

Introduction remarks

The XXVIth volume of journal *Documenta Praehistorica*, which is at the same time also the 6th *Neolithic Studies* anthology, comprises papers originally presented at the sixth international *Neolithic Seminar*, which took place at the Department of Archaeology in the week of 18–22 May 1999. Papers were given by ten invited speakers and, almost all of which are included in revised form in this anthology.

At the 6th *Neolithic Seminar* in Ljubljana, the speakers shared expertise and contemplated on the mesolithic and neolithic in China; on the transition to farming in China; on the neolithic funeral rites at Zagheh in Iran; on the cognitive significance of neolithic tokens; on the places that created time in mesolithic and neolithic in Danube Gorges and beyond; on the transition to farming in the East Baltic; on the built environment in the neolithic in southeastern Europe; on an indigenous respond to transition to farming in Mediterranean Europe; on the landscape dynamics on the Ljubljansko barje and, on the stable isotope evidence of the neolithic diet.

There are some more papers presenting current approaches and perspectives relating to the transitions from foraging to farming in western Anatolia, and western Mediterranean; the prehistoric mobility in eastern Thrace; the dog burials and human burials associated with dog remains in the Iron Gates Mesolithic; on the ecology of neolithic environmental impacts on the Ljubljansko barje and on the fringe of the Mátra hills.

Radiocarbon dates are given in this volume using the convention *bp* and *bc* for uncalibrated radiocarbon years. *BP* and *BC* are used to indicate calibrated radiocarbon dates unless otherwise noted by the authors.

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