



Motherhood and environment in Bronze Age Central Europe

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Burial of a 12-14 year-old girl from Franzhausen I, c. 2000 BC © Bundesdenkmalamt Wien

Motherhood includes a range of cultural choices and practices in addition to the biological framework of sexual reproduction, which are subject to research within the ERC-Starting Grant funded project 'The value of mothers to society'. This presentation will present the latest findings from new analytical approaches such as tracing the stress of pregnancies and childbirth in female skeletons, applying organic residue analysis to understand what prehistoric baby bottles contained, and using peptide analysis in children's dental enamel to determine their sex. In the spirit of the Cluster of Excellence ROOTS, this talk will aim to focus on how changing environments may influence strategies of mothering and childrearing.

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