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International Symposium

# Bridging Continents

## Earliest Neolithic Communities Across Anatolia

### Recent Research, Future Challenges

Commemorating Klaus Schmidt

21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, Nevali Hotel, Şanlıurfa, Turkey



Enclosures at the main excavation area at Göbekli Tepe © N. Becker

These are exciting times. We have known that Southeast Turkey was part of the core area for the earliest large, sedentary communities and the emergence of a farming economy, the so-called Neolithic revolution (10<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> millennium BCE). Now we are learning about the extraordinary cult site of Göbekli Tepe, at the centre of communities across the region, each of which reveals its own architectural and symbolic achievements. For the first time, we are realizing that equally early settlements in central Anatolia were evolving socially and economically in parallel. We are also beginning to see, from excavations in western Anatolia and in European Turkey, evidence of the spread of the Neolithic way of life to Aegean coastlands and islands and into



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mainland Europe. The mosaic landscapes of the Republic of Turkey were where this new way of



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life first emerged and from which it began its spread westwards until it had reached the whole of Europe. Recent paleo-anthropological studies are yielding new and significant scientific findings, which illustrate just one of the potential areas where interdisciplinary cooperation in prehistoric research is enriching our knowledge of the early ties between Anatolia and Europe.

Beyond its importance for the heritage of humanity, Göbekli Tepe, situated in Southeastern Turkey, is an important location for German-Turkish cooperation in prehistoric archaeology. The site is being studied by an interdisciplinary team of scholars funded by DFG in the framework of a



Stone pillar at Göbekli Tepe  
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long-term project. Thus, it is consistent that this early Neolithic cult site, which is on its way to becoming a World Heritage Site, will host an international symposium underlining the site's importance for research and cooperation and further developing its outstanding potential. On-site observation and discussion offer the opportunity to showcase and debate some of the pivotal questions.



Stone vessel from Körtik Tepe  
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# Programme

## 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 (Sunday)

### Up to 19:00 Arrival of the Participants

19:30 Welcome addresses and introduction  
 Ünsal Yalçın (Bochum), German Mining Museum  
 Peter Strohschneider (Bonn), President of the DFG  
 Thomas Kurz (Ankara), Minister of the German Embassy  
 Felix Pirson (Istanbul), German Archaeological Institute  
 Zülküf Yılmaz (Ankara), Deputy Director General, Turkish Antiquities Authorities

### Musical Interlude

İbrahim Halil Mutlu (Şanlıurfa), President of Harran University  
 Celalettin Güvenç (Şanlıurfa), Mayor of Şanlıurfa  
 İzzettin Küçük (Şanlıurfa), Governor of Şanlıurfa

### Musical Interlude

Ricardo Eichmann (Berlin): Commemorating Klaus Schmidt

21:00 Dinner



View towards the site of Göbekli Tepe © K. Schmidt

## 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 (Monday)

### Session I

- 09:00-09:40 [Mehmet Özdoğan](#) (Istanbul): Specifying the Core Area of Primary Neolithization
- 09:40-10:20 [Bill Finlayson](#) (London): Anatolia: At the Centre of the Neolithic
- 10:20-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 [Michael Rosenberg](#) (Wilmington): Symbols and the Social Dimension of Public Buildings in the Aceramic Neolithic of Southeastern Anatolia
- 11:30-12:00 [Marion Benz](#), [Vecihi Özkaya](#) (Freiburg, Diyarbakır): Consequential Interactions between People, Environment and Material Culture at Early Sedentism - Körtik Tepe as a Key Site
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30-14:00 [Yutaka Miyake](#) (Tsukuba): Excavations at Hasankeyf Höyük: An Early Neolithic Site in the Upper Tigris
- 14:00-14:30 [Necmi Karul](#) (Istanbul): Gusir Höyük – Emergence of Sedentary Life at the Upper Tigris Valley
- 14:30-15:00 [Jörg Becker](#), [Nico Becker](#), [Lee Clare](#), [Oliver Dietrich](#), [Cigdem Köksal-Schmidt](#), [Jens Notroff](#), [Joris Peters](#) and [Nadja Pöllath](#) (Berlin, Munich): Pointing the Way to the Neolithic: Klaus Schmidt and the first 20 Years of Research at Göbekli Tepe
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 Transfer to Göbekli Tepe
- 16:00-18:30 Site Visit, guided by Team Members of the Göbekli Tepe Project
- 20:00 [Harald Hauptmann](#) (Heidelberg): Klaus Schmidt – Some Personal Remarks on an Extraordinary Scholar
- 20:15 Dinner



