

# The Prehistoric Black Sea

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To date, the study of the pre-Classical Black Sea is both regionally fragmented and peripheral to European, Mediterranean, Eurasian and Near Eastern archaeological traditions. Recent political and ideological divides, divergent academic traditions and language barriers have had a profound impact on the ways in which prehistoric Black Sea societies and their inter-regional connections have been approached and interpreted. Despite evidence for intensive interaction along its shores and the significance of these connections, the Black Sea is traditionally conceived of as a boundary or obstacle to interaction and not as a catalyst for culture contact and exchange, as is the case with the Mediterranean. The aim of the first Prehistoric Black Sea Research Workshop is to establish communication between scholars working in different disciplines and regions bordering the Black Sea as a crucial first step in establishing prehistoric Black Sea studies as field of research. Over the course of the two-day workshop, participants will discuss the current state of knowledge of prehistoric Black Sea societies and cultures, evidence for interaction between them and consider a range of methodological avenues to advance our understanding of these connections in future research.

**All welcome.**

### Workshop participants

Prof. Joni Apakidze (*Sokhumi State University*), Dr. Bogdan Athanassov (*New Bulgaria University*), Prof. Owen Doonan (*California State University Northridge*), Dr. Bleda Düring (*Leiden University*), Prof. Blagoje Govedarica (*Freie Universität Berlin and Deutsches Archäologisches Institut*), Dr. Peter Grave (*University of New England*), Dr. Richard Jones (*University of Glasgow*), Prof. Lisa Kealhofer (*Santa Clara University*), Dr. Krassimir Leshtakov (*Sofia University*), Ms. Antonia Santangelo (*CUNY*), Dr. Jlf-Dietrich Schoop (*University of Edinburgh*), Dr. T. Emre Şerifoğlu (*Bitlis Eren University*), Prof. Yuri Rassamakin (*National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine*), Dr. Jane Rempel (*University of Sheffield*), Prof. Viktor Trifonov (*Russian Academy of Sciences*), Mr. Toby Wilkinson (*University of Sheffield*), Prof. Valentina Yanko-Hombach (*Avalon Institute of Applied Science and Odessa Palaeontological Museum*), Dr. Aslihan Yurtsever (*Istanbul University*)



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