

Research projects of the first 3-year cycle (begin Dec. 2018):

Prehistoric axes in the Sahara: a neglected find category. Haches à gorges, necked axes, Darfurbeile – contextualization of a special form (Friederike Jesse, Uni Köln)

Connecting Foodways: Cultural Entanglement and Technological Transmission between the Middle Nile valley and central and eastern Africa during the Early Iron Age (Simone Wolf, DAI)

Interregional Linkage Investigations in Northern Kordofan (InterLINK) (Angelika Lohwasser, Uni Münster)

The Lake Chad Region as a Crossroads: first archaeological and oral historical investigations into early Kanem-Borno and its intra-African connections (Carlos Magnavita, Uni Frankfurt/ Zakinet Dangbet, Université de N'Djamena)

Cultivated Landscapes – Land-use and cultural landscape development in north-hemispheric African savannas (Alexa Höhn, Uni Frankfurt)

'De-Greening' of the central Sahara: Holocene environmental dynamics in the Tibesti Mountains and the Ounianga Basin, Chad (DeGree) (Philipp Hoelzmann, Uni Berlin)

Routes of Interaction: Interregional Contacts between the Northern Horn of Africa and the Nile Region (Iris Gerlach, DAI/ Brigitta Schütt, FU Berlin/ Dietrich Raue, Uni Leipzig)

ClimCellMed – Climate dynamics during the late Holocene derived from Cell structure measurements of juniper trees in the eastern Mediterranean (Ingo Heinrich, GFZ Potsdam)

Connecting the lower middle Niger through borrowed words and shared objects: Archaeo-linguistic network analysis and modelling of cultural entanglements between the Malian Sahara and the Nigerian forests (AD 700-1500) (Henning Schreiber, Uni Hamburg/ Nikolas Gestrich, Uni Frankfurt)

Boundaries, Frontiers, and Conduits in the Middle to Late Holocene Archaeology and Palaeoecology of the Inner Congo Basin (Hans-Peter Wotzka, Uni Köln)

Learning through connecting: data management as a basis for meaningful use of legacy data (Øyvind Eide, Uni Köln / Tilman Lenssen-Erz, Uni Köln)

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