

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Future by the Sea

Engaging with maritime archaeological research during the climate emergency

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Over the last years, climate change has become one of the most significant threats to culture and heritage. Sea level rise, increase in extreme weather and natural phenomena (fires, floods, droughts), desertification and ocean acidification have already threatened coastal and underwater cultural heritage assets and endangered entire lifestyles of maritime communities.

Maritime archaeology, the field of archaeology that studies sites, material remains, human activities and interactions related to aquatic environments, has a huge potential to contribute to the current climate action and sustainability initiatives, especially due to its multi-disciplinary nature and human-scale approach. Ongoing projects around the world have shown the potential of the discipline to contribute to climate action, sustainability, adaptation as well as building of climate resilience. Limited availability of resources, though, frequently obstructs younger scholars to contribute to this discussion.

This one-day online symposium aims at bringing together early career researchers working on projects that link maritime archaeology and climate change. We would like to encourage postgraduate students and early career academics to apply!

TOPICS COULD INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

- Intangible maritime heritage, maritime identities and coastal adaptations
- Local, traditional and indigenous knowledge of coastal and island populations
- Past adaptations on climate change by maritime societies, coastal or island communities
- Impacts of climate change effects on coastal and underwater cultural heritage assets

Please submit an abstract (150-200 words) with your name, affiliation and email to:
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