

The Transition to Agriculture at the edges of Eurasia

Neolithisation in the British Isles and the Jomon-Yayoi transition

4th - 5th July 2024

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Thursday 4th of July

Morning Session: Neolithisation in the British Isles

- The demography of farming dispersal into the British Isles (S. Shennan)
- Diet and culinary change with the advent of farming in Britain (O. Craig)
- Unlocking culinary records from prehistoric Britain through the analysis of charred food remains (L. Carretero)
- Demography and the distribution of axes in the British Neolithic (P. Schauer)
- Environmental transformations at the start of the Neolithic in Britain (R. Fyfe)
- The genetics of the inhabitants of Neolithic Britain (4000-2500 BCE): Migration, mixture and social organisation (T. Booth)

Afternoon Session: The Jomon-Yayoi Transition

- Changes in Plant Use from the Jomon to the Yayoi Period (H. Nasu)
- Understanding the productivity and cultivation methods of rice farming in Yayoi period using experimental archaeology and phytolith analysis (Y. Kikuchi)
- The onset of Yayoi agriculture in Northeastern Honshu, Northern Japan: a new perspective from handicraft production (K. Takase)
- The Population History of the Japanese Archipelago: A Genetic Perspective (Y. Watanabe)
- Agricultural and culinary significance of millet and rice in the Bronze Age Korea (S. Shoda)
- Potential for food production in the Jomon period from an evolutionary perspective (M. Yoneda)

Friday 5th of July

Morning Session: ENCOUNTER Project

- Tempo, Mode, and Demographic Response to the Dispersal of Rice Agriculture in Prehistoric Japan (E. Crema)
- Ecological niche models of early rice agriculture in prehistoric Japan (L. Brainerd)
- The use of pottery across the transition to rice and millet agriculture in Japan (J. Lundy)
- Modelling Post-marital residence rules and transmission pathways in cultural hitchhiking (S. Carrignon)
- Comparing and contrasting the resilience and sustainability of early transitional agricultural societies at the far reaches of eastern and western Eurasia (C. Stevens)

Afternoon Session: Overview and Roundtable Discussion

- Transitions to agricultural ways of life: as seen from changes in the spatio-temporal organization of communicative domains (K. Mizoguchi)
- Models and contexts: micro and macro histories of the agricultural transition (S. Kaner)

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