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Unravelling the Palaeolithic Conference Welcome Pack



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Avenue Campus, University of Southampton



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UTP 2023 webpage

Acknowledgements

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Welcome

The Centre for the Archaeology of Human Origins (CAHO) are delighted to welcome everyone to Unravelling the Palaeolithic 2023 (UTP 2023) to share their research and learn about the most exciting areas of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic archaeology. The UTP conference was inaugurated at Southampton on the 28-29th of January 2011, to celebrate ten years of CAHO research. 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 arrived for Southampton to host once again!

Organising committee

UTP 2023 would not be possible without the hard work of our conference committee:

Rebecca Ferreira (she/her) – Co-chair of organising committee (sessions and events coordinator)

Kate Anderson (she/her) - Co-chair of organising committee (facilities and volunteers coordinator)

Olivia Britter (she/her) - Co-chair of organising committee (finance and exhibition coordinator)

Alexandra Barroso (she/her) – Exhibition coordinator

Olivia Keegan Carr (they/them) – Social media and marketing coordinator

India McDermott (he/they) – Graphics and media coordinator

Emily Watt (she/her) – Technical coordinator

Arrival and registration

All conference events will take place on Avenue Campus, Highfield Road, Southampton, SO17 1BF. The Parkes Building (65) and the Archaeology Building (65a) will be the only accessible buildings during the conference (see map in Figure 1). Volunteers will be on-hand and there will be ample signage located across campus to ensure that any questions regarding the conference and room locations can be found easily.

Registration will be located on Level 1 (ground floor) of the Parkes Building in the reception area (see map in Figure 1). Registration will be open from 08:00 on Friday 31st of March. We will have a complete list of conference delegates, so all that will be required of you is to provide your name and a form of photo identification. You will be provided with your conference name badge and if you ordered lunch for the conference, you will also be provided with lunch tokens.

Refreshments and exhibitors' space will be located in the east and south corridors of the Parkes Building.

Although there are four entrances located in the Parkes Building, the South Entrance will be the main entrance used during the conference (see map in Figure 1).

Getting here

We have a very good University bus service called UniLink that drops you either at Avenue Campus or within five minutes of the campus. You can view an interactive map of the bus routes and stops for Avenue Campus by checking out this link: <https://maps.southampton.ac.uk/#16/50.9293/-1.4036/bus,norooms,doors>. If you are travelling to the conference via train and want to take a bus from Southampton Central, the UniLink bus service U2/U2B/U2C stops on the Northern side of the station. Taxis are also available to book at either side of the station.

If you want to travel from Shirley to campus via bus, we recommend that you use the BlueStar or First bus services to travel into the City Centre and use the UniLink bus services to get you to Avenue Campus. You can access information on bus services from the following links:

- BlueStar: <https://www.bluestarbus.co.uk/plan-your-journey>
- First: <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/>
- UniLink: <https://www.unilinkbus.co.uk/>

If you are travelling by car or bicycle and wish to use the parking facilities available on Avenue Campus, please see the information in the 'Facilities' section below.

Wi-Fi

Eduroam is available throughout Avenue Campus.

For delegates without access to Eduroam, there is a University of Southampton guest wi-fi service (WiFi Guest).

To access WiFi Guest:

- Look for 'WiFi Guest' under the available wi-fi networks on your device
- You will be taken to a Sky Wifi page, click on the 'Continue' button
- Either log in or create a new account to get access to free wi-fi

Catering

During breaks, tea, coffee and other refreshments will be provided as part of your conference fee. These will be available in the hallway space outside of Lecture Theatre B.

To keep the conference as eco-friendly as possible, we will be providing UTP2023 branded travel mugs as we will not be providing crockery for the teas/coffees. We ask that you use this mug for the teas and coffee which will be available throughout the conference and washing up facilities will be provided and clearly indicated. There will also be a limited number of disposable cups available, but these are spares from previous departmental events and therefore once they are used there are no more!

The lunch break on Friday will take place between 12:40-13:30 and on Saturday between 12:50-13:50. Lunch is provided for those who have pre-booked. Catering will be located in the corridor outside of Lecture Theatre B. If you have not booked lunch for the conference, please note that the **Avenue Café will be open from 08:30-15:45 on Friday only**. There are, however, other events happening on campus that day so the cafe is usually quite busy between 12:00 and 13:00 BST with lunch at 12:40 and 13:30 BST on the Friday there should be enough time to purchase lunch.

