



Rencontre autour du paysage funéraire de la Préhistoire à l'Antiquité, Actes du colloque de Dijon, 12 avril -14 avril 2023, publiés sous la direction de C. FOSSURIER, R. LABEAUNE, C. LAFOREST, I. LE GOFF, V. TAILLANDIER, A. THOMAS ; XIVe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n°14 ; ISBN : 978-2-9541526-9-1; 486p. Broché

The simplest and most ordinary landscape is at once social and natural, subjective and objective, spatial and temporal, a material and cultural production, both real and symbolic. Landscape is a system that straddles the natural and the social. It is a social interpretation of nature.” Georges Bertrand. How should we conceive of the funerary landscape? It may seem commonplace to state that it is both natural and social, yet it remains important to emphasize its environmental dimension, which provides a setting that people can appropriate, including at the particular moment marked by the death of a member of a community. Is not the fate of many deceased individuals permanently linked to the earth through burial? This broad topic is difficult to approach archaeologically because this landscape, unlike most others, results from a multitude of factors. It combines natural elements (vegetation, topography, water, etc.), funerary systems, and social structures and cultural practices. Archaeological evidence is often fragmentary and elusive. Indeed, few traces of simple or complex burial features—such as funerary monuments, pathways, or vegetation—have survived through the centuries. While the various components of funerary spaces were undoubtedly visible and meaningful to their users, they remain difficult to identify through archaeological investigation. Nevertheless, funerary archaeology possesses several advantages. The increasing number of preventive and research excavations, sometimes covering extensive areas, enables the exploration of diverse territories over the long term. Such investigations reveal the complete life cycle of landscapes temporarily dedicated to funerary activities: their creation, continuity, and transformation once the dead have been forgotten. This meeting of the GAAF follows a previous conference devoted to later periods, namely the medieval and modern eras. By adopting a long-term perspective extending from Prehistory to Antiquity, it encompasses societies known through written or iconographic sources as well as those for which no such evidence exists.

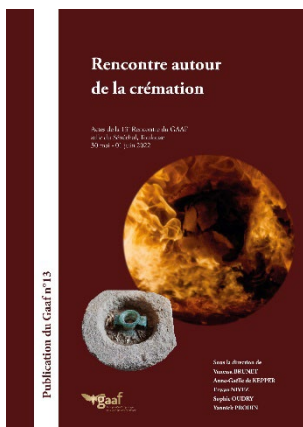
To address these issues, three thematic axes are proposed: one explicitly methodological axis and two others focusing on the internal and external dimensions of funerary spaces. The first examines the necropolis from within, where the landscape serves as the setting for the burial of the dead. The second explores the place of funerary space—whether visible or concealed—within the broader landscape of a territory. Contributions may address methodological, thematic, or chronological perspectives. All disciplines relevant to these questions are welcome, including archaeology, anthropology, palaeoenvironmental sciences, genetics, dating methods, geophysics, and LiDAR studies.

Presentations and discussions will be organized around three main themes:

- What methods can be used to reconstruct the natural and anthropogenic components of funerary spaces (written sources, palaeoenvironmental studies, survey methods, etc.)?
- The internal landscape of the necropolis: the grammar of social, symbolic, and technical uses of funerary spaces.
- Funerary spaces/landscapes and territory: visibility, function, and networks.

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Rencontre autour de la crémation, Actes du colloque de Toulouse, 30 mai -1 juin 2022, publiés sous la direction de V. BRUNET, A.-G. De KEPPEL, E. NIVEZ, S. OUDRY, Y. PROUIN ; XIIIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n°13 ; ISBN : 978-2-954152-68-4; 347p. Broché



For the past twenty years, methods and reflections intrinsic to the excavation and study of structures linked to the practice of cremation have continued to evolve, with a growing and more diverse community of researchers. The GAAF 2022 Meetings were part of the questions already developed in part during the Meetings around the Fire (GAAFIF, 1998) and the Meetings on New Approaches to Funeral Archaeology (GAAF, 2014, session 2). The 13th edition of the GAAF, held in Toulouse from 30 May to 01 June 2022 aimed to take stock of the discipline, show the progress made and bring about a collective reflection on its necessary evolution.

It also gave the opportunity to open a discussion on the relationship ancient or current societies have with cremation, in the widest possible chronological and geographical framework. But also to address the relationship between cremation and inhumation, what these practices share or how they differ, in situations of continuity or rupture, depending on the society or the era.

Presentations and discussions were organized around four main themes: Cremation from in the past and today; Archaeosciences; Methodological feedback and survey strategies; Current research.

