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## The World of the European Bronze Age: Warriors, Traders, and Emerging Elites

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### Abstract

What constituted the Bronze Age “world”? What roles can we identify, and how did they interact with each other? Bronze Age society was highly complex: a complexity derived from the ability of metals to articulate social divisions in a fluid way, but also from the high degree of mobility we can now discern, and the distant connections and networks that artefacts demonstrate.

Interconnection and interaction was a major feature of the period; some interactions were peaceful (trade and traders), others were aggressive (war and conflict); hence we can deduce the existence of warriors, with an elite identity, and say something about the nature of Bronze Age warfare.

The emergence of elites in the Bronze Age is not a new idea, but it is topical, in view of the rise of inequality in today’s world. What methods (such as Lorenz curves and Gini values) can we use to quantify inequality in prehistory? And can archaeology really tell the special apart from the normal?

While the Bronze Age “world” was undoubtedly interconnected, it is wrong to see this connectedness as systemic, as is the case with overarching theories such as World Systems Theory. Instead, the Network approach may be more useful, though so far this has only been successfully applied to the Aegean area.

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