

## **Technologies and Traditions Embedded in Lithics: Current Research and Perspectives on Late Palaeolithic and Early Mesolithic Northern–Central Europe**

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**Abstract:**

The proposed session is dedicated to discussing current issues related to the study of lithic materials, which have been analysed within different research traditions and from various methodological perspectives across the countries of Northern–Central Europe.

We would like to focus both on detailed studies of individual assemblages and on broader, more general issues related to Late Palaeolithic and Early Mesolithic lithic industries. We welcome presentations that showcase the results of morphometric analyses, refitting studies, use-wear analyses, spatial investigations, and other methodological approaches.

We are also convinced that there remains a need for continued discussion on the attribution and classification of lithic assemblages, as well as on their taxonomic variability and chronological aspects.

We invite researchers to present their latest findings concerning Late Palaeolithic and Early Mesolithic societies from a lithic perspective. Our intention is not to concentrate solely on lithic technology itself, but to explore how it can help us understand different spheres of Stone Age lifeways – for example, human mobility, developments in hunting practices, and other forms of activity.

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