

Central Europe TAG (Theoretical Archaeology Group)

Call for Papers

Topic:

"Material perspectives on culture: making archaeology relevant"

Conference date: 12th May 2015

Center for Theoretical Study (CTS)

Charles University in Prague and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Registration fee: €10 (payable upon arrival at the conference venue)

Conference venue: Academic conference center

(Husova 4a, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic)

The conference constitutes as the 2nd meeting of the Czech national chapter of the theoretical research group known internationally as TAG (Theoretical Archaeology Group). We aim to develop a broader interest in the discussion of theoretical issues in the archaeological research, follow up on the discussions started in 2014 meeting in Pilsen, and further build on the general call to extend the national chapter to include more Central European countries in the following years. In 2014, we would like to focus on the overarching topic of

“Material perspectives on culture: making archaeology relevant”.

Keynote lecture: Professor **Dan Hicks** (University of Oxford, School of Archaeology)

There will be no Call for Sessions - the official Programme including sessions will be produced on the basis of accepted papers. The official language of the conference is English.

The following themes outline the general focus of the conference.

- 1. Thinking culture through things; theorizing physical evidence of a culture**
e.g. How fine a brush do we need for painting the picture of the past?; Producing grand narratives versus providing evidence about locally-relevant past issues?
- 2. Cultural heritage; exhibiting things – theories beyond the museum display**
e.g. How do we present archaeology?; Cooperation between museums and academic archaeology – issues and debates
- 3. Fieldwork and collecting; things in motion, materiality and lifecycles of people and things**
e.g. Theory of archaeological practice; relevance of past material culture for the present society

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Please send abstracts (250 words) of your paper proposals including your contact and affiliation details by **1st March 2015** to: centraleuropetag@gmail.com