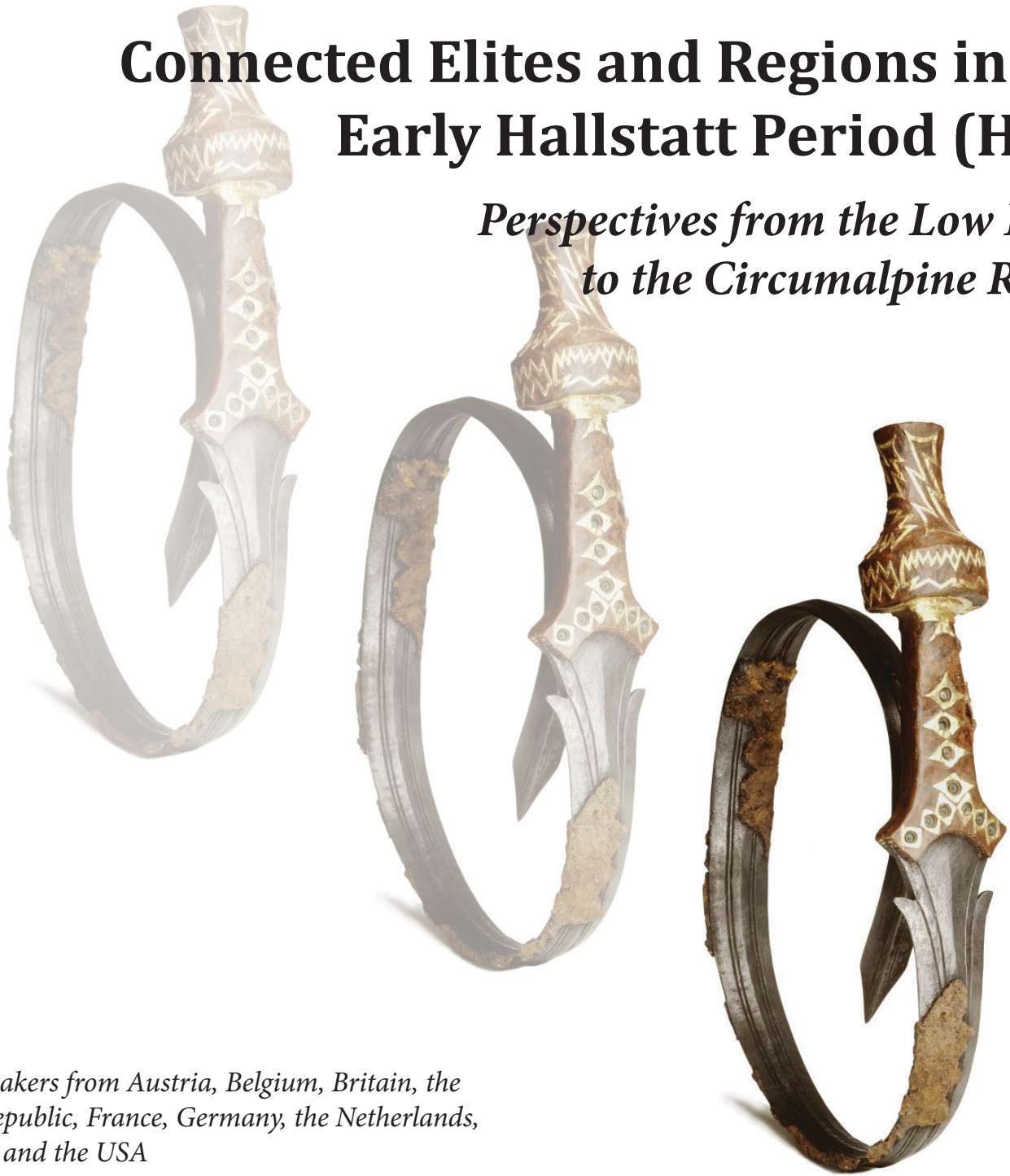


# Connected Elites and Regions in the Early Hallstatt Period (Ha C)

*Perspectives from the Low Lands to the Circumalpine Region*



*With speakers from Austria, Belgium, Britain, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovenia and the USA*

## International Workshop

Date: 19 & 20 November 2015

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**International Workshop by the Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University and the Archaeological Institute, University of Hamburg**

The emergence of the lavish burials known as Hallstatt chieftains' or princely graves reflects one of the most noteworthy developments in Early Iron Age Europe: the rise of elites north of the Alps. These elaborate elite burials of the Hallstatt C period contain beautiful weaponry, bronze vessels and elaborately decorated wagons and horse-gear and are found primarily in Southern Germany and Bohemia. There is, however, also a small cluster of these burials in the Low Countries. These Dutch and Belgian burials contain many of the same objects, all imports from the Hallstatt Culture in Central Europe. Yet despite their many similarities to Central European burials, the elite burials of the Low Countries are traditionally seen as inferior and have been perceived as worn-out peripheral manifestations.

New finds and research, including the comprehensive study of all those Dutch and Belgian burials suggests a radically different picture. The elite burials of the Low Countries not only contain far more Central European 'princely' paraphernalia than thought, they also appear to contain high-quality items, challenging the established interpretation of these burials being feeble derivatives. These imported items, however, appear to have been re-contextualized in a regionally specific manner through a destructive burial practice that involved the transformation of both the dead and their grave goods through fire, manipulation and fragmentation.