Our sponsors Brewhouse and Kitchen (a few minutes' walk away from the campus) are offering delegates 10% off coupons that are redeemable from Monday to Friday until 6PM. So, if you didn't get a chance to order catering for the Friday or you are arriving before the conference, you can head over to the Brewhouse to use the 10% discount off of your total bill. We will hand out coupons to delegates at registration, however, if you would like the coupon sent over email so that you can use it before the conference, then please send us an email and we will send the e-coupon over.

You are welcome to bring your own lunch to the conference with you. The closest supermarkets are Sainsburys and Waitrose on Portswood Highstreet. In addition to Brewhouse and Kitchen, there is a variety of local dining venues on Portswood Highstreet, all of which are within 15-minute walking distance (a list of local venues is provided on page 13).

Facilities

There are two work rooms available should any delegates want to use them, and they are Room 1111 and Room 1113 in Building 65 (Parkes Building).

Accessibility and inclusion

The Parkes Building and Archaeology Building are wheelchair accessible. There is elevator access to other floors in both buildings.

A quiet space will be available and is located in Room 1167 of Building 65 (Parkes Building).

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UTP 2023 adheres to the University of Southampton's commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion. For more information on this commitment, please visit the website at <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/diversity/index.page> or scan the QR code below:



Parking

Car Parking

Although Avenue Campus does have an on-site car park, visitor parking is limited and must be arranged in advance. If you would like to book one of our limited parking spaces, please contact the UTP 2023 committee via email (unravellingpalaeo@gmail.com). Priority will be given to those travelling from further afield. Parking is available for blue badge holders on all our campuses.

Parking restrictions are in force across all University sites with enforcement between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday and a parking permit is required to be on display in line with University Parking Regulations.

Please see Figure 1 for a map of Avenue Campus car park.

Visitors can also be booked into the Visitors' Car Park at Highfield Campus or should use the Pay & Display Car Park.

Permits are not required for motorcycles or scooters, but they must not be parked in designated car parking spaces.

Bicycle parking

Bicycle parking areas are provided on-campus and their use does not require a parking permit. Bicycles should only be parked in designated areas where clips, stands or other facilities are provided. Under no circumstances may bicycles be taken into buildings or parked where they are liable to cause obstruction, e.g. near ramps for use by disabled people, attached to railings or at entrances to buildings. Bicycles that are found in buildings or parked where they are liable to cause obstruction may be removed or impounded. Please see Figure 1 for a map of Avenue Campus bicycle parking areas.

For more information on University of Southampton parking regulations please visit the webpage at: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/~assets/doc/calendar/Vehicles%20and%20Bicycles.pdf> or scan the QR code below:



Electric vehicle charging points

As part of the University of Southampton's commitment to improving sustainability across our campuses, electric vehicle charging points are available on Highfield, Boldrewood, Avenue and Winchester campuses.

The charging points have been supplied by Joju Solar through Hampshire County Council's electric vehicle scheme, so they are similar to others that you may have seen installed across the county and are operated by Shell Recharge.

The charging point location for Avenue Campus is shown in the Figure 1 below and are available for anyone to use. A parking permit is not required while charging, but please move your car once charging is complete to allow others to use the charging facilities.

There are also electric charging points available on Boldrewood Campus and Highfield Campus nearby. If you need to use these, please the maps from <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2019/01/Electric-Vehicle-Charing-Point-Locations.pdf>) or scan the QR code below:



The points include the option for ad-hoc charging (with a QR code) for those who have never used a Shell Recharge point before, or you can apply for a Shell Recharge card via the Shell Recharge website. Charging sessions cost a flat rate of 20p per kWh.

