

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

West Africa AND THE *ORIGINS* OF HUMANKIND



03.—05.
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Tuesday, December 3rd

09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION	
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome Address	Eleanor Scerri
09:40 – 10:10	MSA:LSA – New Perspectives, old Sites	Philip Allsworth-Jones
10:10 – 10:40	Prehistoric settlement in the Atakora region of northwestern Benin Republic and prospects for paleoenvironmental reconstruction	Didier N'Dah
10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00 – 11:30	Lithic Industries of the Granite Outcrops in the Massili Basin (Tributary of the Nakambé River): Techno-Economic Approach and Research Perspectives	Lassané Toubga
11:30 – 12:00	Between climatic instability and technical variability: lithic industries from MIS 2 in the lower Falémé valley (eastern Senegal)	Charlotte Pruvost
12:00 – 12:30	The Earlier to Middle Stone Age in West Africa and beyond: old paradigms and new perspectives	Alexander Blackwood
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30 – 14:00	A Functional Study of Ground Stone Axes Assemblages from Akwanga, Central Nigeria	Okopi Ade
14:00 – 14:30	Archaeology and palaeoclimate of Dutsen Kura, Central Nigeria	Chiamaka Laurretta Magnut
14:30 – 15:00	Lower Pra River Archaeological Research Project: Prospects and possibilities for understanding the prehistory of Ghana's forest people	Samuel Amartey
15:00 – 15:20	COFFEE BREAK	
15:20 – 15:50	Late Quaternary environmental and cultural dynamics in the Niger Delta, Nigeria	Sylvester Obigba
15:50 – 16:20	Paleoanthropological approach to the ancestral and anthropic heritage of paleoenvironments on archaeological sites in Côte d'Ivoire	Yao Saturnin Davy Akaffou
16:20 – 17:20	Keynote Talk: From " <i>terra incognita</i> " to archaeological crossroad: current perspectives on West African archaeology	Khady Niang
18:00 – 21:00	VISIT OF TRADITIONAL JENA CHRISTMAS MARKET	

Wednesday, December 4th

09:00 – 09:30	Developing the stalagmite palaeoclimate record in West and Central Africa: Implications for enhancing archaeological understanding and future climate projections	Lisa Baldini
09:30 – 10:00	Lake Bosumtwi recording the last one million years of hydroclimate change in West Africa – insights into potential habitat variability	Christian Zeeden
10:00 – 10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:20 – 10:50	From the coast to the tropical forest: recent results for the timeline of the Pleistocene Hominin evolution in West Africa	Eslem Ben-Arous
10:50 – 11:20	Rethinking the past: investigating early forest agriculture dynamics in Southwestern Nigeria	Victoria Olajidi
11:20 – 11:50	Middle Stone Age (MSA) in the Atlantic rain forests of Equatorial Guinea, West Central Africa	Antonio Rosas Juan I. Morales
11:50 – 12:50	LUNCH BREAK	
12:50 – 13:20	A vegetation and climatic history of the Sahel in West Africa: new data from Senegal	Emuobosa Oriejmie
13:20 – 13:50	Anthropisation and dynamics of a temporary pond in the Ferlo (Senegal) during the Holocene: the contribution of palaeoecological studies for conservation management	Aissatou Thiam Ndong
13:50 – 14:20	Modelling human habitability in Late Pleistocene West Africa	James Blinkhorn
14:20 – 14:40	COFFEE BREAK	
14:40 – 16:40	Round Table Discussion	Chaired by Eleanor Scerri
18:30 – 21:30	Reception at Botanical Gardens	
TBD	Greenhouse Tour at Botanical Gardens	

Thursday, December 5th

09:00 – 18:00	TBA - Full Day Excursion: Palaeolithic Sites in Thuringia, e.g. Castle Ranis and Ilse's Cave, Weimar-Ehringsdorf, Bilzingsleben
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