



## CALL FOR PAPERS

Belgrade Conference on Archaeological Pottery (BECAP) is an international biennial conference aiming at gathering specialists from the field of pottery studies. Pottery is usually the most abundant material found on archaeological sites, and in many cases, it is the only evidence of different phenomena: lifestyle, every-day activities, communal gatherings, food habits, exchange and trade, religious and ritual practices, symbolic behavior, individual and group identities, and many other aspects of social relations, as well as relations between communities and their environment. BECAP meetings are conceived to explore variety of topics through themed conferences, aimed at addressing specifically formulated problems, from different theoretical and methodological perspectives. Published collections of double-blind peer-reviewed papers presented at the conference will be of significant interest to different fields of archaeology and anthropology: material culture studies, studies of technology, social archaeology, archaeometry, archaeological method and theory, and computer applications in archaeology.

**BECAP 20 – Pots in context: Vessels’ use, function, and consumption, research strategies and methodology**

**Belgrade, 11-12 May 2020**

Food processing, preparation, and consumption are initial and most important functions of pottery, from the adoption of ceramics during the early prehistory until the present day. Food/drink processing and preparation have been in focus of pottery studies for several decades, especially after the development of laboratory methods which enabled the identification of foods/drinks

prepared, and reconstruction of technological traits related to intended use of pots. Instead of focusing on archaeometric analyses, however, BECAP 20 is aimed to address the topics related to pottery use and consumption based on archaeological evidence:

- spatial analysis of pottery distribution and the identification of activity zones related to food/drink preparation, storage, and consumption;
- social dimensions of food/drink processing and consumption based on pottery: individual vs. communal consumption, every-day vs. consumption during special occasions; the identity (group, gender, status) of „cooks“ and consumers/users of pots;
- analyses of quantitative data (vessels' sizes and frequencies) in order to make estimations on the number of users/consumers and population size, as well as to assess vessels' dimensional classes, as indicators of individual/group/communal usage of pots within the specific assemblage;
- use-alterations as markers of vessels' use and function;
- indicators of extended use of pots, as a consequence of (low) intensity of production or as an expression of special „values“ of the pots related to their function or use(rs);
- methodological approaches in pottery analysis related to the above-mentioned issues; the development of methodology dealing with highly fragmented assemblages would be of special interest.

The contributors are invited to address some of the following issues:

- case studies of wide chronological and geographical span dealing with spatial analyses, analyses of quantitative data, and/or considerations about vessels' function;
- theoretical-methodological contributions related to pottery function and food/drink preparation and consumption;
- ethnoarchaeological case studies and experiments designed and conducted to resolve the issues related to pottery use and food/drink preparation.

Keynote speakers:

**James M. Skibo**, Illinois State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Athanasios Vionis**, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Cyprus

Important dates and submission of papers

The contributors are invited to send the confirmation of their attendance not later than the **15<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**. The deadline for submission of abstracts of oral or poster presentations is **15<sup>th</sup> of February 2020**. The final program of the meeting will be announced on the **1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020**.

Please kindly send your confirmation on attendance and filled application form to the following address: [becapconf@gmail.com](mailto:becapconf@gmail.com).