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Rendez-vous autour de la fleur, le cochon, le flacon et le cadavre : écofacts et artefacts en scénographie funéraire, Actes du 1^{er} Rendez-vous du Gaaf, Lorient, Aix-en-Provence, La Rochelle, 2016-2018, publiés sous la direction de D. FRERE, L. HUGOT, S. DE LARMINA, L. TRANOY; Publication du Gaaf n°12 ; ISBN : 978-2-954152-67-7; 160p. Broché

A flower, a pig, a bottle, this inventory seems more poetic than realistic, for what could a plant, an animal and an object possibly have in common? And how can they coexist in the same reality? The answer is provided by the reference to the body. It is the presence of the dead body that gives meaning to the statement; it sets the context and drives the investigation, which is archaeological rather than judicial. Priority must indeed be given to the body, whatever its form and whatever remains of it. The body is the human being, and without the human being, the flower, the pig and the bottle would not exist. A grave is only part of a complex *chaîne opératoire* that began with the death of an individual and only ends when the memory has faded.

This book brings together the twelve contributions presented at the first *Rendez-vous du Gaaf*, highlighting the diversity of scientific approaches to the study of funerary rituals and the value of fostering multidisciplinary collaboration among researchers. Contributions are presented according to the sources used (texts, then archaeology) and in chronological order.

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Rencontre autour des typo-chronologies des tombes à inhumation, Actes du colloque de Tours, 3-5 juin 2019, publiés sous la direction de Ph. BLANCHARD, J.-Ph. CHIMIER, M. GAULTIER, Ch. VERJUS ; XIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n°11 / 82^e Supplément à la Revue Archéologique du Centre de la France, 2022 ; ISBN : 978-2-913272-65-1 ; 476p. Broché

Typo-chronology is frequently used in funerary archaeology for dating graves. The method concerns the components which characterize burials : body positions, coffins, rituals, grave markers, grave construction and so on. Other approaches and methods are also associated, such as radiocarbon dating, content assemblages, stratigraphy, etc.

The typo-chronological references used today are sometimes outdated, while at the same time recent advances in research have considerably renewed the documentation in mortuary archaeology. It was then time for the Groupe d'Anthropologie et d'Archéologie Funéraire (Gaaf) to explore and suggest new references that could be used by archaeologists and biological anthropologists. They apply to inhumation burials, and for periods ranging from prehistory to the contemporary period.

This volume brings together 46 contributions, grouped by broad geographical areas, and from papers given at the 11th Gaaf meeting held in Tours from the 3rd to the 5th of June 2019.

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Rencontre autour du corps malade. Prise en charge et traitement funéraire des individus souffrants à travers les siècles, Actes du colloque de Bordeaux, 23-25 mai 2018, publiés sous la direction de Sacha KACKI, Hélène RÉVEILLAS, Christopher J. KNÜSEL ; Xe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n°10, 2021 ; ISBN : 978-2-954152-66-0 ; 322 p. Broché

This book explores the question of the relationship between past societies and those who suffered from illness and impairment. The 38 contributions that make it up cover a wide chronological breadth, ranging from later prehistory to the present day. They consider, in turn, the places in which the sick were cared for (hospitals, religious establishments, and leprosaria), the funerary treatment that their corpses received in different periods of the past, the accompanying objects associated with them, as well as the medico-surgical practices that can sometimes be reconstructed from the study of skeletal remains.

Focusing on social and funerary considerations, this volume illustrates the diverse behaviours elicited by the ailing and unwell according to time and place, thus contributing to current interests in the social history of care, and support of the ill and infirm in past societies

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Ritualiser, gérer, piller : Rencontre autour des réouvertures de tombes et de la manipulation des ossements, Actes du colloque de Poitiers, 10-12 mai 2017, publiés sous la direction de Astrid A. NOTERMAN et Mathilde CERVEL ; IXe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 9 / Mémoire LII, Gaaf / Association des Publications Chauvinoises, 2020 ; ISBN 979-10-90534-56-8 ; 380 p. Relié dos rond

After burial, the integrity of a grave can be disturbed in many ways, particularly by the intervention of the living. Despite the fact that the management of the burial space can often be responsible for these disruptions, it is not the only reason for people to disturb graves. Motivations are wide-ranging and not necessarily associated with destruction or offence. Archaeological professionals are therefore regularly confronted with these changes, and their interpretation often highly depends on the conditions of the excavation, the methods used to study the graves as well as the knowledge provided by other types of sources.

Gathered around three themes (grave robbery, management of burial space, and cult practices), archaeologists, biological anthropologists, historians and ethnologists share in this volume their questions, methods and approaches to the issue of reopening of graves from the prehistoric period to the present day. The conference proceedings are published in collaboration with the *Association des Publications Chauvinoises*.

