



HUGO OBERMAIER SOCIETY

ICArEHB – INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER FOR ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE
EVOLUTION OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR (UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE)



Converging Horizons: Cultural and Environmental Interactions in the Prehistory of the European Far West



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66th CONFERENCE OF THE HUGO OBERMAIER SOCIETY
April 22nd to 26th, 2025, FARO
HYBRID CONFERENCE



Hugo Obermaier-Society

for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age
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Circular on the 66th Annual Meeting in Faro/Portugal April 22nd to 26th, 2025

at the invitation of the

ICArEHB – Interdisciplinary Center for Archaeology and the Evolution of Human Behaviour (Universidade do Algarve)

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

the **annual meeting 2025** at the invitation of the *ICArEHB – Interdisciplinary Center for Archaeology and the Evolution of Human Behaviour (Universidade do Algarve)* will be held in Faro 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:

“Converging Horizons: Cultural and Environmental Interactions in the Prehistory of the European Far West”

We kindly ask for your understanding that if there are too many presentation registrations, contributors may be asked to present their research in the form of a poster.

We strongly encourage everyone to join the meeting in person. Nevertheless, to promote inclusivity, online participation will be possible. The link for the online participation will be sent by e-mail to all registered online participants on April 21st, 2025.

On our website (<https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>), you will find a special form to upload the **abstract of your presentation** from **December 10th, 2024** until **January 31st, 2025**. 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.

In order to participate please register at the society's website
<https://obermaier-gesellschaft.de/>

The **online registration opens on December 10th, 2024** and **ends on March 1st, 2025**.

The bank details are:

IBAN: DE36 6009 0100 0349 5270 08 and BIC/SWIFT: VOBADDESS.

This information is also shown on the invoice you will receive after the online registration. Please transfer the **conference fees until March 1st, 2025**. 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 2025 booklet, please let us know until January 31st, 2025 by sending an email to info@obermaier-gesellschaft.de

Note that this year **within the online registration** there will be the opportunity to **support unemployed and student members** of the society that plan to present at the conference.

If you are an unemployed or student member of the society, you would like to submit a presentation at the conference, but need support – please reach out to us.

Please note that support can only be granted if we receive funds. Thank you very much!

Preliminary Program

Tue, April 22nd, 2025

*Conference venue: Auditório 1.5, University of Algarve (Campus da Penha)
Edifício 9 – Complexo Pedagógico, 8005-139 Faro*

12:00 Opening of the conference office

Wed, April 23rd, 2025

*Conference venue: Auditório 1.5, University of Algarve (Campus da Penha)
Edifício 9 – Complexo Pedagógico, 8005-139 Faro*

Thu, April 24th, 2025

*Conference venue: Auditório 1.5, University of Algarve (Campus da Penha)
Edifício 9 – Complexo Pedagógico, 8005-139 Faro*

ca.18:30 General Assembly

Fri, April 25th, 2025, Excursion A: (probably 08:00 – 19:00)

Concheiros de Muge and exhibition at Casa Cadaval

✘ Please register on the online registration form

Sat, April 26th, 2025, Excursion B: (probably 08:00 – 18:00)

Gruta da Companheira, Vale Boi and Museum of Vila do Bispo, Rocha das Gaivotas

✘ Please register on the online registration form

Useful Information

GETTING TO FARO

Faro is located in the Southwestern corner of the Iberian Peninsula. It is well connected by car to Lisbon (280 km) and Seville (200 km) by highways.

By plane

Faro International Airport:

Faro is well connected to Europe via its airport, which is served by several major airlines and low-cost companies. Faro International Airport (<https://www.faroairport.pt/en/fao/home>) is connected to many principal cities in Europe. The airport is about 5 km away from the city centre of Faro. Apart from different taxi and rental car companies, there are several regular bus routes (Lines 14 and 16) that connect Faro Airport to the city centre operated by Proximo (<http://www.proximo.pt>) during the day.

