

**Annual meeting of IUPPS Commission
Theory and Methods in Landscape Archaeology – Archeogeography**

Visioconference BBB

Friday 11 December 2020, 2:30 to 4 pm.

Minutes

Present: Sandrine Robert, Paul Lane, Léa Hermenault, Ana Lucia Herberts, Benjamin Vis, Julien Curie, Michael Doneus, Michelle Elliott

Apologies received: John Weishampel, Benoit Sittler, Christophe Petit, Peter Chowne

1. Update of the members list, Applications of new members, secretary, discussions and voting

Update of the members list:

Benoit Sittler (retired) and John Weishampel (new position) have expressed their wish not to stay on the commission after 2021. Fanny Trouvé (new position) will also leave the commission in 2020.

The commission proposes the finalization of the affiliation of Federica SULAS, AG Leventis Fellow, McDonald Institute, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge and Stefania MERLO, Senior Lecturer, Wits University, South Africa, voted in 2019. Dr Merlo has since moved position and is now the Project Manager for the Mapping Africa's Endangered Archaeological Sites and Monuments Project, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge

New members:

The commission has voted for the affiliation of 2 new members:

Julien Curie leads his research in Geoarchaeology, Geohistory and Digital Humanities, he is an associate member of the research Team "Archéologies Environnementales" of the 7041 ArScAn Laboratory / MSH Mondes. His research deals with Past human activities, (palaeo)environmental dynamics and past landscapes; Memory of water management by past human societies; Digital Humanities GIS and Webmapping applied to Archaeology and History Sciences. He is currently involved in several scientific projects in Tunisia, Italy, France and Greece: for instance LABEX RESMED "Societies and religion in the Mediterranean Area" in which he coordinates the Project "MBBO: Mapping Byzantine Bythynia OnLine", in collaboration with CNRS, College de France and Sorbonne University. In 2021, he will be joining the consortium CNRS-TGIR Humanum called Paris Time Machine, to work on digital technologies applied to geohistorical sciences.

Benjamin Vis, Researcher/Co-Investigator, Centre for African Studies, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic. Dr Benjamin Vis is Co-Investigator on the project *Comparing Urban Morphological Transformation in Precolonial to Colonial Urban Traditions* funded by the Czech National Science Foundation (CNSF) with PI

Dr Monika Baumanova (University of West Bohemia). He holds a degrees in Archaeology (BA(Hons) and MPhil, Leiden University) and a PhD in Geography (University of Leeds), and was previously a Research Fellow in Digital Humanities and Digital Heritage for the Eastern ARC Consortium at the University of Kent and a Visiting Scholar at the Urban Studies Institute at the University of Antwerp. He has led the research networking projects *Assembly for Comparative Urbanisation and the Material Environment* (ACUMEN) (ESRC/NRCM) and *Pre-Columbian Tropical Urban Life (TruLife): Placing the past in designs for sustainable urban futures* (AHRC) and directed the international urban design ideas competition, charrette (The Prince's Foundation), and exhibition (Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts) called *Dust to Dust: Redesigning Urban Life in Healthy Soils*. His recent monograph *Cities Made of Boundaries: Mapping social life in urban form* (UCL Press, 2018) makes a case for radical comparative urban studies and develops the GIS-based urban morphological and configurational methodology called Boundary Line Type (BLT) Mapping. He currently undertaking research on ancient tropical Maya urbanism, the adaptive capacity of indigenous urban form, and urban sustainability in Mérida and Yucatán (Mexico) blending the disciplines of archaeology, human geography, Geo-Humanities, and urban planning and design.

In order to finalize their affiliation, the new members have to fill the Individual membership file (to fill it online : https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciKpJkkhR90hZsL4C8ehPNR_kD8To_P5Uez_MUFg1sLV-m_Xw/viewform) and to pay a yearly contribution (see on <https://www.uispp.org/membership>).