Public price : 30 € / Member price: 5 €



Rencontre autour de nos aïeux, la mort de plus en plus proche, Actes du colloque de Marseille, 25, 26 et 27 mai 2016, publiés sous la direction de Nicolas WEYDERT, Stéfan TZOTZIS, Anne Richier, Laetitia LANTERI & Hervé GUY ; VIIIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 8, 2019 ; ISBN 978-2-9451526-5-3 ; 268 p. Broché

Increasingly, teams are called upon to work on very recent funerary occupations. However, archaeological studies of this chronological field are still marginal and, for some, useless, sometimes disturbing, even though history or sociology have largely nourished it for decades. The 30 contributions offer a multidisciplinary approach around three unifying themes bringing together historians, archaeologists, biological anthropologists, jurists, sociologists and psychoanalysts. It makes it possible to ask ethical and deontological questions and to consider the guidelines to be given for taking into account these recent finds now integrated into the heritage field..

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Rencontre autour des enjeux de la fouille des grands ensembles sépulcraux médiévaux, modernes et contemporains, Actes du colloque de Caen, 3-4 avril 2015, publié sous la direction de Florence CARRE, Vincent HINCKER, Cécile CHAPELAIN DE SEREVILLE-NIEL ; VIIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 7, 2018 ; ISBN 978-2-9541526-4-6 ; 240 p. Broché

The aim of the conference was to draw up a critical and reasoned assessment on how to approach large stratified burial grounds – community cemeteries or churchyards – by trying to collectively identify perspectives for future research and practice. The excavation of large cemeteries usually brings challenges in terms of scientific questions, methods, excavation procedures and budget. One of the focuses of this conference was to open up the discussion on the relationships between scientific aims, methods and means.

The 22 contributions and the collective conclusion reflect nearly twenty years of experience in rescue excavation, and in the study and publication of these large urban and rural sites.

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Rencontre autour de
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Rencontre autour de nouvelles approches de l'archéologie funéraire, Actes du colloque de Paris, 4-5 avril 2014, publié sous la direction de Solenn DE LARMINAT, Rémi CORBINEAU, Alexis CORROCHANO, Yves GLEIZE et Jean SOULAT ; VIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 6, 2017 ; ISBN 978-2-9541526-3-9 ; 324 p. Broché

The new approaches of funerary archaeology discussed in this book have been defined from both the point of view of the problems and the methods used to answer them. Thanks to a crossed vision of many specialities, three topics were explored: cremation, grave goods items in France from the 8th to the 20th century, and archeosciences. The fourth session, dedicated to the research news, reflects four current tendencies: the development of computerized recording methods, the use of social anthropology, the evolution of funerary practices and taking into account recent archaeology.

This book brings together around 40 contributions that discuss the evolution of funerary archaeology through chronologically and culturally varied examples.

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RENCONTRE AUTOUR DE
LA MORT DES TOUT-PETITS
Mortalité fœtale et infantile



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Rencontre autour de la mort des tout-petits, Actes du colloque de Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 3-4 décembre 2009, publié sous la direction d'Emilie PORTAT, Magali DETANTE, Cécile BUQUET-MARCON et Mark GUILLON ; IIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 5, 2016 ; ISBN 978-2-9541526-2-2 ; 342 p. Broché

Birth and death are key moments in one individual's life, especially when birth coincides death. The mortuary care of the young shows how the society at that time paid special attention to those children who died without being born. The study of this category of dead individuals raises particular methodological questions about age estimation, or taphonomy.

This conference was designed to be multidisciplinary in order to compare and cross-reference approaches on the topic. The world of the small child as a whole was considered during this meeting, bringing together studies from various geographical areas and from a diachronic perspective. It is the comparison between the different types of material that makes it possible to evaluate the impact of the death of a young child as a disruptive or non-disruptive event in the social body.

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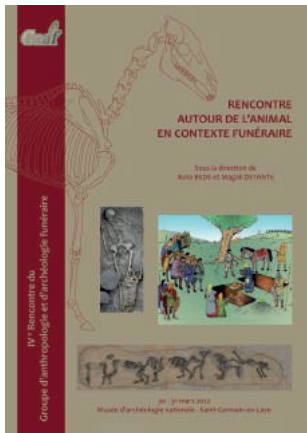
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Rencontre autour des paysages du cimetière médiéval et moderne, Actes du colloque de La Riche, 5 et 6 avril 2013, publié sous la direction de Matthieu GAULTIER, Anne DIETRICH et Alexis CORROCHANO ; Ve Rencontre du Gaaf - Suppl. à la Revue Archéologique du Centre de la France, 60, Publication du Gaaf, n°4, FERACF, GAAF, Tours 2015 2015 ; ISBN 978-2-9132724-6-0 ; 370 p. Broché

The medieval cemetery is a functional and collective space, a place of spirituality and of individual and collective memories. Its location, organisation and aspect come from the interaction between these different constitutive elements. Characterizing and grasping the long story of these landscapes invites the focus on the role and importance of cemeteries within ancient or present societies, as a place of remembrance and as part of heritage in the contemporary landscape.