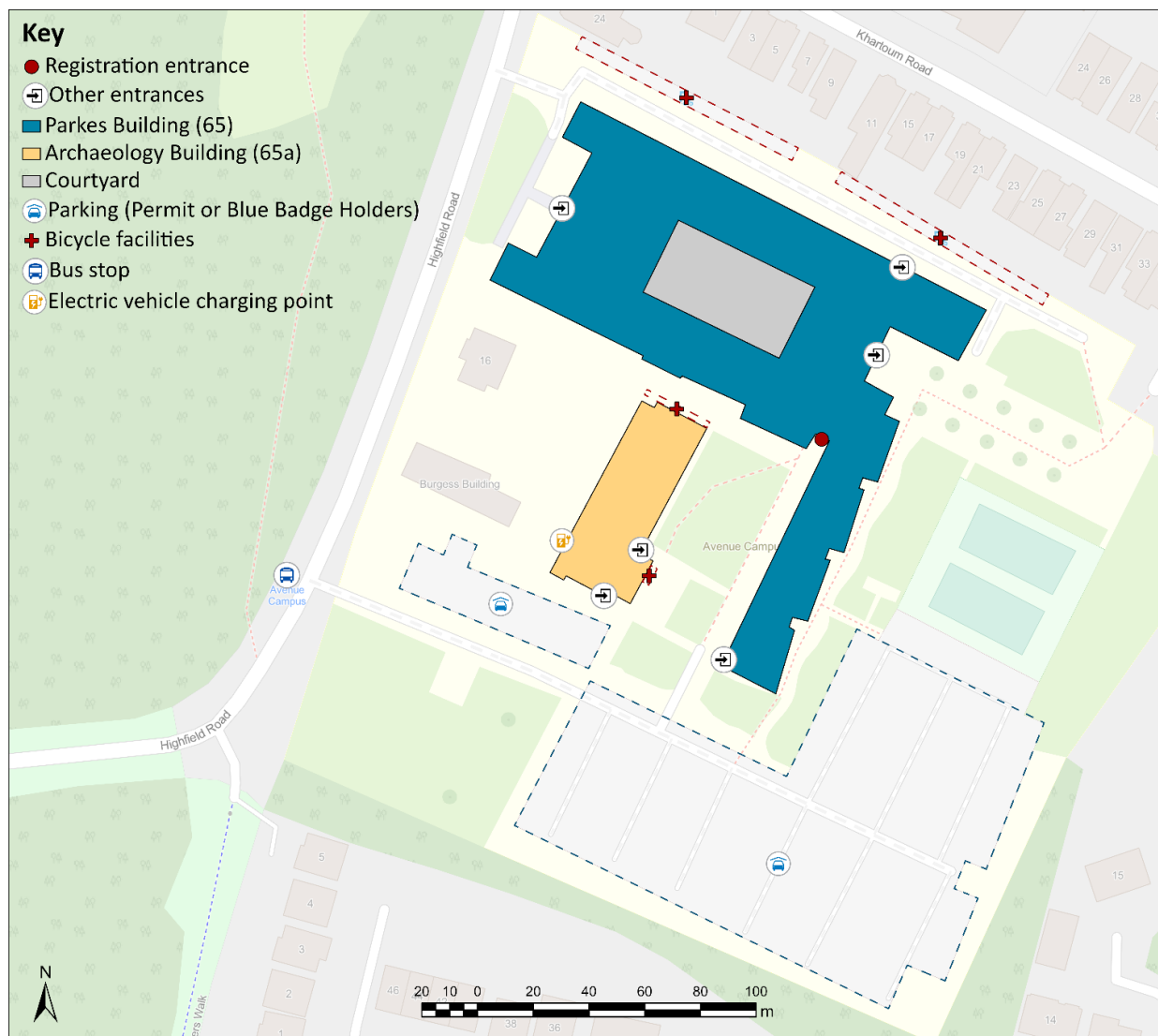


Figure 1: Map of Avenue Campus and facilities available.

Conference schedule overview

Day 1 – Friday 31st March 2023

09:00-09:10	Welcome address from the UTP 2023 Committee and Director of CAHO, Dr Rachel Bynoe
09:10-11:20	Session 1: Materials in the Mind: planning for change
11:20-11:40	Morning break
11:40-12:40	Session 2: Challenging Landscapes
12:40-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Session 2: Challenging Landscapes (cont.)
14:30-14:50	Afternoon break
14:50-16:30	Session 3 (Part 1): New approaches and modern perspectives – the view from Hampshire
16:30-17:00	Break
17:00-18:00	Keynote address by Dr Eleanor Scerri
18:00-20:00	Poster session and reception

*UTP 2023 Exhibition

The conference will be hosting a virtual exhibition which will be running alongside a physical version of the same material showcasing some of the archaeological environments we have the privilege of being in the proximity of here in Southampton. **The exhibitions will be running throughout the day on Friday the 31st of March.** Both exhibitions will take place in Building 65 (Parkes Building). The virtual exhibition is located in our Digital Humanities Hub on Level 2 (first floor) in the north corridor and the physical exhibition will be located in Room 1101 on Level 1 (ground floor). For more information on the exhibition, see the Conference Programme.

