Iron Age research is in a transitional phase. It has become obvious that societies in Iron Age can be conceived as incredibly complex rather than just structured. Traditional concepts developed over the last 150 years are no longer fit for purpose. Issues such as local vs regional variations, overlapping institutions and structures, individual motivations and collective identities, and particular histories of trans-regional movements, are among many examples of phenomena of types that cannot be easily reconstructed. Previously they have been subsumed under traditional explanatory schema, oversimplified and generalized.

The planned collaboration between the University of Kiel, which focusses strongly on applied sciences and quantitative methods, and the University of Vienna, with its strong theoretical environment, along with the inclusion of scholars from other backgrounds should provide an excellent starting point for the necessary paradigmatic reassessment.

The themes and issues we wish to address include the following:

- Organizational structures: hierarchies, heterarchies and ranking
- Modes of interaction: trade, exchange, moving ideas and social interaction
- Movement and identity: migration and colonisation, personal identity and group identities, ‘limited interest groups’
- Properties of complex systems
- Learning from Bronze Age research

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**Workshop**

21st - 22nd July 2015

organized by: Oliver Nakoinz, Manuel Fernández-Gótz, Maria Gélabert Oliver, Karina Iwe, Artur Ribeiro, Timothy Taylor
**Tuesday, July 21st**

9:00  Welcome and Introduction

**Organisational Structures in Economy and Society**  
Chair: Artur Ribeiro

9:30  Oliver Nakoinz (Kiel, Germany)  
Concepts and methods for addressing complexity in Iron Age Research

10:00  Manuel Fernández-Götz (Edinburgh, Scotland)  
Iron Age economies of power: from homogenizing views to complex networks

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00  Florian Schneider (Jena, Germany)  
Comparing organisational structures in cultures

11:30  Kersitin Kowarik (Vienna, Austria)  
Socioeconomic complexity in Hallstatt

12:00  Maryna Daragan (Kiev, Ukraine)  
Social and economic processes mirrored in fortification

12:30 Lunch

14:00  Alexis Gorgues (Bordeaux, France)  
Urbanity, proto-urbanity, and non-urbanity in the Western Mediterranean Iron Age: opened questions

14:30  Peter Trebsche (Vienna, Austria)  
Complex architecture – complex society

15:00  Artur Ribeiro (Kiel, Germany)  
From Prehistory to History: complexity and historical particularism

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00  Robert Schumann (Hamburg, Germany)  
Social distinction and the development of complexity in early Iron Age societies in southern Central Europe

16:30  John Collis (Sheffield, UK)  
Celtic misapprehensions

17:00  Peter Ramsl (Vienna, Austria)  
Individuals in society in culture

17:30 Discussion

19:30 Dinner

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00  Igor Sljussarenko (Novosibirsk, Russia) & Eugene Krupochkin (Barnaul, Russia)  
Geoarchaeological spatio-temporal analysis of the Scythian epoch sites in the Altai Mountains (Chuya river basin)

**Religion and Identity**  
Chair: Manuel Fernández-Götz

11:30  Karina Iwe (Kiel, Germany)  
The social significance of the Scytho-Siberian Animal Style.

12:00  Katherina Rebay-Salisbury (Vienna, Austria)  
Body, Identity, and society

12:30 Lunch

14:00  David Fontijn (Leiden, Netherlands)  
The complexity of Ritual Landscapes

14:30  Catalin Popa (Cambridge, UK)  
Multiple identities?

15:00  Timothy Taylor (Vienna, Austria)  
Reflexive Identities

15:30 Discussion

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**Wednesday, July 22nd**

9:00  Maria Gelabert Oliver (Kiel, Germany)  
Monuments in Social Space

9:30  Laurie Cormier (Strasbourg, France)  
Cultural Identity and Interaction

10:00  Loup Bernard (Strasbourg, France)  
Settlement patterns under social, cultural, and economic forces