



ISAfrica Workshop – Florisbad 1st-7th April 2024

Program



Monday the 1st of April 2024

From 8.15

- Welcoming words: Introduction to the week, introduction of participants (specialists and students)
- Lecture: "An overview of the southern African Stone Age: past and future of research" (John Parkinson)

-----Break-----

- Lecture: "Introduction to lithic technology" (Guillaume Porraz, Will Archer)

-----Lunch-----

From 2pm

- Lecture: "What are technological experiments and why are they important?" (Guillaume Porraz, Will Archer)
- Lecture/Case Study: "Bipolar lithic technologies in southern Africa" (Viola Schmid) with archaeological examples from Diepkloof Rock Shelter

-----Break-----

- Experiments: Presentation, bipolar experiments and heat treatment of silcrete (PJ Texier, M. Grenet, P. Schmidt et al.)

Tuesday the 2nd of April 2024

From 8.15

- Lecture: From excavation to archaeological assemblages with examples from South Africa (Nicholas Conard)
- Lecture: Raw Material properties (Patrick Schmidt)
- Part I: "Procurement and selection of lithic raw materials"

-----Break-----

- Part II: "Heat treatment of rocks"

-----Lunch-----

From 2pm

- Tour of Florisbad site, interactive discussion and fossil laboratory tour (Lloyd Rossouw, Sharon Holt, Will Archer). Interactive viewing of archaeological sample from Florisbad excavations

-----Break-----

- Experiments: Comprehensive exercises of flake detachment with hard hammer percussion (PJ Texier, M. Grenet et al.)

Wednesday the 3rd of April 2024

From 8.15

- Lecture: "Introduction to the African Early Stone Age" (Will Archer)
- Lecture: "Emergence of shaping in Africa" (Darya Presnyakova)

-----Break-----

- Lecture/Case study: "Flake production and predetermination" (Guillaume Porraz) with archaeological examples from Sibhudu Cave and the site of Orania

-----Lunch-----

From 2pm

- Case study: "Introduction to Amanzi Springs" (Matt Caruana) with archaeological examples
- Case study: "Introduction to Montagu Cave" (Will Archer, Darya Presnyakova) with archaeological examples

-----Break-----

- Experiments: Bifacial shaping demonstration and exercises (PJ Texier, M. Grenet et al.)

Thursday the 4th of April

From 8.15

- Lecture: "Introduction to southern African Middle and Later Stone Age technologies" (Viola Schmid)
 - Lecture: "Functional approaches to stone tools" (Veerle Rots)
- Part I: Tool use and functional traces

-----Break-----

Part II: Tools and hafting strategies

-----Lunch-----

From 2pm

- Case study: "Introduction to the pre-Howiesons Poort at Rose Cottage Cave" (Viola Schmid) with archaeological examples
- Case study: "The Robberg at Iron Pig Rock Shelter" (Gregor Bader) with archaeological examples

-----Break-----

- Experiments: Levallois demonstration and exercises for all participants (PJ Texier, M. Grenet et al.)

Friday the 5th of April

From 8.15

- Lecture/Case study: "The Mozambican Stone Age with a focus on Caiman Rock Shelter" (Decio Muianga) with archaeological examples
- Case study: "Introduction to Diepkloof RS and to the MSA-Mike" (Guillaume Porraz) with archaeological examples

-----Break-----

- Case study: "The Pre-Still Bay at Sibhudu Cave" (Rosa Moll) with archaeological examples

-----Lunch-----

From 2pm

- Lecture: "Blade and bladelet production" (Nicolas Teyssandier)
- Case study: "The Still Bay from Diepkloof RS" (Darya Presnyakova, Guillaume Porraz) with archaeological examples

-----Break-----

- Experiments: Blade/bladelet demonstration, Still Bay point replications and exercises for all participants (PJ Texier, M. Grenet et al.)

Saturday the 6th of April

From 8.15

- Lecture: "The Stone Age of the Kalahari Basin" (Precious Chiwara)
- Case study: "The Howiesons Poort (HP) with a focus on the Early HP at Diepkloof RS" (Pierre-Antoine Beauvais, Guillaume Porraz) with archaeological examples

-----Break-----

- Case study: "The post-Howiesons Poort from Diepkloof RS" (Joseph Matembo, Guillaume Porraz) with archaeological examples

-----Lunch-----

From 2pm

- Case study: "Introduction to Bushman Rock Shelter" (Guillaume Porraz, Viola Schmid, Scholastic Watadza) with archaeological examples
- Ending session: Discussion and feedback

-----Break-----

- Experiments: Manufacture of backed pieces and free knapping experiments

Sunday the 7th of April

Day of departure

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