



Fire Activity and Environmental Archaeology

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Dear Colleagues,

Humans have interacted with their environment through the use of fire for close to a million years. Fire is one of the main components of land use change. The degree to which humans have altered their environment through fire changes through time and by location, but records of human-caused combustion are present on every continent. Environmental changes, and especially changes in temperature, precipitation, and vegetation, can actively influence anthropogenic fire activity.

We welcome you to submit a paper to the Special Issue “Fire Activity and Environmental Archaeology”. This issue seeks to investigate interactions between humans, fire, and their environment using archaeological, geochemical, paleoenvironmental, and/or paleoclimate approaches. This issue is open to all time periods and regions.

Best regards,

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