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Call for Papers

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Colonialism has had a far-reaching impact in academia, extending to every field of research. In recent decades there has been growing awareness of this looming Colonialist shadow remaining in academic discourse and in the broader public sphere. The relationship between archaeology and colonialism is in itself complicated as the origins of archaeology are founded in colonial ideology. While there has been research within archaeology around colonialism, this field of study is still relatively underrepresented given its relevance in present-day issues. Unpacking this complex relationship is essential to the role of the archaeologist due to the field's controversial past as well as its broader implications for the present and the future.

This volume seeks to highlight the intersection of colonialism and archaeology through multiple perspectives that include geographical, chronological, and/or environmental factors. For example, a recent study by Koch *et al* (2019) highlights how the European colonisation of the Americas led to a direct increase in carbon being released into the Earth system atmosphere. Revolutionary research like this study exemplify the role that colonization plays within multidisciplinary fields. Importantly, to achieve this we look to examine colonialism throughout the ancient, historic, and contemporary periods. It is worth noting that contemporary archaeology is often viewed as a fringe subfield. Contrary to this view, we feel that it is highly relevant and must be included in any discourse between archaeology and colonialism as it relates most directly to the present day.

We welcome perspectives from archaeology, anthropology, history, sociology, and other fields, to discuss how the intersection of archaeology and colonialism is not only relevant but pivotal for the future direction of this field. Contributors should consider the role of colonial ideology as well as past and current archaeological practices in problematising current explanatory narratives, or in crafting new ones. We are interested in submissions that emphasise the interaction of multiple active agents within their archaeological or historical context. Suggested topics for exploration include, but are not limited to:

- What is the role of archaeology within the realm of post-colonial studies given its sordid past?
- How should archaeology challenge and revisit past research findings that are rooted in colonial ideology?
- How has the modern and historical interpretation of colonialism impacted research into colonialism in the ancient world?
- How has colonial ideology and its resulting actions affected global, regional, and local environmental change and how can this be examined in the archaeological record?

Papers of no more than 4000 words should be submitted to archaeologyandcolonialism@gmail.com before 1 October 2022 for publication in May 2023. Potential contributors are encouraged to register interest by submitting an abstract of up to 250 words to the email above or by contacting the editors directly to discuss their ideas before 30 June 2022. More information about the Archaeological Review from Cambridge may be found online at <http://arc.soc.srcf.net/contribute.html>. Information about submission guidelines, notes for Contributors and Style Guide may be found online at https://arc.soc.srcf.net/ARC_notesForContributors.pdf.