Early textile production was linked to raw material procurement strategies. Fibre treatment and processing greatly depend on both, the nature and the quality of the resources that are used, as well as on the desired end products. Fortunately, the different modes of exploitation and use leave recognizable traces in the archaeological record. Especially the studies of textile production processes provide different strains of evidence for the investigation of technological adaptations.

This workshop will deal with plant and animal raw materials that are represented in the early phases of fibre production. The aim of the meeting is to stimulate discussions on the relationship between different fibre resources and modes of their exploitation. Special attention will be given to the textile production process. The development of fibre material advantages will be reviewed in a broader context of environmental, cultural, economic and social causality.

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