

# Barbarians Prehistory from the Mesolithic to the Iron Age

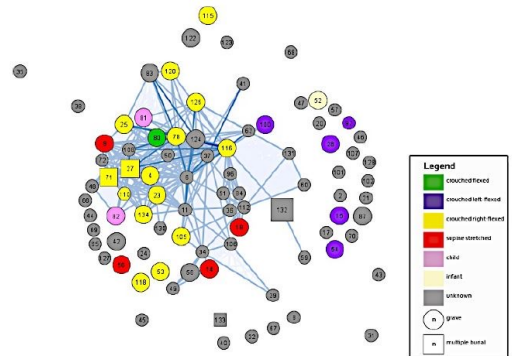
Trinity Term 2023, Fridays, 4–5pm

Lectures will be given in the Institute Lecture Room & on Teams

## Week 3: 12 May. Louise Olerund, Leiden University

### Becoming Binary? A network analysis into gendered burial practices of the third millennium BCE

The third millennium BCE is considered a period of much cultural and social change in European Prehistory. Recent findings from ancient DNA studies have led to the revival of the traditional migration hypothesis explaining these changes. ‘Massive’ migrations from the Pontic Caspian steppe into Europe have led to not only a genetic turnover in prehistoric populations, but also the development of the Corded Ware culture (c. 2900–2500 BCE) and ultimately the Bell Beaker culture (c. 2500–2000 BCE), archaeological cultures mainly known through their funerary context. These cultures are associated with the emergence of binary gender, martiality, female exogamy, and social complexity. However, such narratives disregard the variability seen in the archaeological record and are rooted in modern, androcentric assumptions. Through network analysis, my DPhil research aims to bring nuance to such narratives by investigating the cultural norms behind burying differently sexed and aged people in north-western Europe.



## Week 7: 9 June. Prof Chris Gosden, University of Oxford

### Not-the-Barbarians: Reflecting on a career in European Archaeology

Join us for a special lecture given by Prof Chris Gosden as he reflects on his time as the Professor of European Archaeology at Oxford. From technologies of enchantment to English landscapes and identities and from Magic to the Commons, join us to hear about the range of topics Chris has explored throughout his career.

## Week 8: 16 June. Round Table Discussion

### What should a combined Seminar Series Eurasian Archaeology + Barbarians look like?

The organisers of both the Barbarians Prehistory and Eurasian Archaeology seminars are keen to combine these distinct series into a broad-sweeping archaeology seminar that reaches across Europe, Eurasia, and Eastern Asia. We are seeking input from faculty, staff, students, and regular attendees in order to provide a relevant and engaging seminar. Join us along with Prof Amy Bogaard, Prof Richard Bradley, and Prof Chris Gosden to discuss the future of the seminar.

