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SFB 1070
RESOURCECULTURES. Sociocultural Dynamics and the Use of Resources

The Second Phase at a Glance

During its second phase the interdisciplinary collaborate research centre SFB 1070 RESSOURCENKULTUREN (RESOURCECULTURES) will expand the economic understanding of resources and scrutinise the social and cultural dynamics of the use of resources. About sixty researchers from various academic disciplines such as archaeological, anthropological and historical sciences, Geography, Classical Philology and Theology, collaborate in more than twenty interdisciplinary projects. The studies of different cultural regions and eras are focussing on processes and events that cause change of resources and their use.

SFB 1070 applies a comprehensive concept of resources. Tangible resources, such as raw materials or trade goods, as well as intangible resources, for example knowledge or networks, are understood within their cultural dimensions. This concept serves as a fundament for a better understanding of the creation, maintenance and transformation of social relations, units and identities. Resources are not considered as isolated economic factors, but as an integral part of a network of objects, human individuals, groups, knowledge and practice.

The geographical frame spans from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean and from the Iberian Peninsula to South and Central Asia. From the age of the Neanderthals, the Mesopotamian civilisations, the periods of colonisations of Phoenicians and Romans to the time of the Vikings and present times development and use of resources are analysed. This includes the development of new land, the use of different categories of food, as well as medical or religious aspects.

In addition, the junior research groups 'A Cultural History of Water in Central Asia', and 'Forging the Political Landscape in Iron Age Turkey', the latter including an excavation in Zincirli/Turkey are associated to the SFB, as well as the international cooperation 'Soil and Human Culture Dynamics during the Holocene Epoch'.

Project Division A. Developments

Resources and Processes of Social Change

In Project Division **A. DEVELOPMENTS** diachronic long-term analyses of the role of resources in processes of cultural and social change are conducted with a focus on the relation between human behaviour and natural environment concerning the use of resources. Questioning the role of resources and ResourceComplexes in socio-political processes, such as the emergence of hierarchies, will be of special interest.

A02 The Use of Landscape as a Resource and Socio-Cultural Change on the Iberian Peninsula

Project management: Prof. Dr. Martin Bartelheim, Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg

A03 Stones from the South. ResourceComplexes in Southeastern Iran in the Context of Regional and Interregional Networks

Project management: Prof. Dr. Peter Pfälzner, PD Dr. Sabine Klocke-Daffa

A04 The Development of Palace RESOURCECULTURES in Syria

Project management: Prof. Dr. Peter Pfälzner, Prof. Dr. Ernst Pernicka

A05 'The Land Flowing with Milk and Honey'. Development and Significance of Agrarian Resources in Bronze and Iron Age Palestine

Project management: Prof. Dr. Jens Kamlah, PD Dr. Simone Riehl, Dr. Britt Starkovich

A06 Pictures of Change: The Development of Iconographic Resources at the Transition from Bronze to Iron Age in the Eastern Mediterranean

Project management: Dr. Virginia Herrmann, Prof. Dr. Jens Kamlah

Project Division B. Movements

Resources and Spatial Development

In Project Division **B. MOVEMENTS** the impact of resources on processes connected to the development and settlement of (new) spaces is studied. Central topics are resource-connected conditions for the appropriation of space, the perception and conceptualising of space, migrational behaviour and the understanding of culturally dependent assignment of value to resources.

B01 Variability of the Use of Resources. Spatial Exploitation by Late Neanderthals and Early Modern Humans in Europe

Project management: Prof. Dr. Harald Floss, Prof. Dr. Nicholas Conard

B02 Favour – Disfavour? Development of Resources in Marginal Areas

Project management: Prof. Dr. Thomas Knopf, Dr. Peter Kühn, Prof. Dr. Thomas Scholten

B03 Exploitation of Resources and Ruling Areas in the Middle Ages: Monasteries and Castles

Project management: Prof. Dr. Sigrid Hirbodian, Prof. Dr. Rainer Schreg

B04 Search for Resources as an Incentive for 'Processes of Colonisation'? Causal Research Regarding the Foundation of Roman Settlements in Italy and North Africa

Project management: Prof. Dr. Richard Posamentir, Jun-Prof. Dr. Johannes Lipps

B05 Colonisation? Imperialism? Provincialisation? Resources between Conflict and Integration in the Phoenician-Punic West in the 1st Millennium BC

Project management: Prof. Dr. Thomas Schäfer

B06 Humans and Resources in the Migration Period and the Early Middle Ages – Anthropological and Bioarchaeological Analyses of the Use of Food Resources and the Detection of Migrations

Project management: Prof. Dr. Jörg Baten, Prof. Dr. Jörn Staecker, Prof. Dr. Joachim Wahl

B07 A Hunt for Raw Materials? Dynamics of Settlement Development in the Northern Periphery of Mesopotamia

Project management: Prof. Dr. Peter Pfälzner, Prof. Dr. Thomas Scholten

Project Division C. Valuations

Resources and the Symbolic Dimensions of Cultures

The projects of division **C. VALUATIONS** are dealing with resource related creation of value. The symbolic dimensions of resources are highlighted, showing the related Resource-Complexes to be networks of objects, people, knowledge and practices. The division's projects try to answer the question what kinds of processes lead to a creation or elimination of resources, a stabilisation or de-stabilisation of systems, their termination or endurance, and, most crucially: how it is possible to control these processes.

C02 Resources and their (Re-) Construction in Literature during the 4th Century BC: The Past as Resource Knowledge

Project management: Prof. Dr. Irmgard Männlein-Robert, Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Stanzel, Prof. Dr. Mischa Meier

C03 Resources and the Formation of Societies, Settlement Areas and Cultural Identities on the Italian Peninsula during the 1st Century BC

Project management: Prof. Dr. Thomas Schäfer

C04 Religious Speech as a Resource in South and Central Asia: Indoctrination, Medialisation and Commercialisation

Project management: Prof. Dr. Ruth Conrad, Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg

C05 Island Economies – A Comparative Study of Island Communities during the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Period

Project management: Prof. Dr. Jörn Staecker, Prof. Dr. Renate Dürr

C06 The Health and Body ResourceComplex of Yunai Medicine in South India

Project management: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Alex

C07 Authenticity as a Resource

Project management: Prof. Dr. Jörn Staecker, Prof. Dr. Thomas Thiemeyer