Day 2 – Saturday 1st April 2023

09:20-09:30	Welcome and updates
09:30-10:50	Session 3 (Part 2): New approaches and modern perspectives – a broader view
10:50-11:10	Morning break
11:10-12:50	Session 4: 'What a Day', adapting to life in the Palaeolithic
12:50-13:50	Lunch
13:50-15:20	In conversation with Dr Benjamin Elliott, Professor Liv Nilsson Stutz, Dr Nupur Tiwari and Professor Graeme Warren – Decolonising prehistory
15:20-15:40	Afternoon break
15:40-17:00	Session 5
17:00-17:10	Closing remarks

Full programme

Day 1 – Friday 31st March 2023

Welcome address (09:00-09:10)	
Dr Rachel Bynoe - Director of the Centre for the Archaeology of Human Origins (CAHO)	
Session 1: Materials in the Mind: planning for change (09:10-11:20)	
Speakers	Title
Kate Anderson, Prof. John McNabb and Dr Alexandra Karamitrou	Into the mind of the maker
James Clark (he/him)	Exploring morphological variability in Acheulean handaxes
Carlos Ferreira	Variability vs. homogeneity and the importance of the blank in the Acheulean techno-complex: an approach based on the Large Cutting Tools from the Portuguese Atlantic Margin (between Lis and Tagus rivers)
Dr Luke Dale	Giant Handaxes in the British Lower Palaeolithic
Dr Ceren Kabukcu	Revisiting Palaeolithic plant food use and resource choice: recent evidence from carbonized plant macro-remains
Dr Jose Tom Raphael, Pratik Pandey and Manish Kumar Rai	Early Human adaptation in Karwi hills, India, with reference to Microblade Technology
Morning break (11:20-11:40)	
Session 2 – Challenging Landscapes (11:40-12:40)	
Speakers	Title
Mike Donnelly, Tom Lawrence and Elizabeth Kennard	Re-defining the last Mesolithic of southeast England: Temporality and continental connections at Bexhill, East Sussex
Matt Pope, Martin Bates, Ed Blinkhorn, Richard Bates, Chantal Conneller, Sarah Duffy, Jon Dobbie, Letty Ingre, Josie Mills, Beccy Scott and Andrew Shaw, Jean-Luc Schwenninger	La Cotte de St Brelade and the last Neanderthal populations in North West Europe
Marzio Cecchetti, Stefano Bertola, Alice Soncin, Davide Visentin and Federica Fontana	A route through the mountains. The re-colonisation of the higher-altitudes between the Lateglacial and the Early Holocene: the case-study of Casera Staulanza lithic assemblage (Belluno Dolomites Italy)
Lunch (12:40-13:30)	

Session 2: Challenging Landscapes (cont.) (13:30-14:30)	
Speakers	Title
Dr Peny Tsakanikou, Simon Kubler, George Iliopoulos and Nena Galandiou	Using edaphics to decipher the ecological properties of the Acheulean settlement at Rodafnidia on Lesbos (NE Aegean)
Vaneshree Vidyarthi and Timo Geitlinger	Palindia: A network analysis approach to Lower Palaeolithic sites in India
Wouter Bonhof	Moving places: exploring the mobility of the earliest people in the Siberian Arctic
Afternoon break (14:30-14:50)	
Session 3: New approaches and modern perspectives – the view from Hampshire (14:50-16:30)	
Speakers	Title
Dr Francis Wenban-Smith	The Victorian discovery of Palaeolithic Southampton
Dr Marcus Hatch	A revised Middle-Late Pleistocene terrace stratigraphy of the Western Solent (Christchurch Bay to Southampton Water): a framework for the Palaeolithic archaeology of the Solent region
Rebecca Ferreira (she/her)	(Re)discovering the Southampton Docks collection
Dr Andrew Shaw, Alex Brown, Jon Dobbie, Hayley Hawkins, Mark Stewart and Phil Toms	A Palaeolithic Enigma? New investigations at Great Pan Farm, Newport, Isle of Wight
Dr Patrick Cuthbertson	Techno-typological reassessment of the Palaeolithic artefacts from Dickett's Field
Afternoon break (16:30-17:00)	
Keynote address with Dr Eleanor Scerri (17:00-18:00)	
Our first 300 thousand years: the emerging continental story of human origins	
Poster session and reception (18:00-20:00)	