Stone pillar at Göbekli Tepe; right: K. Schmidt © N. Becker

## 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 (Tuesday)

### Session II

- 09:00-09:30 [Harald Hauptmann](#) (Heidelberg): Community Buildings in Nevalı Çori and Çayönü
- 09:30-10:00 [Danielle Stordeur](#) (Paris): The Neolithization in North Syria. Jerf el Ahmar and the Transformations of the Social System
- 10:00-10:30 [Douglas Baird](#) (Liverpool): Boncuklu Höyük at Konya Plain
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 [Mihriban Özbaşaran](#), [Güneş Duru](#) (Istanbul): Common Concepts, Local Trajectories: Aşıklı Höyük - Central Anatolia
- 11:30-12:00 [Joris Peters](#) (Munich): Göbekli Tepe and the 'Faunal Revolution'
- 12:00-12:30 [Amy Bogaard](#) (Oxford): The Archaeobotany of Early Farming in Anatolia
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-14:30 [Metin Özbek](#) (Ankara): Neolithic People of Anatolia
- 14:30-15:00 [Hans-Georg Soeffner](#) (Essen): Symbol, Ritual and Social Order – A Closer Look at Göbekli Tepe
- 15:00-15:30 [Johannes Müller](#) (Kiel): Neolithization and Monumentalization in Europe: a Structural Comparison of North Mesopotamia
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-19:30 Tour of Şanlıurfa Historic Center and Museum
- 20:00 Farewell Dinner

## 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Wednesday)

Departure of Participants

### Participants for Discussions

[Nur Balkan Atlı](#) (Istanbul)  
[Helmut Brückner](#) (Köln)  
[Joachim Burger](#) (Mainz)  
[Abdullah Ekinci](#) (Şanlıurfa)  
[Hayat Erkanal](#) (Ankara)  
[Yılmaz Selim Erdal](#) (Ankara)  
[Peter Funke](#) (Münster)  
[Fokke Gerritsen](#) (Istanbul)  
[Svend Hansen](#) (Berlin)  
[Salwa Hauptmann-Hamza](#) (Heidelberg)  
[Metin Kartal](#) (Ankara)  
[Cihat Kürkçüoğlu](#) (Urfa)  
[Mehmet Önal](#) (Urfa)



Human stone head from Nevalı Çori © H. Hauptmann

Süreyya Özbek (Ankara)  
 Felix Pirson (Istanbul)  
 Klaus Rheidt (Cottbus)  
 Gary O. Rollefson (Walla Walla)  
 Günther Schauerte (Berlin)  
 Wolfram Schier (Berlin)  
 Gönül Yalçın (Bochum)

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*The lectures will be simultaneously translated into Turkish*

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Reconstruction of enclosure D at Göbekli Tepe in the Şanlıurfa Museum © H.-D. Bienert





View towards the excavation area at Gusir Höyük © N. Karul



Excavations at Aşıklı Höyük © M. Özbaşaran

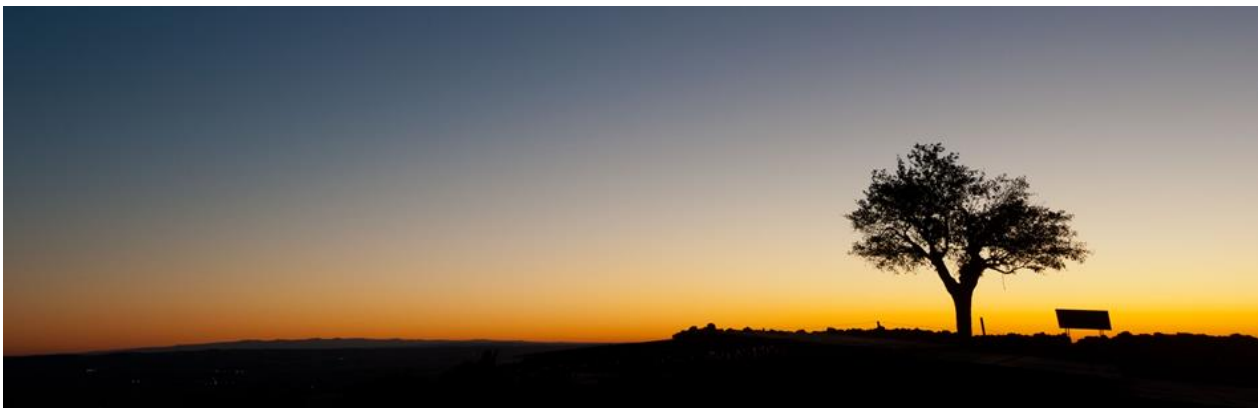




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