

## **High altitudes: the archaeology of human habitation in mountain landscapes**

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Abstract:

Mountain terrains pose challenges for building and habitation. Whether an ephemeral hunting camp or a complex building, human adaptations in high altitude environments are unique among the archaeological record. Stunning views, steep slopes, difficult accessibility, and extreme weather conditions were overcome as people spread throughout and thrived at high elevations.

In this session we will focus on the broad spectrum of archaeology on mountain habitation and infrastructure worldwide. From small scale settlements such as hunting blinds and lithic workstations to trail networks, trade routes, and structures including pastoral architecture, storage buildings, field terraces, and fortifications. Join us as we explore the rich archaeological record of mountain landscapes.