Over the past twenty years, the knowledge of the landscapes of medieval and post-medieval cemeteries has progressed. By organizing its fifth meeting at the Prieuré Saint Cosme in La Riche, the GAAF wished to take stock of the progress in this field. Presentations and exchanges held between archaeologists, historians and landscape architects on this theme are concretized in this volume published in partnership with the *Revue Archéologique du Centre de la France*.

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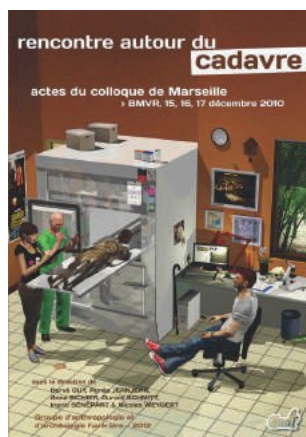


Rencontre autour de l'animal en contexte funéraire, Actes du colloque de Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 30-31 mars 2012, publié sous la direction de Ilona BEDE et Magali DETANTE, avec la coll. de Cécile BUQUET-MARCON ; IVe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 3, 2014, ISBN 978-2-9541526-1-5 ; 266 p. Broché

The meeting focused on four main topics, questioning the animal presence as a funeral object, within the operating chain, the animal deposit in the funeral system and the representation of the animal by the society. Thanks to new data, the participants updated the research news from an interdisciplinary perspective, and questioned their observation methods and some analytical concepts.

The 20 contributions to this publication have been grouped by chrono-cultural areas: From Prehistory to the end of Neolithic; The Metal ages in Gaul; The Ancient Mediterranean World; The Roman Gaul; From the Early to the Late Middle Ages; Through the Eurasian steppes; Representation and Epistemology. They are framed by an introductory article of the meeting organizers, and a concluding article by François Poplin who attended all the discussions.

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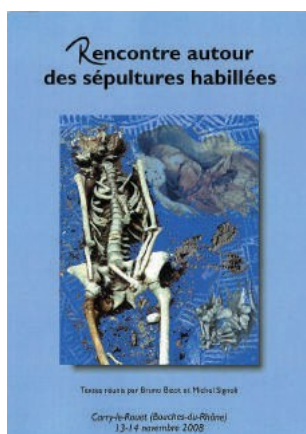


Rencontre autour du cadavre, Actes du colloque de Marseille, BMVR, 15-17 décembre 2010, publié sous la direction de Hervé GUY, Agnès JEANJEAN, Anne RICHIER, Aurore SCHMITT, Ingrid SÉNÉPART et Nicolas WEYDERT ; IIIe Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 2, 2012, ISBN 978-2-9541526-0-8 ; 248 p. Broché

The aim of the conference was to discuss the sensitive topic of 'corpse' from a multi-angle perspective, inviting speakers from different disciplines (archaeology, social anthropology, history, law, ethnology, etc.) to share their approach on a material/topic which has always aroused both fascination and repulsion. Communications were organised around three main issues: the entropy of the corpse (biological principles, tolerance and perception); the practised corpse (operating chain, tools and knowledge); the corpse represented (questions and social management, symbolism and representations).

Twenty-six contributions make up this publication, including preliminary remarks by Jean Boutier and afterword by Jean-Paul Jacob & Mark Guillon. Abstracts and posters are also included in the book.

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Rencontre autour des sépultures habillées, Actes du colloque de Carry-le-Rouet, 13-14 novembre 2008, publié sous la direction de Bruno BIZOT et Michel SIGNOLI ; Ie Rencontre du Gaaf - Publication du Gaaf n° 1, Editions des Hautes-Alpes (Gap), 2009, ISBN 978-2-917908-06-8 ; 146 p. Broché

For his first Meeting, the newly created Gaaf gathered together some fifty researchers to discuss the question of clothed graves. Alongside discussions on the taphonomy of the different types of textiles involved in the post-mortem preparation of the dead (e.g., shroud, cloth, soft envelope, etc.), small finds such as shoe nails, textiles and leather were also addressed. The last part of the volume focuses on forensic medicine and on the analysis of several cases of mummified bodies.

Through 16 contributions, the authors explore and challenge field and laboratory methods in order to improve our knowledge of the gestures, practices and funeral rituals performed during funerals.

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