



Online Courses 2024 **MORTUARY ARCHAEOLOGY**



17 hours Price: 115€

1. INTRODUCTION IN MORTUARY ARCHAEOLOGY

- The archaeology of Death: the definition, the purpose and methods
- Emergence of human burial in the Late Pleistocene
- What is a funeral practice? Types of funeral practices according to the culture and chronology of the site.
- Relevance of body placement and orientation in burials. Deviant burials. Good and bad death.
- Status, rank, power, sex, and kinship ascribed to a funeral custom

2. ETHICS

- Ethical, moral, and legal framework. Use of 3D models as replicas of bone pieces.
- Different scenarios, different responses. Examples of real cases and their ethical problems.
- Difference between Physical and Forensic Anthropology.
- Things prohibited and allowed in the treatment of human remains

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3. ROLE OF AN ANTHROPOLOGIST IN AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION

- Equipment and tools for a Field Anthropologist.
- Adaptation of the role of the Field Anthropologist and his/her tools to the regulations of the country/culture

4. FUNERAL PRACTICES AND TYPES OF BURIAL

- Individual burial. Multiple burials. Collective burial
- Spatial analysis of human remains
- Minimum Number of Individuals (MNI). **Laboratory practices.**
- Preservation index

5. LOCATION OF NECROPOLIS AND LIMITATION OF THE EXCAVATION AREA

- Contexts in which human skeletal remains can be found.
- Location of a necropolis.
- Use of botanical and entomological evidence to detect a necropolis.
- Limitation of the necropolis: excavation area.
- Excavation techniques, reports, measurements in the field.



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6. CREMATION

- Types of cremations and different excavation techniques. Estimation of sex, age, MNI, diseases, cremation temperature
- Application of paleoradiological techniques

7. TAPHONOMIC PROCESSES AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON BONE PRESERVATION

- Taphonomic elements and actions of living beings
- Decomposition processes (Putrefaction. Decomposition. Skeletonization.)
- Anatomical variations
- Pseudopathology/pathology and cultural practices

8. PROCESSES OF EXCAVATION OF HUMAN REMAINS

- Types of field sheets.
- Exhumation and transportation of biological and material remains. Objects of interest. Methods for collecting a biological sample.
- Personal objects and/or grave goods
- A total number of bones to collect in adults and non-adults. The aging processes in the skeleton.

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