

PROGRAMME



27th Neolithic Seminar
Ljubljana, 7th-8th
November 2025

Ljubljana City Museum, Gosposka 5

Neolithic Ontologies

Rethinking Radical Alterity of the Eurasian Neolithics

Friday 7th November

9.00 Introduction to the seminar

9.15 John Chapman, **Tidalectic Ontologies: Archipelagic Thinking as a Source for Neolithic Becomings**

10.00 Sonja Kačar, **Becoming Neolithic in the Adriatic: The Legacy and Persistence of Insular Mesolithic Hunter-Fisher-Gatherers**

10.30 Nadia Kotova and Alexey Nikitin, **Population Dynamics of the Western Azov Region (6th-5th Millennium BC): New Insights**

11.00 Coffe break

11.30 Iseabail Wilks, **Caring for the Dead: Results of Archaeothanatological Analysis of Central European Linearbandkeramik Burials**

12.00 Katarzyna Kawoń, **Beyond Ancestor Worship? Reinterpreting the Motif of Decapitation at the Taş Tepeler Sites**

12.30 Alexander Vybornov and Marianna-Kulkova, **The Impact of the Environment on Neolithic Subsistence in the Low Volga River Basin**

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Cansu Karamurat, **The Evolution of the Neolithic Near Eastern Skull-Cult Ritual Package**

14.30 Christina Marangou, **Do Neolithic Images Mean what they Appear to Mean?**

15.00 Dimitrij Mlekuž Vrhovnik, **Excess and Expenditure: Rethinking the Ontology of the Neolithic Economy**

15.30 Rajna Šošić Klindžić, **Just because. Alternative Scenarios to Subsistence Strategies in the Neolithic**

16.00 Coffe break

16.30 Alenka Tomaž and Alenka Jovanović, **Living along the Sava River: Neolithic and Eneolithic settlement in the Krško–Brežice Plain (SE Slovenia)**

17.00 Maleeha Buhari, **Symbolism and Subconscious Beliefs in Mehrgarh: A Semiotic and Psychological - Exploration of Neolithic Material Culture**

17.30 Discussion

18.00 Conference dinner

Saturday, 8th November

Conference excursion

