



The Italian Society for Ethnoarchaeology (AIE)

Is pleased to announce the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

”Current Ethnoarchaeology”

25/26/27 November, 2015

The conference will be held in Rome,

at the National Research Council (CNR) (Piazzale A. Moro 7).

Ethnoarchaeology is a widespread research strategy for bridging the present and the past. It holds a very special position in the process of reconstructing the past, since it allows archaeologists to build frames of reference from the ethnographic present to explore, test, and infer about past phenomena. Ethnoarchaeologists strive in the present. We learn from contemporary societies, exploring the nuances of current human behaviors in search of more refined and varied models to enhance our interpretive tools.

Nowadays, the world is facing major changes, as economic insecurity, cultural and social conflicts are rapidly altering global equilibria. In this transforming scenario, the development of anthropological and archaeological research is directly affected by reduced accessibility to regions or states and widespread decrease in funding. Can a reshaped ethnoarchaeology mitigate these current problems and reconfigure, once again, as an innovative research strategy? Can ethnoarchaeology actively contribute to the debate around the preservation of local knowledge, sustainable development and climate change? How are new technologies such as high definition satellite imaging, affecting this discipline? Are the advances in computer modeling and simulation really opening new horizons for ethnoarchaeology?

In this conference contributions are welcome that envision what ethnoarchaeology is going to be in the near future, explicitly addressing (but not limiting to) one of the above themes, focusing on the role of ethnoarchaeology in the broad realm of current research in social sciences and humanities. Research projects with no spatial limitations will be gladly



received, but it is requested that every case study envisage the pivotal job of ethnoarchaeology in broader topics, expanding its traditional task of being an analytical tool. The aim of the meeting is to discuss new and viable fields to promote ethnoarchaeology, and to highlight new methodological and theoretical approaches that may shape the future of this discipline.

Abstracts for papers (between 500 – 1000 words) and posters should be sent to this e-mail address [ethnoarchaeology2010@gmail](mailto:ethnoarchaeology2010@gmail.com) before the **31st May 2015**.

For further details please visit the conference website www.ethnoarchaeology.net

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