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Megalithism Revisited: Methodological Advances and Emerging Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

Since Antiquity, megaliths have captivated popular curiosity and scholarly interest. While the sheer size of many sites has always influenced interpretations, often leading to their emphasis as "monuments," increasing research has facilitated a more nuanced understanding. Since the mid-20th century, the incorporation of new methodologies and theoretical approaches has allowed the redefinition of megalithism as part of complex cultural dynamics and processes of landscape construction, moving beyond isolated views of individual monuments. Nevertheless, despite decades of research, their typological, spatial, and chronological variety still challenges simplistic generalizations. Currently, technical advancements, increased data, and new analytical perspectives are challenging consolidated paradigms regarding the origin, diffusion, architectural forms, and functions of megaliths. This ushers in a new stage where it is essential to reframe questions and broaden approaches at both local and global scales. This Special Issue is precisely dedicated to these recent contributions, which transform our understanding of a key phenomenon in the history of prehistoric communities.

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