



The Society for Anthropology:
Working Group for Paleoanthropology
and Prehistoric Anthropology



in cooperation with the
Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society
LMU Munich

Invitation

Workshop

A peste, fame et bello libra nos, Domine!
Sickness, Hunger, War and Religion
from the perspectives of archaeology, history and anthropology

Where: Museum of Man and Nature (Museum Mensch und Natur), Schloss Nymphenburg, Maria-Ward-Str. 1b, 80638 Munich

When: 3-4 March 2011 (optionally also 5 March 2011)

Organizing Committee:

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Call for Panels

Early March 2011 will see the first interdisciplinary workshop organized by the Society for Anthropology's Working Group for Paleoanthropology and Prehistoric Anthropology (APPA) together with the Rachel Carson Center (RCC).

This workshop is conceived as an attempt to analyze a single topic from different academic perspectives.

For long periods in the history of humanity, human lives have been fundamentally shaped by sickness, hunger, war and religion. Representatives of both the natural sciences and the humanities (anthropology, archaeology, history) will have the opportunity to discuss and analyze these four major influences on the development of the human population, drawing on their different perspectives. It is hoped that the interdisciplinary and international cooperation with regard to this topic will result in fresh insights.

We are therefore interested in panels rather than individual papers, in which two to four people from the fields of history, archaeology and anthropology concentrate on a specific aspect of the conference topic.

Possible aspects might be:

- ♦ A combined look at an archaeological site, involving the perspectives of anthropologists, archaeologists and historians.
- ♦ An interdisciplinary analysis of a single sub-topic, e.g. the Varian Disaster, the plague during the medieval period, treating illnesses in history, the influence of religion on the evolution of settlements or the demographic effects of hunger on the experienced environment.

Each panel will be allocated 90 minutes, consisting of 15 minute presentations by the individual members followed by a discussion.

Following on from the workshop, members of APPA are invited to deliver papers on any relevant topics; the APPA annual general meeting is also scheduled to take place (depending on the take up, this might be on 5th March).

It is our aim that individual contributions will be published as part of the Rachel Carson Center's "RCC Perspectives" series

Application/Participation:

There will be a total of six panels. The costs of travel and two nights' accommodation for panel members will be met by the organizers.

To apply, please send a short abstract (1-2 pages maximum, structured as follows; introduction to the topic, first panel member's contribution, second panel member's contribution, etc.) by email to M.Harbeck@lrz.uni-muenchen.de or kristin.heyking@carsoncenter.lmu.de by **30.11.2010**. Members of the APPA wishing to contribute a paper on a topic of their choice should send an abstract of half a page in length by the same deadline.

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