T06S020 “Binary bind": deconstructing sex and gender dichotomies in archaeological practice. 20th EAA AGE session.

12 September, Friday

SESSION ORGANIZERS: Lara Ghisleni (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA); Alexis Jordan (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA); Emily Fioccoprile (University of Bradford, UK)

1st Session: Method and theory: “binary bind” as an entry point?

Chair Person: Lara Ghisleni

09:00–09:20 Anna Gatti: Why we need a feminist methodology
Uppsala University, Sweden

09:20–09:40 Cecilia Lidström Holmberg: Gender in archaeology—investigating the not already known
Uppsala University, Sweden

09:40–10:00 Enrique Moral de Eusebio: Queerying sex, gender and sexuality in archaeology
Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

10:00–10:20 Susan Stratton: ‘Seek, and ye shall find.’ Looking beyond binary gender in cemeteries from the south-east European Late Neolithic/Early Copper Age
Cardiff University, UK

10:20–10:40 Hannah Cobb, Karina Croucher: Emergent identities in archaeology: persons, practices, pedagogy
University of Manchester, UK; University of Bradford, UK

10:40–11:00 COFFEE BREAK

2nd Session: Multiple social variables and gendered configurations

Chair Person: Alexis Jordan

11:00–11:20 Uroš Matić: Binary bind in Egyptian archaeology: the case of Hatshepsut and Akhenaten
University of Münster, Germany

11:20–11:40 Katherine Haas, Lidija Milašinović: Sexed skeletons, gendered bodies: combining bioarchaeological and mortuary analyses at Mokrin and Ostojićevo (2200–1600/1500 BCE), Serbia
University of Pittsburgh, USA; Narodni Muzej Kikinda, Serbia
11:40–12:00 Bettina Arnold: Belts vs. blades: the binary bind in Iron Age SW Germany mortuary contexts
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA

12:00–12:20 Alexis Jordan: Her mirror, his sword: unbinding binary gendered assumptions in Iron Age British mortuary traditions
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, USA

12:20–12:40 Melanie Giles: Forging lives, weaving tales: the making and mourning of gendered identity in Iron Age East Yorkshire
University of Manchester, UK

12:40–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

3rd Session: “(Dis)embodying” the binary bind: material culture and imagery

Chair Person: Emily Fioccoprire

14:00–14:20 Ellen Belcher: Identifying female in the Halaf: prehistoric agency and modern interpretations
John Jay College, City University of New York, USA

14:20–14:40 Anneli Sundkvist: Cut the cord – scissors and sorcery in Viking Age Sweden
Societas Archeaologica Upsaliensis, Sweden

14:40–15:00 Meritxell Ferrer: Feeding the community: women participation in communal celebrations, Western Sicily (8th – 6th centuries BC)
Stanford University, USA

15:00–15:20 Elisabeth Arwill-Nordbladh: Negotiating body scale. Some examples from Scandinavian Viking age imagery
University of Gothenburg, Sweden

15:20–15:40 Lara Ghisleni, Alexis Jordan, Emily Fioccoprire: Discussants—Assessing the “binary bind”

15:40–16:00 Discussion

General Poster Session—Thursday afternoon, 11 September

Michelle Williams-Ward, Jo Buckberry: The condemned man? An osteological and criminological analysis of the sex and age imbalance in Anglo-Saxon Cemeteries
University of Bradford, UK; University of Bradford, UK