



## Afternoon seminar invitation

20 November 2018, 14.30 – 17.00

Moesgaard Museum / AU

Organisers: Lise Frost & Mette Løvschal

MOMU, Moesgaard Allé 15

Conference Room: 301, the top floor (entrance:  
Northern part of the Museum building)

# Unmarked landscape zones?

## Tracing depositions of Bronze Age valuables



14.30 Lise Frost, Moesgaard Museum: Welcome and short introduction

14.40 **Constanze Rassmann, Museum Midtjylland: The artefacts from Arildskov, Boest and their context**

In spring 2015, metal detectorists discovered two extraordinary large Early Bronze Age axes. The following extensive excavation established the existence of an in situ hoard with five flanged axes as well as another hoard with golden armrings, a golden nopenning and two flint objects.

Exceptional in their own right, the connection to an at least 300m long timber avenue running towards a bog underlines the special character of these artefacts.

In short, the artefacts from Arildskov, Boest broaden our knowledge of Early Bronze Age depositional practice.

15.10 **David Fontijn, Leiden University: Economies of Destruction. The emergence of metalwork deposition during the Bronze Age in Northwest Europe, c. 2300-1500 BC**

- How can a society function when its members systematically destroy wealth?

This talk will present the Economies of Destruction research project which addresses the codes and conventions behind the emergence of metalwork deposition. Objects of great value were deliberately destroyed at a large scale and permanently deposited in the landscape and the project investigates why people did this and how an "economy of destruction" emerged in Northwest Europe between 2300-1500 BC?

16.00 Questions and discussion followed by light refreshments

**Participation is free and all are very welcome!**