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Human adaptations to arid and desert environments: settlements, industries and rock art evidences

The archaeology of deserts and of extremely dry environments in the past encapsulates not only evidences of remote human occupations, but also requires specific field research techniques, in order to develop comparative analysis of human adaptation strategies.

The purpose of this session is to discuss settlement and landscape management strategies, including their economic and symbolic drivers, through industries and artistic expressions.

The session welcomes both contributions that will focus on intra-specific environments processes and comparative analysis of processes observed in different arid semi-arid areas, from the archaeological and/or anthropological perspectives. Reflections on contemporary traditional societies adaptations are also welcome, when comparatively discussed with archaeological evidences.