

Archaeology and Gender in Europe (AGE)

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The proposal for a EAA working party on Archaeology and Gender in Europe arises from the EAA session Gender, Identity and Materiality celebrated in Malta 2008.

Area of concern

The working party has as its area of concern the discussion of Gender issues in European archaeology, where gender is considered both as a structural element to be studied in the past and as influencing research in the present. It will thus address the study and understanding of gender arrangements in the past and the study and understanding of how current gender systems affect archaeology as an academic and professional practice.

Needs and goals addressed

The main aim of this working party is to develop a formal and permanent European network of Gender Archaeology. While gender networks in many different scientific fields are now consolidated across Europe, and in spite of more than three decades of gender archaeology, a permanent forum for promoting and debating this field is still lacking within European archaeology.

The aims for the EAA Archaeology and Gender Working Party are:

1. Promoting and encouraging gender/feminist archaeology as a consolidated research area.
2. Establishing gender/feminist archaeology as part of (the) archaeological curriculum.
3. Expanding and promoting the theoretical foundations of gender/feminist archaeology in order to encourage new thinking about its significance.
4. Creating a meeting place and a discussion platform for scholars interested in gender and feminist studies in archaeology and related disciplines.
5. Communicating research on gender archaeology to both scholars and the general public.

6. Creating opportunities for collaborative research related to gender archaeology across Europe.
7. Discussing specific research topics related to gender/feminist archaeology in the framework of the EAA annual conferences.
8. To promote gender equity in archaeology.

Actions conducted

The first official action of the current party has been the organization of a round table session on “Gender and Archaeology in Europe” in the 2009 EAA meeting. In tune with our goals we invited young speakers from seven different European countries in Europe to present their views on the professional situation of professional women archaeologists working in Europe and their views on what gender archaeology should be.

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