



ancient landscapes on a huge scale. Against a background of cross-landscape artefact and environmental sampling on a multitude of sites (tackled by wide-ranging methodologies) and the investigation of numerous monuments (including 16 barrows/ring-ditches, henges, and five long mortuary enclosures) the unprecedented scale of the work allows unique insights into prehistoric communities and their riverine land-use. The talk's key themes include the character of early pit cluster 'occupations' and the expression of distinct group identities at a local level; varying period-settlement floodplain distributions; the nature of 'ritual landscapes' and their relationship to contemporary settlement; and whether barrow cemeteries on mid-stream islands were central places or instead had territorial linkages to one of their adjacent bank-side landscapes.

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