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Bioarchaeological Approaches to Copper Age Complexity

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The Iberian Copper Age (c.3200-2250 BC) was a time of significant social transformation, involving changes to subsistence systems, exchange networks, and settlement organization. Recent research has begun to investigate these transformations through a bioarchaeological lens, using the analysis of human skeletal remains to evaluate the effects of social, economic, and political change on individuals and populations. This talk presents two case studies, the first describing excavations at the Late Prehistoric mortuary rock shelter of Bolores, in Torres Vedras, Portugal. The second case study focuses on bioarchaeological research conducted on salvage-excavated material from the large-scale Copper Age matrix village of Marroquies Bajos, in Jaén, Spain. Overall, this presentation emphasizes the utility of bioarchaeology for reconstructing daily life and social organization in early complex societies.

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