



# SCALES OF INTERACTION IN THE BRONZE AND IRON AGE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN

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## DESCRIPTION

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*Open Archaeology* invites manuscripts for the Special Issue: **Scales of Interaction in the Bronze and Iron Age Central Mediterranean**.

The cultures of the Central Mediterranean played a crucial role in the pan-Mediterranean interactions of the Bronze and Iron Ages. At large scales, these cultures facilitated trade across the Mediterranean Sea and beyond, reaching eastward to Cyprus, Crete, and the Near East, northward into mainland Europe, and westward to Iberia. These long-distance exchanges thrived despite the marked differences in social organization between the cultures of the Central Mediterranean and many of the cultures they contacted. Such exchanges carried people, ideas, and goods into new markets and new communities. At regional and local scales, the internal dynamics of Central Mediterranean communities created opportunities for both physical and social imports to become embedded in existing cultural structures, changing them and being changed by them. These dynamics are often investigated through artifact distributions, settlement patterns, and site hierarchies, but can also be addressed through materials analysis, isotope studies, and aDNA. This special issue will bring together research on the many scales of interaction operating in the Central Mediterranean during the Bronze and Iron Ages, with the goal of untangling the interwoven threads of cultural connection. We are particularly interested in papers that address how multiple scales interact, and we welcome both quantitative and qualitative approaches.

This special issue will be published in two parts. For publication in 2022, the deadline is 30 April 2022. For publication in 2023, the deadline is 30 October 2022.

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