

Artefact Biographies and the Interpretation of Archaeological Finds Programme

15 April, Wednesday

Venue: ZOOM.

General information, introduction & Topic 1. Artefact Biographies and Material Studies in Archaeology

22 April, Wednesday

Arrival in Sofia

23 April, Thursday (NBU, Sofia)

Venue: Sofia, New Bulgarian University ca. 11.00 at Gozba Restaurant

11.20-12.50: Topic 2. Explanation and Interpretations in Archaeology – History of Ideas

13:00-14.30: Lunch Break

14:40-16.10: Topic 3. The Concept of chaîne opératoire in Archaeology

16.20-17.50: Topic 4. Chaîne opératoire of Ceramic Vessels. Case studies from the Prehistory of the Eastern Balkans

Evening: Welcome drink & food in Sofia's downtown

24 April, Friday (NBU, Sofia)

Venue: Sofia, New Bulgarian University

11.20-12.50: Topic 5. Technological Change in Archaeology: Case Study - The Appearance of Metallurgy in the Near East and Southeastern Europe

13:00-14.30: Lunch Break

14:40-16.10: Topic 6. Deliberate Fragmentation of Objects in the Past

16.20-17.50: Topic 7. Case Studies

25 April, Saturday (Museums in Sofia)

Venue: Sofia
9:15

Meeting at Parking „Knyaz Aleksander I Sq.“(in front of The Palace – National Art Gallery)

10:00 - 12:00	Visit National Museum of History in Sofia and Boyana Church Topic 8. Archaeology of Keimelia & Prestige goods (in the Nat. Mus. of History)
12:00 - 13.45	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:00	Boyana Church Topic 9. Representations of Human and Animal Bodies (in Boyana Church)

26 April, Sunday (Museums and Sites in Plovdiv)

Venue: Plovdiv

08:00	Departure for Plovdiv.
11.00 - 18.00	Plovdiv Archaeological Museum. Bishops Basilica Museum in Plovdiv. Ancient Theater and Plovdiv's Old Town and Nebet Tepe Archaeological Site. Topic 10. "The Powerful Past" - Meanings of Past Objects and Monuments Today
19:00	Return to Sofia.

27 April, Monday (Departure)

Departure

30 April, Thursday (online meeting)

Topic 11. The Pepper Roaster (Чушкопек) and Late 20th cent. AD Bulgarian Food Politics

Final Discussion & Grading

For any questions, please contact Bogdan Athanassov (bo.atana@nbu.bg)