

### ***Contemporary approaches to reconstructing exchange***

Exchange is a central focus of a large portion of modern obsidian studies, and the reconstruction of various exchange mechanisms using provenance data has a long history in the discipline. Since the original fall-off curves employed by Renfrew and others in the 1960s, there have been a number of developments that have reshaped how archaeologists think about exchange. These include a recognition of the value of ethnographic comparisons, integrated technological analyses of lithic materials, and advances in computer-based modelling. This session explores these developments and discusses contemporary approaches to the reconstruction of exchange in the archaeological record.