

Special Issue

Archaeology in the Late Quaternary: Emerging Materials, Methods, Issues and Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent decades, new analytic methods have furthered the progress of archaeology, especially in research of the late Quaternary. Recent archaeological findings, combined with new analytic methods, have renewed knowledge in multiple aspects, such as the interaction between different groups of humans, the dispersal of lithic technology, the origin of agriculture, and the function of various artefacts. However, new findings also raise new issues, such as the revision of theoretical models, and the reconsideration of the route of human and technology dispersal, among others. As such, it is necessary to bring these issues together for consideration. This Special Issue aims to collect new archaeological findings for the late Quaternary, and to introduce new methods and associated issues and perspectives. The topics of interest for publication include, but are not limited to, the original study of new archaeological materials, the application of new methods to solve archaeological issues, and reviews and perspectives on such studies.

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We live in a Quaternary world, that is, a world shaped by the interplay of the different compartments of the earth system—lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, biosphere, cryosphere—during the last ~2.6 million years. It is not possible to understand the current world—and, hence, to anticipate its possible future developments—without knowing the Quaternary history of drivers, processes, and mechanisms that have generated it. Our own species is an evolutionary outcome of the Quaternary performance. Therefore, the journal *Quaternary* is born with the aim of being an integrative journal to encompass all aspects of Quaternary science focused on understanding the complex world in which we live and to provide a sound scientific basis to anticipate possible future trends and inform environmental policies.

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