

A Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution +
Department of Archaeogenetics
Workshop

THE HISTORY OF THE DOGON AND PRE-DOGON SETTLEMENTS IN WEST AFRICA

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The history of the Dogon and Pre-Dogon settlements in West Africa

Multidisciplinary approaches to investigating the peopling history of the
Bandiagara Escarpment in Western Africa

March 11th, 2019
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Workshop venue: DLCE oval office, first floor (103)
Kahlaische Straße 10, Jena, 07745

Sunday 10th March - Day 1

Arrival of our guests – Hotel Rasenmühle, Burgauer Weg 1a, 07745 Jena

Monday 11th March - Day 2

09.00-09.30 – Welcome/Introduction – Johannes Krause

09.30-10.00 – Introduction (Archaeology) – Anne Mayor

10.00-10.30 – Coffee break

10.30-11.00 – Bio-Archaeology – Nonhlanhla Dlamini-Stoll

11.00-11.30 – Modern and aDNA Genomics – Hiba Babiker

11.30-12.00 – Paleomicrobiology – Ron Hübner

12.00-13.00 – Lunch

13.30-14.30 – Lab visit – Guido Brandt – Am-Pharmapark Jena, Otto-Schott Straße 15, 07745 Jena

15.00-15.30 – Simulations Overview – Mathias Currat

15.30-16.00 – Coffee break

16.00-18.00 – Discussion Session

- What are the key questions/debates in the peopling history of the Bandiagara Escarpment?
- Sub-Saharan Africa: Paleoclimatic change and Pre-Dogon and Dogon settlements.
- aDNA preservation and challenges in aDNA retrieval and analysis/Authentication of aDNA and contamination.
- Reconstruction of ancient pathogens and human disease in the past.
- Do we need further sampling from the region to fill in major gaps in the history of the region?
- Which models/approaches can be developed to improve our understanding about the history of the Dogon?

18.30 – Dinner – Haus im Sack, Oberlauengasse 14, 07743 Jena

Tuesday 12th March - Day 3

09.00 Departure according to booked flights