

BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIA SUMMER TERM 2022

Pastoral practices and the evolution of mountain landscapes: Case studies from the Alps



Monday, 9 May 2022 / 16.15 - 17.45 / virtual meeting

Francesco Carrer, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Newcastle University, UK

In this lecture, I will describe how mobile pastoralism has transformed mountain ecosystems since prehistoric times, shaping some of the most iconic landscapes in Europe and the Mediterranean. I will also explain that the transformations triggered by pastoral practices had both

positive and negative effects on mountain environments (for example enhancing the diversity of mountain environments while increasing soil loss vulnerability), and that only a long-term perspective enables us to understand the complexity of socio-ecological processes in upland landscapes. The information discussed in this lecture has been acquired and analysed using a transdisciplinary methodology that combines archaeology, environmental science, and computer science. The case studies presented are all from the Alpine region and cover a timespan that extends from Prehistory to the Modern Period.



Image: Transhumant flock in the uplands of Val di Fiemme, summer 2010 (photo: F. Carrer).

Contact:

For more information and the videoconference link, please contact
office@sfb1266.uni-kiel.de or
office@roots.uni-kiel.de