Alternative nearby airports include:

- [Lisbon Airport \(Portugal\) – Humberto Delgado](#) is about 280 km from Faro. Daily regular flight, train and bus connections are available from Lisbon to Faro at an affordable price.
- [Seville Airport](#) (Spain), is about 210 km from Faro. There are regular bus connections between Sevilla city centre and Faro every day, operated by [Rede Expresso/Alsa](#) companies.
- [Porto Airport - Francisco Sá Carneiro](#) (northern Portugal) is about 560 km from Faro but connected to the southern city with daily cheap flights.

By train

Daily trains to and from Lisbon and Porto are available. Check the train timetables and rates here <http://www.cp.pt>.

Additionally, it is advisable to consider travelling by train to Seville-Santa Justa, served by high-speed AVE (<https://www.renfe.com/es/en>) and Iryo (<https://iryo.eu/en/home>) trains from various cities in Spain. There are several direct buses connecting Seville train station with Faro city centre throughout the day, operated by Rede Espresso/Alsa (check schedules at <https://rede-expressos.pt/en> or <https://www.alsa.com/en/web/bus/home>).

By bus

Buses also connect Faro to major cities. The major carriers that connect European destinations are Busabout (<https://www.busabout.com/>), Flixbus (<https://www.flixbus.pt/>) and Eurolines (<https://eurolines.eu/>). For some European routes, Eurolines is affiliated with the Portuguese operators Internorte and Eva Transportes.

There are regular coach services between Portugal's main towns and cities. For details of routes, timetables and fares visit <http://www.eva-bus.com> (available in Portuguese and English) or <https://rede-expressos.pt/pt> (available in Portuguese, English and French).

By car

Portugal has a good road network. If you're bringing your own car or motorcycle into Faro, make sure you have a vehicle registration (proof of ownership), insurance documents and motor vehicle

insurance with at least third-party cover. These are legally required documents. Highway A2 connects Lisbon and Faro and A22 crosses the Algarve.

ACCOMMODATION IN FARO

Faro offers a wide range of accommodations to suit different budgets, including hotels, hostels, and other types of local lodging. You can check some potential accommodation options [here](#).

Below, you'll find a list of hotels where our previous guests have stayed and provided positive feedback. ICAREHB has also requested special quotes from some hotels. For those accommodations offering special prices for participants, please check the conditions set by each. Additionally, feel free to explore more options at <https://www.booking.com/faro> or <https://www.airbnb.com>.

Best Western Hotel Dom Bernardo 3*

https://www.bestwestern.com/content/best-western/en_US/booking-path/hotel-details.72064.html?propertyCode=72064&disablenav=true&suppressSSLPopup=true&sob=P679

Stay Hotel Faro Centro 3*

<https://www.stayhotels.pt/stayhotelfarocentro/>

Hotel Boutique Hotel 3*

www.faroboutiquehotel.pt

Roots Hotel 4*

<https://www.rootshotel.pt/>

AP EVA Senses 4*

<https://ap-hotelsresorts.com/eva/>

Hotel Faro 4*

<https://www.hotelfaro.pt/en/>

This hotel will apply 15% discount for the nights of the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of April 2025 by using the promotion code **ICAREHB25***.

*Applicable for nights of 22nd, 23rd, and 24th April 2025.

15% discount on the "Best Available Rate – Breakfast" on the website.

Reservations subject to availability and must be made directly with the Reservations

Department via reservas@hotelfaro.pt (not through the website).

Reservations can be made under these conditions until 31/01/2025.

MEALS AND RESTAURANTS

On Campus, there is the canteen of Campus Penha and the Grill Restaurant, which offer menus for less than 7 € each. Additionally, the Bars from ESEC and ESGHT Faculties also offer some snack and sandwich options at affordable prices. There are also several options around campus for similar prices. For dinner, you will easily find accessible or more refined restaurants for 15 to 25 € per meal including drinks (or more if you fancy) around the city.