

## **Emergence of Bronze Age Societies: A Global Perspective**

### **全球视野下的青铜时代**

Five-day conference in November 2011, Baoji, Shaanxi province, China

#### **Call for papers**

The International Centre for Chinese Heritage and Archaeology (ICCHA), Institute of Archaeology, University College London, Peking University and Baoji Municipal People's Government, Shaanxi province, China, invite scholars to participate in the conference *Emergence of Bronze Age Societies: A Global Perspective*.

The conference aims at enhancing our understanding of the background and development of Bronze Age societies on a global scale. It will trace the beginnings of the use of copper and bronze throughout Eurasia and beyond, and investigate the societies that developed metallurgy. Questions to be raised are: What constitutes a Bronze Age? Which characteristics share early bronze using cultures? Is the use of bronze sufficient to define a Bronze Age society? What kinds of artefacts were predominantly produced? Which technological solutions were found in different bronze-using cultures to source raw materials and to produce alloys and artefacts? What was the role of cross-cultural exchange in the development of Bronze Age societies?

The conference especially seeks to provide a platform for integrating the achievements of Chinese archaeological research on the Bronze Age into a world wide context. For this reason the conference will be held in Baoji, Shaanxi province, China, where a major bronze producing centre was located 3000 years ago, and where one of the largest collections of bronze artefacts in all of Asia is stored.

The conference will be held from 08 to 12 November 2011. The costs of local accommodation and conference fees will be met by the organisers. Foreign participants are responsible for their travel and visa costs.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 31 December 2010. Successful candidates are expected to give a talk of 15 minutes and to present a poster of their research during a poster session. Individual posters are welcome as well.

Date: 08 to 12 November 2011  
Venue: Baoji Museum of Bronzes, Shaanxi province, China  
Conference languages: English/Chinese with translation  
The conference proceedings will be published as a peer-reviewed volume.

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## **Intended Topics for conference *Emergence of Bronze Age Societies: A Global Perspective***

### **Bronze metallurgy and complex societies**

Demography, socio economic aspects  
Scale of production, specialisation of crafts, workshop organisation  
Types of commodities produced  
What makes a Bronze Age?

### **Contacts and trade**

Cross-Eurasian/long distance contacts and their role in forming Bronze Age societies  
Raw materials and bronze production  
Invention, transfer and adaptation of technology and typology  
Centre and periphery in metal production and metal use

### **Technologies**

Origin and development of bronze mining, smelting and alloying  
Bronze casting technologies  
Other metal working technologies

### **Bronze and ideology**

Bronze and religion, mythology, and social hierarchy  
Value, standardisation, and status

### **Abstracts**

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## 全球视野下的青铜时代

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2011年11月的5天国际学术会议  
中国陕西省宝鸡市宝鸡青铜器博物馆

## 会议论文征集通知

中国文化遗产保护与考古学研究国际中心、北京大学中国考古学研究中心、伦敦大学考古学院和宝鸡市人民政府诚挚邀请各位学者参加“全球视野下的青铜时代”国际学术研讨会。

会议目的在于深化学界关于全球范围内青铜时代社会的发展及其背景的认识。会议将追溯整个欧亚大陆或更大范围内铜和青铜的起源，探讨冶金技术发展与社会的关系等问题。议题包括：青铜时代的构成要素是什么？早期青铜文化具有什么样的共同特征？使用青铜是定义青铜时代的必要条件吗？主要生产了哪些器物？不同青铜文化在利用原材料、制作青铜合金及器物方面有何技术选择？文化交流在青铜时代社会发展中具有什么作用？等等。

中国陕西省宝鸡市是3000年前中国青铜器最重要的生产中心之一，目前也是亚洲最大的青铜器收藏中心之一。因此在宝鸡市召开本次会议，将为中国青铜时代考古学研究的国际化提供一个平台。

会议将于2011年11月8-12日召开，会议主办方将承担参会者在宝鸡的食宿费用。国外学者需负责国际旅费和签证费用。

提交会议论文摘要的截止时间为2010年12月31日。会议将选择优秀论文进行15分钟的口头报告，并要求报告人制作海报以深入讨论。诚挚欢迎其他研究报告以海报形式进行交流。

日期：2011年11月8日-12日  
地点：中国陕西宝鸡青铜器博物馆  
会议语言：英语/汉语（有翻译）

会议论文经同行评议后，择优出版会议论文集。

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## 会议主题：全球视野下的青铜时代

### 青铜冶金与社会复杂化

青铜时代的人口，社会与经济  
青铜器生产的规模化、专业化、标准化和生产组织  
青铜器生产的种类  
青铜时代的构成要素  
青铜与宗教、神话和社会阶层的关系  
青铜冶金的价值、标准化和地位

### 交互作用与贸易

跨欧亚大陆/长距离互动及其在青铜时代社会形成中的作用  
青铜器冶铸所需的原材料及青铜器的生产过程  
青铜器冶铸技术的发明、传播和适应  
金属生产和使用的中心及周缘

### 青铜时代的技术

铜矿开采技术的起源与发展  
青铜冶炼及合金配制技术的起源与发展  
青铜器铸造技术  
其他金属加工技术

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