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**Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research**  
**University of 8 May 1945, Guelma - Algeria**  
**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**Department of Archeology**



**Organize**

**The second International symposium in archeology about:**

**The funeral practices in the Mediterranean basin**  
*from prehistory to the end of the Middle Ages*

**Guelma (Algeria) on 05 - 06 December 2017**

**Partner:**



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**Theme**

- Funerary architecture
- Spatial distribution and typology of burials
- Material and funeral rites
- Mortality and expressions of emotion in epitaphs

Throughout history, including both prehistory and the centuries that saw the advent of religions, the occasion of death has brought forth practices that represent an immense socio-cultural phenomenon involving a multitude of nations and peoples. These practices have been the object of archaeological and anthropological research; burials are rich in elements and data that are consistent with and representative of their time, and researchers have used data from burials as historical and cultural criteria. The typology of burials differs from one century to another and can contribute amply to the knowledge of lifestyles and culture of the various epochs that gave rise to them.

Man has long regarded death as a mysterious phenomenon due to invisible forces, and these beliefs can be accessed by analyzing funerary offerings and rites, as well as by studying the funerary structures that man has built from prehistory until the present and that vary according to nation, creed, and social class. In order to promote research in the field of death, particularly on the remains of funerary practices and rites around the Mediterranean basin from prehistory to the Middle Ages, the University of Guelma is organizing an international colloquium to determine the state of the issue and to address its remaining shadowy areas, thanks to the study of new archaeological data.

Proposals for communications in Arabic, French or English should be sent following registration form attached to:

**[colloq.archeo@gmail.com](mailto:colloq.archeo@gmail.com)**

**Calendar**

**05 June 2017**

Deadline for the submission of abstracts.

**20 June 2017**

Announcement of accepted applications.

**20 October 2017**

Deadline for the submission of presentations.

**Honorary President of the Symposium: Rector of the University of Guelma**

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