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ALIBI ARCHAEOLOGIES: EXCAVATING IN ARCHIVES, MUSEUMS AND STOREROOMS

Session #603

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Session Theme: Theories and Methods in Archaeology

This session focuses on archaeological excavations *alibi*, i.e. not on site, but in the repositories of archaeological sites, museums and archives. In fact, all too often “archaeology” equals “excavation on site”, leaving the long-term study of the materials out of the spotlight of funding and research. Many European excavation sites have long and intriguing histories of excavation, archiving, storage and inventorying the finds. Finds and documents – in various stages of processing, study and publication – may have been accumulated for many decades, even for centuries. Artefacts and documents deposited in such archives, often unpublished and inaccessible long after their original discovery and production, are an increasingly important data source to be analysed with different methods in order to enhance their information potential.

The main intents of this session are to call attention and to assign more value to these important resources in the archaeological process, to confront current methodologies of working with such accumulated archives of archaeological materials, in order to find common nominators and solutions to their similar problems and challenges.

Session Format: Combination of papers (15 min. each)

Abstract Submission: Abstracts of 200-300 words can be submitted by February 15, 2018 at <https://eaa.klinkhamergroup.com/eaa2018/>

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