

Scientific Conference on the Occasion of the Exhibition  
»Gold und Wein. Georgiens älteste Schätze«

# Caucasus Conference

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Bridge Between the Urban Centres  
in Mesopotamia and the Pontic Steppes  
in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium BCE.

The Transfer of Knowledge  
and Technologies Between East  
and West in the Bronze Age

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**Preliminary Program**

**Conference venue: Ernst-May-Saal, A 202, Planungsdezernat, Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 10, 60311 Frankfurt am Main**

**Wednesday, November 28th, 2018**

Archaeological Museum Frankfurt, Karmelitergasse 1, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

17:00 –18:00 Registration

18:00– 19:00 Public evening lecture (in German) by David Lordkipanidze “Der Kaukasus als Brücke der Kulturen“

19:30–20:30 Welcome reception

**Thursday, November 29th, 2018**

**in the Ernst-May-Saal**

8:30–9:15 Registration

9:30–9:35 Welcome address  
Dr. Liane Giemsch, Conference organizer Archaeological Museum Frankfurt

09:35–9:45 Greeting  
Dr. Wolfgang David, Director Archaeological Museum Frankfurt

9:45–9:50 Greeting  
Dr. Christoph Kümmel, Representative of the German Research Foundation (DFG)

**Overviews**

9:50-10.15 *Svend Hansen*  
The significance of technical innovations in the 4th Mill BCE

10:15-10:40 *Raphael Greenberg*  
Innovations of the 4th Millennium BCE in the Levant

10:40-11:05 *Joni Apakidze*  
Innovations in the 3rd millennium BC archaeological cultures of eastern Black Sea area and South-western Caucasus

11:05–11:30 – *Coffee break* –

11:30-11:55 *Wolfgang Haak*  
Into the great wide open: three thousand years of human genetic history in the Greater Caucasus and beyond

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- 11:55-12:20 *Sabine Reinhold*  
Isotope research on steppe cultures in the 3rd millennium
- 12:20-12:45 *Ludovik Orlando*  
Horse domestication
- 12:45–14:00 – *Lunch* –
- 14:00-14:25 Barbara Helwing – urbane centers in the 4th Millennium BCE
- 14:25-14:50 *Irina Gambashidze*  
Kura Araxes Culture
- 14:50-15:20 *Vajk Szeverényi , János Dani*  
Archaeological Evidence of the steppe cultures in the Carpathian Basin
- 15:20-15:45 *Giulio Palumbi*  
The royal grave in Arslantepe and the 3rd Millenium in Upper Mesopotamia
- 15:45-16:10 *Najaf Müseibli*  
The Leilatepe Culture in the Caucasus
- 16:10 –16:35 – *Coffee break* –
- 16:35-17:00 *Yuri Rassamakin*  
The Influence of Maikop culture on the Cultures in the North pontic steppe

**Poster Session**

17:00-18:00

19:00 Conference Dinner (only for speakers) at the Restaurant Apfelweinwirtschaft Wagner  
Schweizer Str. 71, 60594 Frankfurt am Main <http://www.apfelwein-wagner.com/>

***Friday, November 30th, 2018***

**Sites and Technologies**

- 09:00-09:25 *Ernst Pernicka*  
Early Metals in Armenia
- 09:25-09:50 *Pavel Avetisyan, Arsen Bobokhyan*  
Metal and Transfer of Knowledge between the Near East and the South Caucasian Region during the 4th and 3rd Millennia BC: The Case of Armenia

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- 09:50-10:15    *Bakhtiyar Jalilov*  
New Burial Traditions and Early Kurgan Cultures in the Last Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age of Azerbaijan
- 10:15-10:40    *Thomas Stöllner*  
Sakdrisi, Gold mining in the 4th and 3rd Millennium BCE
- 10:40–11:10    – *Coffee break* –
- 11:10-11:35    *Natalia Shishlina, Victor Trifonov*  
Recent Research on Early Bronze Age Mounds near Tsarskaya, N-W Caucasus: Towards a More Precise Understanding of the Late Maykop Culture Identity
- 11:35-12:00    *Yuri Piotrovsky*  
The Maikop grave (Oshad): A modern view
- 12:00-12.25    *Zurab Makharadze*  
The Ananauri Kurgan//Rich kurgans of 3rd millennium BC from Eastern Georgia/Early Kurgan Culture in Georgia
- 12:25–13:45    – *Lunch* –
- 13:45-14:10    *Dimitri Narimanishvili*  
Trialeti Culture – Life, Death and Procession Roads to the Eternity
- 14:10-14:35    *Bianca Preda*  
New research on old finds: The Smeeni mound
- 14:35-15:00    *Catherine Marro*  
A multi-directional bridge: the importance of Nakhchivan during the Late Chalcolithic (4500-3500 BCE)
- 15:00-15.25    *Ruben Badalyan*  
The Periodization and chronology of Kura-Araxes: The View from Armenia
- 15:25-15:50    – *Coffee break* –
- 15:50–16:20    *Augusta MacMahon*  
Northern Mesopotamia Urbanism: Tell Brak (Syria) and Caucasus Connections
- 16:20-16:45    *Mark Iserlis*  
Resisting Innovation: Kura-Araxes against the Potter's Wheel
- 16:45-17:10    *Andrea Ricci*  
Cultural landscape dynamics during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> mill. BCE in Northern Mesopotamia and Southern Caucasus
- 17:10-17:35    *Final discussion*  
Moderated by Svend Hansen

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Excursion** (only for speakers)

Visit to The World of the Celts at the Glauberg and sightseeing tour of the historic town Büdingen

<http://www.keltenwelt-glauberg.de/>; Büdingen, Saalburg

<http://www.buedingen.info/sehenswertes/historisches-buedingen.html>

Bus departure in Frankfurt am Main **9:00 am** (on time!)

1. Destination: Glauberg

10:30-11:00 am – Deutschsprachige Führung

10:30-11:00 am – Englisch guidance

12:15 pm departure

12:50-2:00 pm (1h 10min) Lunch in Büdingen

2:15-3:15 pm Round tour (c. 1h) in Büdingen

Arrival: ca. 4:45 pm in Frankfurt

**Evening program** (for all congress participants and the public)

7:30 pm Music concert of the band Veli Ulevi

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