



TAPHOS-NOMOS 2018

**An interdisciplinary symposium on taphonomy
and post-mortem research in archaeology,
forensic science and palaeontology**

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th November 2018

School of Forensic and Applied Sciences
University of Central Lancashire
Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2HE, UK



TAPHOS-NOMOS Taphonomy Symposium

- Taphonomy is the science of post-mortem processes. Originally defined by the palaeontologist Efremov as the “*transition of organic remains from the biosphere to the lithosphere*” the discipline has had significant impact on the geosciences, prehistoric archaeology, and latterly forensic science.
- Taphos-Nomos 2018 will be held within the School of Forensic and Applied Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire; it is an interdisciplinary meeting that covers a wide range of topics under the scientific umbrella of taphonomy, with the aim of showcasing current trends and research directions.
- Submissions are invited from any area of taphonomic research including palaeontological, archaeological and forensic applications. Subjects might include:
 - Palaeobiology and taphonomy
 - Extremes of preservation
 - Taphonomy of trauma
 - Funerary-taphonomy and site formation processes
 - Sub-aerial and sub-surface processes
 - Post-mortem interval estimation
 - Biochemistry of post-mortem processes
 - New methods of experimentation and analysis
- The meeting will comprise keynotes, oral & poster presentations and hands-on workshops. We strongly encourage submission of student research papers.
- Key dates:
 - **1st July: submission and registration open**
 - **1st September: submission deadline**
 - **1st October: registration deadline**

Symposium registration and abstract submission can be found at:
<https://taphonomyuclan.wordpress.com/>

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