



ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE SOUTH: FACING THE EUROPEAN PALAEOLITHIC FROM THE SOUTH OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA.

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The south of the Iberian Peninsula has geographical and physical singularities that must not have gone unnoticed by the human groups that inhabited this European region thousands of years ago (wide climatic and landscape biodiversity, extensive coastal strip that combines the Mediterranean and Atlantic slopes, proximity to the African continent, mild climate in adverse periods, etc.). Studies on archaeopalaeontological Pleistocene sites in the region are currently proliferating, either through the re-study of known sites or through the discovery of new sites. Together, these are favoring new readings for a comprehensive and updated understanding of Palaeolithic activity in this unique region. In this context, reaching out between southern Portugal and southern Spain, and welcoming other regions of southern Europe with similar characteristics and problems, we propose this session with the aim of increasing and actualizing the knowledge of Palaeolithic settlement in this geographical area.

We welcome oral communications on the following topics related to Palaeolithic sites in Southern Europe, in particular in the South of the Iberian Peninsula:

- Re-study of classical sites, through interdisciplinarity and new technologies.
- New sites and recent discoveries, looking beyond the tip of the iceberg.
- Regional identity? Readings beyond a position of marginal periphery.

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