lateness, submissions will have 5% deducted from the mark for every day of lateness. No assignment that is more than ten days late will be accepted.

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