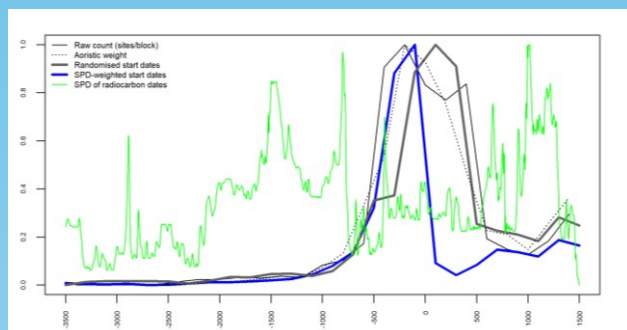


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Session 10: Modelling demography through archaeological data: from theoretical approaches to global case studies

Reconstructing past human population dynamics from archaeological evidence has been a central focus of the discipline for over a century. Archaeodemographic estimates were traditionally based on the size and number of urban settlements, and of burials. However, growing attention has been directed towards rural settlement patterns, with increasingly sophisticated modelling techniques refining the interpretation of raw site counts and sizes. Meanwhile, innovative approaches to radiocarbon date frequency distributions have been broadly applied to prehistoric and protohistoric contexts. The diversity of approaches adopted has led to considerable debate, especially regarding the comparability of demographic signals, yet there is broad consensus on the value of multiproxy approaches for inferring past demographic trends. These offer powerful insights into shifts in settlement systems, cultural transformations, and human adaptive strategies in response to environmental and climatic changes, among other factors.



We particularly welcome contributions exploring:

-  Innovative methodological approaches
-  Applied case studies
-  Critical reflections

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