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Archaeology of Inhabiting ***Settlements and social organization before the city*** ***From monuments to behaviors*** ***Research and excavations***

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In recent years, the excavation campaigns led in Sorgenti della Nova have been rich with findings. Aside from different kinds of dwellings (in artificial caves, in big structures with elliptical plant, in huts with built-in base, in underground structures), in the settlement there are accessory structures, some destined to cult use, with traces of activity tied to rituals and sacred ceremonies.

The comparison with coeval and not so coeval settlements in the same territory and in other geographical areas led to reconsider the existence of other settlements, of major or minor complexity, and to the need to create a reasoned typology. This typology should enrich the too shallow definitions of village, proto-urban centre and city, without implying the acceptance of a general and simplistic evolutionary criterion, when not included into the very same cultural *facies*.

Also important is the analysis of the dialectic between major and minor centres, often built for a specific reason such as surveillance of fords and streets, production of particular products such as salt or the mining of rocks and metals. From the analysis and the typology of the dwelling models and of their complexity with due caution we can deduce the social organization of the communities who have designed and then built a place to live in. As was more than once said during the previous conferences, the “shape” of settlements and landscapes is first of all the result of a mental and cultural operation. From the structures of a settlement (houses’ shape, presence of communal structures, areas dedicated to rituals and more), it is hypothetically possible to rebuild the social structure of its dwellers.

Finally, it is possible to speculate about daily, ritual and religious behaviour, with an accurate analysis of the findings, especially if items of the material culture.

With this in mind you can indicatively examine:

- The dialectic “major centres – minor centres” within a community in its territory
- The typology of the settlements based on their complexity
- The description of settlements and the single structures they are composed of (fortifications, dwellings, communal structures, areas or building dedicated to rituals)
- Resulting speculations about social organization
- Reconstruction of compartments tied to daily life (use of areas to work, cook, sleep, etc.) and to cults (areas and ceremonies, foundation and abandonment rituals and more)

As always, the subject regards Etruria, but for necessary comparisons, papers related to other areas of Europe and Mediterranean will also be accepted. In a few cases, strictly related to Etruria, it will be possible to analyse elements from a more recent age, in particular related to archaic or orientalisising period, as a result of the phenomena hereby examined.

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The *second section* will host presentations related to pre- and protohistoric studies and findings in Etruria in recent years, with a preference for updates of topics already presented in previous conferences. This section will exclusively hold *posters*, but the publication on the Conference Proceedings will receive the same space as presentation papers.

In *poster section* there will be space for those that present a monographic subject. Posters will be put *online*, on Centro Studi's webpage and will be downloadable to ease their diffusion and discussion. Please send your poster to Dr. Matteo Aspesi to his email: maspesi@gmail.com, please also use this email to ask further information. To have the posters online it is imperative that you send your poster by **July 31**.

The conference will take place in Valentano (VT) (September 7), Ischia di Castro (VT) (September 8) and Manciano (GR) (September 9).

The fee is € 40 per person for each conference speaker and academic attendees, and € 20 for students and independent researchers, payable to the Secretariat on the day of the Conference.

The fee will include meals offered by the hosting municipalities, *prétirage* and a discount on all the Conference Proceedings and publications by Centro Studi di Preistoria e Archeologia.

When presenting the paper, the first three authors of a paper must pay the fee regardless of whether they attended the conference or not.

Whoever is interested in participating to the conference should send their registration form to metta.christian@gmail.com, veronica.gallo90@gmail.com and nuccianegroni@gmail.com by **April 15, 2018**.

Please attach an abstract between 1000 and 2000 characters long to your registration form. **Acceptation will be make known by April 30, 2018.**

All who will register will receive the second communication and a detailed program of the conference.

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