



Geoarchaeology and Archaeometallurgy of Native Copper

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Naturally occurring pure (native) copper was the first metal used by humans. Native copper metallurgy began several thousand years ago but experienced multiple instances of innovation around the world. In some contexts, its use resulted in, or was related to, other kinds of metallurgical activity, such as the development of melting and smelting technologies. In other contexts, the use of native copper was the only form that metallurgy took, though its use might wax and wane over time along with other technological and social changes. This Special Issue will focus on the use of native copper cross-culturally, i.e., how it was mined or otherwise acquired, worked, traded, and used, and how it fit into different worldviews and value systems.





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