



BIWEEKLY COLLOQUIUM
Monday, 26th of November, 05.00 pm

FROM THE MIDDLE NEOLITHIC TO THE EARLY BRONZE AGE:
THE PETIT-CHASSEUR SITE IN SION (SWITZERLAND)

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Discovered more than 50 years ago, the *Petit-Chasseur* site in Sion (Valais, Switzerland) has become a cultural reference point for Switzerland and the Alps. Different human occupations, which took place over the period from the Middle Neolithic to the second Iron Age, are represented by either settlements or burial structures.

Needless to say, it is the megalithic necropolis that is responsible for the site's international reputation, with its two dolmens on triangular bases, its burial cists, its 31 engraved anthropomorphic stelae and its wealth of archaeological artefacts. In this lecture, as well as looking at the hamlet as it was in the Middle Neolithic period, we shall be examining the transition from the end of the Neolithic in Valais to the Bell-Beaker culture - the Bell-Beaker people were a major cultural group in the European Chalcolithic. Different areas will be touched upon: stratigraphy, architecture, plant and animal remains, archaeological artefacts and human remains.



Bell-Beaker from the Petit-Chasseur site in Sion (Valais, Switzerland)

Venue: Seminar Room 204 Leibnizstraße 1, CAU Kiel