The Current contribution is 2018-2020 until 2021 and can be paid on the website with banking card payment.

Institutional Membership¹:

For a possible Institutional Membership, Paul Lane proposed contacting the Department of Archaeology & Ancient History, Uppsala University and entering at least of 3 new members covering Scandinavia, and Integrated Landscape Analysis globally, Peloponnese and Greece more generally - especially Bronze Age onwards, and exploring dimensions of socio-ecological resilience in the past in this region; Integrated Landscape Analysis - Scandinavia, also Namibia; part of the Terranova ITN. He also said that he would encourage the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, where he is based, to become a corporate member.

New secretary:

Benoit Sittler has expressed the wish to leave the board of the Landscape Commission. The committee thanked him a lot for his work since 2011 in the board and voted on his replacement. Léa Hermenault (University of Amsterdam) was unanimously elected as the new secretary of the commission Landscape.

2. Publication of the proceedings of the XVIII Congress

Sandrine Robert provided an update on the progress of the publication of the session *Resilience and Landscape: The Use of Resilience Framework in Landscape Archaeology and Archaeogeography*, organized during the XVIIIth IUSPP Congress (Paris June 2018).

¹ See https://www.uispp.org/sites/uispp.org/files/downloads/uispp_institutional_members.pdf

The session will be published in the journal *Archéologie, Société et Environnement* (C. Petit ed.) on the openscience platform of ISTE Editions: <https://www.openscience.fr/Archeologie-societe-et-environnement>

Three papers have been delivered and reviewed, and are to be published in December 2020 or January 2021: an editorial (S. Robert) and two papers (L. Hermenault, S. Robert). Four papers are still expected (Sander Van Der Leeuw, Paul Lane and Nik Petek, Benoit Hazard) and two additional papers are in discussion (François Caillau, Benjamin Vis).

The entire dossier has to be published before the next IUSPP congress (Meknes, September 2021).

3. Preparation of the XIX UISPP Congress Meknes 2021

The session S 3-1 : “The Role of Circulations (Trails, Paths, and Roads) in the Structuration and Resilience of Landscapes” presented by Sandrine Robert, EHESS, France and Ana Lucia Herberts, Scientia Consultoria Científica, Brésil has been accepted².

The call of papers is open until March 31, 2021: <https://uispp2020.sciencesconf.org/>

In the current situation, the commission is not sure whether it can ensure the holding of the session but has decided to maintain it.

4. Participation in the project of International Academic Union: « L’homme face aux changements climatiques dans la préhistoire: adaptation et développement durable. Des origines de l’Humanité au début des temps historiques »/ "**Humanity facing climate change** in prehistory and protohistory, adaptation and sustainable development: from the origins to early historical times”.

The commission has no more contributions to present for the project. Sandrine Robert has sent the Call for paper to the participants and drew members’ attention to the fact that the project is very important for IUSPP (it is funded by the International Academic Union) and the deadlines are very short now.

5. Others contributions in 2020 and 2021

In 2020, Christophe Petit organized a workshop « L’archéopédologie? Une approche interdisciplinaire des interactions sols-sociétés. Archaeopedology? An interdisciplinary approach to soil-society interactions.” C. Petit org. Maison de l’Archéologie et de l’Ethnologie, René-Ginouvès (Nanterre), 6th March 2020

In 2021, Sandrine Robert will publish the book: *La résilience : persistance et changement dans les formes du paysage*, ISTE – London, on the topic of the commission and will mention the IUSPP. It will be translated in English by the editor.

² <https://uispp2020.sciencesconf.org/296640/document>

In October 2020, the University of Cambridge launched a new 3-year project funded by the Arcadia Foundation, aimed at mapping Africa's endangered archaeological sites and monuments, led by Paul Lane in collaboration with seven other institutions in the UK, Sweden, Senegal, Kenya and South Africa (more details can be found here: <https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/research/projects/current-projects/mapping-africas-endangered-archaeological-sites-and-monuments>).

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