



Burial Mounds in Europe and Japan:

Comparative and Contextual Perspectives

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This workshop will explore mounded tomb building in Europe and on the Japanese Islands in a comparative context. The main focus will be on the development of social hierarchies and the relation to settlements. The workshop will bring together for the first time specialists of European prehistory from Germany, England and France, and leading experts of the Japanese Yayoi and Kofun period.

Day 1 (Wednesday, November 4th):

- 14.00 Opening of the Workshop and Organizational Remarks (Thomas Knopf/Simon Kaner)
- 14.15 Welcome Address (Rector Prof. Dr. Bernd Engler)

1. Introduction

- 14.30 Comparative Archaeology – The Case of Europe and Japan (Thomas Knopf)
- 15.00 Mounded Tomb Building: The Significance of Japanese Archaeology in a Comparative Perspective (Werner Steinhaus)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

2. Excavating Burial Mounds

- 16.00 Hallstatt Burial Mounds Then and Now: Excavations and Changing Images in the History of Research (Nils Müller-Scheeßel)
- 17.00 Excavating Mounded Tombs of the Kofun Period in Japan – History of Research and Methods (Tatsuo Nakakubo)

18.00 Special Contribution: „Mounded Tombs of the Kofun Period and the Mythical Foundation of the Japanese State, as Reflected in Japan's Earliest Written Sources: Kojiki and Nihonshoki“

18.30 Evening Reception



Day 2 (Thursday, November 5th):

3. Origins and Development of Graves with Burial Mounds

- 08.30 Bronze Age Burial Mounds in Central Europe: Origins and Development of Diversity in Time and Space (Frank Nikulka)
- 09.30 The Origins and the Development of Graves with Burial Mounds on the Japanese Islands in the Yayoi Period (Hisashi Nojima)

10.30 Coffee Break

4. Burial Mounds and Social Stratification

- 11.00 Princes and Chiefs? Hallstatt Burial Mounds and Ideas of Ranking Systems (Wolfram Schier)
- 12.00 Social Stratification and the Formation of the Keyhole-Shaped Mounded Tombs and Related Mounded Tomb Building in the Early Kofun Period (Kenichi Sasaki)

13.00 Lunch Break

5. Burial Mounds and Landscape

- 14.00 Burial Mound Landscapes: Ideas on Prehistoric Burial Monuments as Spatial Features (Ariane Ballmer)
- 15.00 Mounded Tomb Building in the Kofun period – Landscape and its Transformation (Akira Seike)
- 16.00 Coffee Break

6. Burial Mounds and Settlements

- 16.30 Burial Mounds and Settlements: Their Relations in the Hallstatt/Latène-Period (Ines Balzer)
- 17.30 The Relation of Mounded Tombs, Settlements and Residences in the Kofun Period: Reflecting Social Changes? (Takehiko Matsugi)
- 18.30 Special Contribution: Mounded Tombs in East Anglia (Simon Kaner)
- 19.00 Dinner

Day 3 (Thursday, Friday 6th):

7. Burial mounds and Iron

- 08.30 Metal and Society: Approaches to Early Iron in Central Europe (Manfred K. H. Eggert)
- 09.30 Iron and its Relation to Mounded Tombs on the Japanese Islands (Discussion/Round Table with Takehiko Matsugi and Hisashi Nojima)
- 10.30 Coffee Break

8. Burial Mounds as Monuments of Administrative Power, Rulership and Ritual

- 11.00 Hallstatt ‚Princely Sites‘ and their Burial Mounds – Symbols of Political and Religious Power (Dirk Krauß)
- 12.00 Mounded Tombs of the Kofun Period as Monuments of an Administrative System and as Expression of Power Relationships (Shin'ya Fukunaga)
- 13.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 Burial Mounds and Monumentality – Visible Places of Ritual and Power (Chris Scarre)
- 15.00 Coffee Break

15.30 Final Discussion

Closing remarks (Shin'ya Fukunaga)



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Place: Fürstenzimmer, Schloss Hohentübingen

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