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David Friesem - Micro-Archaeology: investigating human past beyond the visible range
Alexandra Ion - Broken bodies: addressing the dynamics of life and identity in Neolithic settlements from the Balkan area
Luc Moreau – What do prehistoric flint tools tell us that we didn’t know already?
Alice Leplongeon – Can we trace human dispersals in, out of and back to Africa with the study of stone tools?
Saman Heydari-Guran – Tracking the Middle to Upper Palaeolithic transition in the Zagros Mountains
Marcin Smietana – Assisted reproduction in the United Kingdom and beyond
Argyro Nafplioti – Tracing past population mobility and migration using evidence from the bones
Francesco Iacono - Bunkers, pyramids & people: the heritage of the communist period in Albania
Marjolein Bosch - Shells, beads, and ornaments, what did they mean for people from the past?
Vanessa Forte - Tracing european Copper age social dynamics through pottery technology and use

11.30 AM – 1PM – HANDS-ON!

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