

ALPHA AND OMEGA

The emergence and disappearance
of Middle Palaeolithic lifeways

65TH CONFERENCE OF
THE HUGO OBERMAIER SOCIETY

2nd – 6th of April 2024
Weimar

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Hugo Obermaier-Society

for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age
c/o Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Kochstr. 4/18, D-91054 Erlangen



Circular on the 65th Annual Meeting April 2nd to 6th, 2024

at the invitation of the

Thüringisches Landesamt für Denkmalpflege und Archäologie

Dear members and friends of the Hugo Obermaier-Society,
Dear colleagues,

the **annual meeting 2024** at the invitation of the *Thüringisches Landesamt für Denkmalpflege und Archäologie* will be held as a **hybrid conference**.

We hereby announce the **call for papers**. Contributions (presentation of max. 15 minutes and/or poster) can but do not have to be related to the meeting's focal topic:

“Alpha and Omega: The emergence and disappearance of Middle Palaeolithic lifeways”

We **strongly encourage everyone to join the meeting in person**. Nevertheless, to promote inclusivity and reduce the conference's carbon footprint, online participation will be possible. The link for the online participation will be sent by e-mail to all registered online participants on April 1st 2024.

On our website (<https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>), you will find a special form to upload the **abstract of your presentation** from **December 10th, 2023** until **January 31st, 2024**. In case you would like to include a figure (TIFF or JPEG, 300 dpi) in your abstract, please send them separately to info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de.

Registration for the meeting can be made online at the society's website <https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>

The **online registration opens on December 10th, 2023** and **ends on March 1st 2024**.

The SEPA bank details are:

IBAN DE36 6009 0100 0349 5270 08 and BIC VOBADDESS.

This information is also shown after the online registration. Please transfer the **conference fees until March 1st, 2024**. Registration for the excursions follows the order of payment. Please note that after the registration deadline, we cannot refund any conference fees that already have been paid.

The 2nd circular with the conference program and more detailed information will be sent some weeks before the conference. Further information on the society and the Annual Meeting can be found at our website: <https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>

The conference booklet will be available as PDF file. Since the conference booklets are accessible online, we refrain from automatically mailing the printed version to those members who will not participate in the meeting, or who participate online. If you wish to receive a printed version of the 2024 booklet, please let us know until January 31st, 2024 by sending an email to info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de

Preliminary Program

Tue, April 2nd, 2024

***Conference venue: Weimarhalle/ Seminargebäude (Congress Centrum)
Unesco-Platz 1, 99423 Weimar***

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| 12:00 | Opening of the conference office at Weimarhalle/ Congress Centrum |
| 14:00 | Beginning of the meeting, welcome by our hosts and the president of the Hugo Obermaier-Society |
| 14:30 – 16:45 | Presentations & Coffee Break |
| 17:15 – 18:30 | Poster session |
| 18:30 | Evening reception (Museum für Ur- und Frühgeschichte Thüringens) |

Wed, April 3rd, 2024

***Conference venue: Weimarhalle/ Seminargebäude (Congress Centrum)
Unesco-Platz 1, 99423 Weimar***

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| 09:00 – 12:30 | Presentations (<i>Coffee break: 10:30 – 11:00</i>) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | Presentations (<i>Coffee break: 15:00 – 15:30</i>) |
| 17:30 | Evening lecture by Dr. Tim Schüller (TLDA, Weimar): “ <i>Archeology of the Ilm valley travertines near Weimar</i> ” |
| 19:00 | Conference Dinner at Gasthausbrauerei Felsenkeller, Humboldtstraße 37, 99423 Weimar |

Thu, April 4th, 2024

***Conference venue: Weimarhalle/ Seminargebäude (Congress Centrum)
Unesco-Platz 1, 99423 Weimar***

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| 09:00 – 12:30 | Presentations (<i>Coffee break: 10:30 – 11:00</i>) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 13:30 – 18:00 | Presentations (<i>Coffee break: 15:00 – 15:30</i>) |
| 18:30 | General Assembly |
| 20:30 | Get-together |

Fri, April 5th, 2024, Excursion A: (probably 09:00 – 18:00)

Ilsenhöhle Ranis, Döbritz (Kniegrotte, Urdhöhle) and Teufelsbrücke in Saalfeld

✗ Please register on the online registration form

Sat, April 6th, 2024, Excursion B: (probably 09:00 – 16:00)

Weimar-Ehringsdorf, Weimar-Parkhöhle and Gräfentonna (Travertine-Complex Burgtonna)

✗ Please register on the online registration form

Accommodation in Weimar

Weimar offers a range of excellent hotels – from well-known international ones to boutique accommodation, as well as hostels. Find your hotel here:

<https://www.weimar.de/en/tourism/accomodation/in-weimar/>

Travelling to/from Weimar

By car and by coach

Motorway A 4 Dresden - Frankfurt/Main
Exit Weimar
5 km to the city centre

Motorway A 9 Berlin - Munich
30 km from Hermsdorfer Kreuz

B 7
Kassel – Eisenach – Erfurt – Weimar – Jena – Gera

B 85
Bayreuth – Kulmbach – Kronach – Saalfeld – Rudolstadt – Weimar – Kyffhäuser
(Beer and castle road)

By train

By long-distance trains

Weimar is connected to the long-distance railway network of Deutsche Bahn.

By regional trains

For your excursions to the Weimar surroundings you can use the regional trains of the DB and the VMT.

For example:

VMT-Hopper-Ticket:

Distance up to 50 km

Price 5,40 € for the one-way ticket

Price 8,90 € for the return ticket

[More information](#) (in German)

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On weekends and on public holidays the ticket is valid from midnight.

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[More information](#)

By air

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[Airport Erfurt-Weimar](#) (25 km)

[Airport Leipzig](#) (120 km)

[Airport Frankfurt](#) (300 km)