



EDITORIAL

This special edition of Anthropology contains selected contributions from two thematic areas from the 19th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archeologists, in Pilsen, Czech Republic.

The first area, session 44 called "What is Changing and When – Post-LBK Life in Central Europe", focussed on issues of cultural changes in the Neolithic period in the European temperate zone and discussions about these changes in the archeological sources. The reader's guide to individual authorial contributions form the introductory article from Jaroslav Řídký, Petr Květina, Harald Stäuble and Ivan Pavlů.

Session no. 24, entitled "The Life of Lithic Tools in the Palaeolithic: Identification and Interpretation", focused on the different faces of stone tool transformation that allow us to reconstruct the life of lithic artefacts and, consequently, a distinct part of behaviour of our ancestor. Three contributions published in this issue of Anthropology journal showcase the main approaches presented and discussed in the session. A new method for reconstructing the original dimensions of blanks preserved as the distal part of a scar on core surfaces can serve as a new tool for the analyses of lithic artefact reduction (Petr Neruda). Another original approach to the topic is discussed in the article by Irene Ortiz Nieto-Márquez and Javier Baena Preysler. They focused on the relationship between lithic artefacts and hearths at the Middle Palaeolithic site of El Cañaveral in Spain. Katarzyna Pyżewicz demonstrates a very promising combination of use-wear analysis on Magdalenian assemblages from Poland and experimental research that can uncover the real biography of lithic tools.