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CALL FOR PAPERS Session 297: **Archaeology in a changing climate**

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SESSION ABSTRACT: *Few reject the notion that climate is impacting societies and politics. Even, though archaeologists contribute much to the topics of environmental impacts and climate-driven societal change, this knowledge rarely comes to public domain. Whilst programmatic initiatives such as van de Noort's (2013) 'climate change archaeology' made progress towards such an engagement, archaeology still tends to focus on heritage sites facing environmental threat. Little attention is given to the role of archaeology in producing evidence-based data on climate change.*

Archaeology explores the interpretations of history, economy, politics, and environment within the past to understand how human societies adapted – or failed to do so. Why not harness this knowledge to engage in the current global climate change debate? Inspired in part by efforts of the SAA's Climate Change Strategies and Archaeological Resources Committee and in part by movements in sister disciplines such as geology (see www.geoethics.org), this session seeks to bridge this gap by exploring trans-disciplinary examples of engaging with climate change from research design to outreach in museums and the public domain.

How does archaeological work relate to political agendas; should archaeology as a discipline take a stance on this matter? With green policies under severe pressure in Europe and elsewhere, this session explores how archaeological knowledge can be 'useable'.

We invite contributions on novel public/policy interface perspectives, those dealing with environmental ethical dimensions of archaeological and museum practice, the archaeology of marginalized groups and climate justice, as well as papers addressing landscape and climate change in the past.

Please submit your paper title and abstract (300 word maximum) from January 31st to March 15th, 2017 directly at <http://www.eaa2017maastricht.nl/en>. For questions please write to Charlotte Stancioff, c.e.stancioff@arch.leidenuniv.nl and Felix Riede, f.riede@cas.au.dk.