



## **JIA 2014, FIRST CIRCULAR**

After the VI JIA held at Barcelona (UB-CSIC) in May 2013, Arkeogazte (Association of young researches in Prehistoric and Historic Archaeology) takes over and will organize the next Young Conferences in Archaeological research at the Faculty of Letters of the Basque Country University (Vitoria-Gasteiz), convinced of the idea that the JIA are a good proposal of scientific meeting arose from young researches and aimed to this collective, with a wide debate format. The standard left by previous editions is very high, but we will try to fulfil the confidence and expectations laid on us. We wait you all at Vitoria on the **7-10<sup>th</sup> of May 2014**.

The slogan of the VII JIA that will be held in Vitoria-Gasteiz is **“SOCIAL ARCHAEOLOGIES, ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOCIETY”** and has two main objectives: on one hand, the interpretation of the materiality in social terms; that is, to understand Archaeology as an analysis discipline that allows a greater knowledge of the current and past societies through their material records; on the other hand, to analyse and develop the existing and/or possible links between Archaeology and Society. In a moment of crisis, main theme analysed in the Barcelona’s JIA, in which the Social Sciences seem to be less “useful” every time in “profit” economic terms, we bring up the necessity to reinforce our position as social scientists through the defence of these sciences in general and Archaeology in particular, not only from a mere philosophical and scientific point of view (search of the “truth”), neither from a strictly economical one (“economically beneficial” use of Archaeology), but from its own social necessity and its ability to provide its own point of view to current thematic of social interest. To do this, the “ivory towers” we are involved must be tear down and we need to link Archaeology and society, through the scientific, professional work, as well as from the patrimonial and institutional one.

Under these assumptions there will be specially promoted in these JIA the sessions aimed to:

- The analysis in social terms of the material culture in different historic moments, from the Palaeolithic to the most recent past, with the objective of producing archaeological knowledge about the human societies.
- New methodological, technical and conceptual proposals about the social analysis of the material culture.
- The materiality as a reflection of the social, gender and age inequality; of economic exploitation and the unequal distribution of the resources.
- Public Archaeology as a renovation of the Archaeology in periods of crisis.
- Commercial Archaeology and its relation with the current economic, politic and social structures.

- The political, economic and ideological constrictions in the archaeological discipline, in the past as well as in the present.

### CALL FOR SESSIONS

With this first circular the conditions to accept the proposals are established, facing toward the organization of the JIA 2014 sessions, and the admission deadline for all your proposals is open, finishing the **15<sup>th</sup> December 2013**. Among them, Arkeogazte and the JIA Scientific Committee will select the accepted sessions, which will be published in **January 2014** (when the second circular will be published). From then on, the deadline to accept the communications and posters included in the formed round tables and sessions will be open. The only condition to take part in the JIA is not having read the Doctoral Thesis at the time when the conference is held.

Collecting the experiences of previous JIA, we suggest young researches conferences that join as much as possible the most scientific-research aspect (the main purely informative of scientific research carried out by young researches) with the debate (based on the exchange of ideas about a common theme from different points of view), trying to combine both sides. We understand that these two aspects are not exclusive, but they are not always supplementary, so we think it is necessary to give space for these two forms to understand the JIA (and Archaeology in general), looking for the most positive aspects of each one. Having this in mind, the JIA of Vitoria-Gasteiz will be divided into two main sections: the **traditional sessions** and the **round tables**.

- **TRADITIONAL SESSIONS:** These will consist in sessions with topics mainly aimed to the historic-social study of the material culture, always assuring that the accepted sessions would be the most interesting and innovative regarding their thematic and theoretical proposal. Their basic development will be the presentation of each communication individually, followed by a brief question turn and a final debate of all the communications.

The person/s who proposes a **traditional session** will become coordinator/s of it, with the responsibility to contact with the participant authors before, during and after the conferences.

To formalize the different proposals it is necessary to send an email to [secretarijia2014@gmail.com](mailto:secretarijia2014@gmail.com), indicating as a reference "**traditional session**" + **NAME of the person responsible of it**, the following documentation:

- Detailed explanation (maximum 1000 words) of the motivations and objectives of the session. If the session is selected, this will be the text used as description and call for the communications, so a clear and expressive style is suggested.
- Personal data and institutional affiliation of the person/s responsible of the session: name, surname, email, postal address and telephone number.

- List of the researches who have confirmed their interest in taking part in the session. All the listed persons must have been consulted about their participation in the session.
  
- **ROUND TABLES:** In this kind of sessions there will be suggested themes for a collective debate with proposals coordinated through an outline established by the coordinator/s. Once the table is approved by the organization committee, the coordinator/s will receive participation proposals which will discuss the suggested subjects encouraging the diversity of points of view (around six proposals). With the proposals collected, a final **script** will be made as of the first proposal in which a summary of the received contributions will be included. This script (no more than 2000 words) will be uploaded in the official website 15 days in advance to the date of the conferences, so that everybody may gain access to what will be discussed at the round table. The development of the table during the conferences will consist in a **brief intervention** (no longer than half an hour) by the coordinators or participants and a summary of the proposals. Right after, the mentioned points will be discussed by the table participants and the public. The last ten minutes will be used to raise some conclusions by the coordinators where the main ideas will be collected.

The person/s who proposes a round table will become coordinator/s of it, with the responsibility of to contact with the participant authors before, during and after the conferences.

To formalize the different proposals it is necessary to send an email to [secretariajia2014@gmail.com](mailto:secretariajia2014@gmail.com), indicating as a reference “**round table**” + **NAME of the person responsible of it**, the following documentation:

- Title summarizing the discussion subject
  
- Detailed explanation (maximum 1000 words) of the subject with problematic to discuss from a theoretical and/or methodological point of view; and a script of questions (5 minimum) that would be discussed at the table.
  
- Personal data and institutional affiliation of the person/s responsible of the session: name, surname, email, postal address and telephone number.
  
- List of the researches who have confirmed their interest in taking part in the table. All the listed persons must have been consulted about their participation in the session.

### **LAST REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

Facing toward the elaboration of the proposals we point out some suggestions to facilitate the task of the organization:

First of all, once the deadline of proposals’ reception is open, if there are several about the same subject, the organization will put the coordinators in touch, trying to unify the proposals into one common session, improving in dynamism and interest.

Secondly, the duration of the communications will change in relation of their number; this information will be provided in the next circular. The coordinators may take part with a communication during the session they coordinate, with the same duration as the rest of participants.

With this first circular the path to the next JIA 2014 starts, where everybody is welcome.

For any consultations do not hesitate to contact us at [secretariajia2014@gmail.com](mailto:secretariajia2014@gmail.com) or take a look at the website: **[jia2014.blogspot.com](http://jia2014.blogspot.com)**.

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