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Biography

Since 2017 Professor in Prehistoric Archaeology at the Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Bristol, UK

Since 2000 Visiting Lecturer, replacement Professor and visiting Professor at Technische Universität Freiberg, Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg (both Germany), and University of Helsinki (Finland).

2007-16 Reader in Prehistoric Archaeology at the Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Bristol, UK (2007-10 pathway 2; 2011-16 pathway 1).

2001-07 Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Bristol, UK; first Feodor-Lynen research fellow, then Lecturer and Senior Research Fellow (permanent staff member since 2005).

1996-2000 Research Director of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Project "Publikation des Gräberfeldes von Niederkaina, Lkr. Bautzen" in Dresden, Germany.

1995-96 Project Director of the Tagebau Zwenkau excavation in the Arbeitsstelle Braunkohle of the Landesamtes für Archäologie, Saxony, Germany.

1996 Completion of the Promotion Procedure at the Universität des Saarlandes (Saarbrücken; Germany); award of *summa cum laude*; degree: Dr. Phil.

1995 Submission and Acceptance of Doctoral Dissertation.

1989 Zwischenprüfungen (BA-equivalent) in Prehistoric and Protohistoric Archaeology, Near Eastern Archaeology and Geology.

1986-89 Studies of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Archaeology (main subject), Near Eastern Archaeology and Geology at the Universität des Saarlandes, the Phillips-Universität Marburg and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich.

Teaching

Volker is currently teaching:

Comparative World Archaeology (ARCH10003) - 1st Year lecture and seminar subject; optional, 20 credit points

Human Challenges (ARCH30034) - 3rd Year lecture and seminar subject; mandatory, 20 credit points

Discovering the Past (ARCH10015) - 1st Year lecture and seminar subject; optional, 20 credit points

Previous teaching includes:

2015-17 The Origins of the Celts (ARCH30032)

2014-16 Advanced Issues in Archaeology and Anthropology (ARCH35013)

2009-14 European Iron Age (ARCH25013/ARCH35011)

2009-14 Bronze Age Europe and Britain (ARCH24004/ARCH35017)

Keywords

- 4th and 3rd millennium BC Europe
- ideology
- Bell Beaker phenomenon
- aDNA
- Corded Ware
- Copper Age societies
- Isotopes
- Yamnaya
- steppes
- ethnicity
- transhumance
- Hallstatt princely hillforts
- Identity
- world-systems
- Baden
- Globular Amphora
- Indo-European languages
- pastoralism
- Neolithisation

Memberships

Organisations

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Selected publications

- Cramp, LJE, Evershed, RP, Lavento, M, Halinen, P, Mannernmaa, K, Oinonen, M, Kettunen, J, Perola, M, Onkamo, P & Heyd, VM, 2014, '[Neolithic dairy farming at the extreme of agriculture in northern Europe.](#)'. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, vol 281.
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- Heyd, V, 2013, '[Europe 2500 to 2200 BC: Between Expiring Ideologies and Emerging Complexity.](#)'. in: A Harding, H Fokkens (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the European Bronze Age.* Oxford University Press, pp. 46-67

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Recent publications

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