**Unravelling the Palaeolithic 2023**

**Call for Posters**

The Unravelling the Palaeolithic (UTP) conference is a student-led symposium that is aimed at bringing together past and present Centre for the Archaeology of Humanities students and staff, as well as creating and strengthening networks with human origins researchers and institutions globally. The UTP conference was inaugurated on the 28-29th of January 2011, to celebrate ten years of human origins research here at Southampton. After the success of its first year, it was proposed to make the conference an annual event, hosted in turn by Southampton and five other universities (Liverpool, Cambridge, Durham, Oxford and York). The time has come for Southampton to host again, and we are very pleased to invite you to take part in the Unravelling the Palaeolithic (UTP) 2023 conference on the 31st of March to the 2nd of April 2023 at Avenue Campus, University of Southampton. We look forward to welcoming everyone to share their research and learn about the most exciting areas of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic archaeology.

**Guide for Poster Authors**

The deadline for submitting poster abstracts is Friday the 25th of November 2022. To submit your abstract, please use the form below and return it to unravellingpalaeo@gmail.com, saved as POSTER\_LASTNAME\_2023. Abstracts should be between 200-250 words.

The UTP poster session provides an opportunity to share research into human origins in a less formal setting than a paper presentation.

A poster is a single-page document, typically combining text and images, that embodies a succinct description of research undertaken. Presenting a poster is a good way to discuss and receive feedback on a work in progress that has not been fully developed into a paper.

Posters should not re-present previously published work.

The topic of a poster presentation is not limited. However, the topic should lend itself to presentation in poster format, possibly with additional details available in the form of web references. You might consider a poster presentation addressing a specific research issue or preliminary research findings from a project or fieldwork.

A maximum of 20 papers will be selected for presentation during the conference. Successful posters will be judged on the following criteria:

* Relevance of topic to the conference theme (Palaeolithic and Mesolithic)
* Contribution to the furthering of understanding of a specific research question
* The impact and reach of the topic being presented
* Quality and clarity of presented information and findings

All poster presenters will also be expected to provide a brief (one to two sentences) synopsis of their poster to act as a teaser for the poster exhibition. The poster exhibition will run throughout the conference, however there will be a specific session where conference attendees are invited to view the posters and discuss the topics and research with the presenters to learn more about the subjects on display.

The poster abstract should include the following criteria:

* **Background:** Provide context for the research presented
* **Aims/purpose:** This needs to clearly give the reader an impression of the aim/purpose of the research and what they should expect from reading the poster.
* **Methods:** Key information regarding the methods used/proposed to be used should be highlighted here. Typically, this would include some mention of the participants involved (the sample), equipment and procedures and timescales.
* **Results:** The key results are often presented in this section.
* **Conclusion:** This section is used to wrap up the abstract, to convey the most important interpretation of the results and to make any important suggestions for relevance to the field or further work.

For any further enquiries, please contact the committee at [unravellingpalaeo@gmail.com](mailto:unravellingpalaeo@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you all at UTP 2023,

The UTP 2023 Committee

**UTP 2023 Posters Form**

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Title** (optional) |  |
| **Preferred contact email** |  |
| **Affiliation**  (e.g., university, company, research institute, independent researcher etc.) |  |
| **Poster title** |  |
| **Topic** |  |
| **Synopsis**  **(one to two sentences)** |  |
| **Keywords** |  |

[Please insert abstract of 200-250 words here]