While the burial rituals seem to differ between the Hallstatt Culture and the Lowlands, the finds indicate large-scale contacts between the elites who ended up in these burials. The dismantled and fragmented yoke excavated at Oss-Zevenbergen Mound 7 in the Netherlands, for example, finds its best parallels in the well-known grave from Frankfurt-Stadtwald and the recently excavated burial of Otzing in Lower Bavaria. In all three burials yokes decorated with thousands of tiny bronze studs were interred, though at Mound 7 the bronze-studded yoke was intentionally dismantled, burned and fragmented prior to interment.

The objects interred in these ostentatious graves of the early Hallstatt Period in the Lowlands and those of the early Hallstatt Culture in southern Germany, western Austria and Bohemia evidence large-scale contacts as well as a potentially increasing social differentiation (or at least its representation in burials). The relationships that must have existed between these and other areas in the early Hallstatt period can be addressed and considered on a large scale.

In this workshop, we bring together scholars working on finds from the lowlands to the circumalpine region to consider a range of topics that contribute to our understanding of the rise of Early Iron Age elites throughout northwest Europe and their large-scale networks in the Early Hallstatt Period (Ha C).



# 19 November 2015

## 9.00 WELCOME WITH COFFEE/TEA

### 9.30 **Opening lecture: Sasja van der Vaart-Verschoof & Robert Schumann**

Differentiation and globalization in EIA Europe: Reintegrating the early Hallstatt period (Ha C) into the debate

### 10.00 **David Fontijn** (The Netherlands)

Hallstattization? The transition to the Iron Age and the ancient globalization debate

### 10.30 **Martin Trefný** (Czech Republic)

Hallstatt elite burials in Bohemia from the perspective of interregional contacts

## 11.00 COFFEE/TEA

### 11.30 **Carola Metzner-Nebelsick** (Germany)

At the cross-roads of the Hallstatt East

### 12.00 **Guy De Mulder** (Belgium)

At the crossroads between the Continental and the Atlantic world: early Hallstatt elites in Belgium

### 12.30 **Melanie Augstein** (Germany)

Elite graves in Bavaria: Considerations to status, social structure and communication of Early Hallstatt communities

## 13.00 LUNCH

### 14.00 **Pierre-Yves Milcent** (France)

Hallstatt C sword's graves in France: rise of an elite or new system of representation of self in a context of crisis?

### 14.30 **Louis Nebelsick** (Poland & Germany)

Engendering the image - Early Iron Age Iconography on the northern Alpine fringe from female feasting sets to women's costumes

### 15.00 **Jutta Leskovar & Robert Schumann** (Austria & Germany)

Mitterkirchen in the Hallstatt World

## 15.30 COFFEE/TEA

### 16.00 **Harry Fokkens** (The Netherlands)

A context for the Hallstatt-burial of Oss. About ancestors and legitimation.

### 16.30 **Markus Egg** (Germany)

Das eisenzeitliche Brandgräberfeld von Wörgl in Tirol und der Mindelheim-Horizont

### 17.00 **General discussion**

## 18.00 DRINKS



# 20 November 2015

## 9.00 WELCOME WITH COFFEE/TEA

9.15 **Sasja van der Vaart-Verschoof** (The Netherlands)  
Elite burial practices of the Early Iron Age Low Lands

9.45 **Manuel Fernández-Götz & Bettina Arnold** (Scotland & USA)  
Elites before the *Fürstensitze*: Early Hallstatt Sumptuous Graves between Main and Danube

10.15 **Laurie T. Cormier** (Germany)  
French elite burials of the early Hallstatt period

## 10.45 COFFEE/TEA

11.15 **Matija Črešnar** (Slovenia)  
Integrated approaches to the study of elite, social and regional networks on the south-eastern fringes of the Alps.

11.45 **Quentin Bourgeois** (The Netherlands)  
Reconstructing Early Iron Age communities of practice – a network perspective

12.15 **Arjan Louwen** (The Netherlands)  
(Occupy Hallstatt C!) – The 99% of urnfield graves

## 12.45 LUNCH

13.45 **Richard Jansen** (The Netherlands)  
Beyond the Norm? Inhumation burials within Early Iron Age urnfields, case study Slabroekse Heide

14.15 **Karina Grömer** (Austria)  
Textiles as commodity objects and prestige goods in Central Europe 800-400 BC

14.45 **Christoph Huth** (Germany)  
Textile symbolism in early Iron Age burials

## 15.15 COFFEE/TEA

15.45 **Erika Makarová** (Czech Republic)  
Moravia - A connecting zone between North and South to the supra-regional connections and formation of elites in the Early Hallstatt period

16.15 **Brendan O'Connor** (Scotland)  
Fog in the Channel; Continent cut off? Britain in Europe during Hallstatt C

16.45 **Eugène Warmenbol** (Belgium)  
Metal depositions in the Hallstatt period in the Low Countries: Earth, wind and fire. Or water?

17.15 **General discussion**