Day 2 – Saturday 1st April 2023

Welcome (09:20-09.30)	
Session 3: New approaches and modern perspectives – a broader view (09:30-10:50)	
Speakers	Title
Kevin Kuykendall, Timothy Cockrell, Angharad Jones and Guglielmo Strapazzon	New excavations at Creswell Crags: a landscape approach
Hannah Andrews	Flights of Fancy: New perspectives on avian-Neanderthal symbolism
Dylan Jones	A Functional approach to handaxe and non handaxe assemblages in MIS11 Britain: Preliminary insights
Lucy Timbrell, Christopher Scott, Behailu Habte, Yosef Tefera, Hélène Monod, Mouna Qazzih, Benjamin Marais, Wendy Black, Christine Maroma, Emmanuel Ndiema, Struan Henderson, Katherine Elmes, Kimberly Plomp, Matt Grove	A scientifically-robust remote model for generating data from multiple museum collections
Morning break (10:50-11:10)	
Session 4: ‘What a Day’, adapting to life in the Palaeolithic (11:10-12:50)	
Speakers	Title
Greg Michaelson	George Morrow’s prehistoric cartoons: bridging Prehistoric Peeps and The Far Side
Blanca Pierres Tejada	Materialising childhood in archaeological sites. Using Yaghan ethnoarchaeology to trace children’s material culture and spaces in Hunter-Gatherer societies.
Ani Searle (they/them) and Stephanie Piper	All Wrapped Up? A revaluation of Neanderthal clothing requirements through predictive modelling of Female BMR, and its Implication for Children
Phoebe Baker	If the shoe fits: Assessing Neanderthal footwear requirements
Miguel Garcia-Bustos	Tell me what animal you are and I’ll tell you where you come from: the territorial identity of Palaeolithic bestiary in the Iberian Peninsula
Lunch (12:50-13:50)	

In conversation with... (13:50-15:20)	
Decolonising prehistory - Dr Benjamin Elliott, Professor Liv Nilsson Stutz, Dr Nupur Tiwari and Professor Graeme Warren	
Afternoon break (15:20-15:40)	
Session 5: Evolving minds and bodies: biological and ecological responses to change (15:40-17:00)	
Speakers	Title
Emma Brooks	Prefrontal cortex development in the small-brained hominins
Alexandra Kelly	Environment risk and tool complexity in the precocious industries of the South African MSA
Siri Topsø Olsen	Facial morphologies of middle Pleistocene Europe: Implications for Middle Pleistocene hominin Phylogeny and the Evolution of <i>Homo neanderthalensis</i>
Andreas Nymark, Amir Beshkani, Peter Bye-Jensen	High altitude adaptation in the Middle Palaeolithic of the Zagros Mountains, Iran
Closing remarks (17:00-17:10)	

Places to eat and drink

There are plenty of places to eat and drink in Southampton, but we have selected some local spots for food and drink that are favourites of the Archaeology Department here at Southampton to help you along. Please note, however, this is not an extensive list of food and drink venues. Use the key below to find the right venue for your needs.

We have booked out areas in two of our favourite pubs for any delegates that would like to join after the conference each day. The first is the Bookshop Alehouse, where we have use of the basement but there is only a capacity of 30. The second is a five-minute walk from the Bookshop and is called The Guide Dog. Here we have booked out the back room, where the infamous “Mac’s Plank” is hung in honour of our very own Professor John McNabb.

Food  | Drinks (alcoholic)  | Drinks (non-alcoholic)  | Coffee 

Brewhouse & Kitchen    

47 Highfield Ln, Southampton, SO17 1QD

023 8055 5566

0.4 miles away, 7-minute walk

The Cowherds    

The Common, Southampton, SO15 7NN

023 8055 8405

0.4 miles away, 7-minute walk

Muse Coffee Co.   

The Broadway, Portswood Rd, Portswood, Southampton, SO17 2WE

0.7 miles away, 14-minute walking distance

Coffee #1   

203-205 Portswood Rd, Portswood, Southampton, SO17 2NF

023 80557396

0.7 miles away, 13-minute walking distance

Trago Lounge    

190-192 Portswood Rd, Portswood, Southampton, SO17 2LB

023 8067 8433

0.8 miles away, 15-minute walking distance

The Bookshop Alehouse*  

21 Portswood Rd, Southampton, SO17 2ES

0.9 miles away, 17-minute walking distance

*The Bookshop Alehouse does not serve food, but you are permitted to order takeaway for consumption at the pub. Smokey Pizza is a firm favourite and it's located next door.

The Hobbit Pub   

134 Bevois Valley Rd, Southampton, SO14 0JZ

1.0 miles away, 20-minute walking distance

The Guide Dog  

38 Earls Rd, Southampton, SO14 6SF

023 8063 8947

1.1 miles away, 22-minute walking distance