

## Einladung zum Vortrag **Exploring Myth and Reality at Paleolithic Sites in the Romanian Banat**

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The early prehistory of the European subcontinent is marked by significant events, among which the immigration of anatomically modern humans (AMH) during the Marine Isotope Stage 3 (MIS 3, ~60,000 to 30,000 cal BP) stands out. Understanding the dynamics of this migration requires tracing the routes taken by AMH and documenting their spread across different regions, such as the Danube corridor. The Upper Pleniglacial period (MIS 2), encompassing the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM), presents another pivotal time in European prehistory. Recent research suggests the existence of a refuge in the Carpathian Basin during the LGM. However, our understanding of population dynamics and cultural evolution during this period in this region remains limited. To address these gaps, sites with well-preserved stratigraphic sequences are crucial. The Romanian Banat region, with its diverse geography and archaeological richness, offers a unique window into these periods. Challenges persist, including limited knowledge about specific sites and the need for more excavations to confirm their Paleolithic status. Moreover, although open-air sites in the region have been excavated in the recent years, research at cave sites using modern standards remains deficient. Through our new excavation project at Peștera cu Apă in Românești, we aim to fill this gap and aspire to provide well-studied stratigraphical sequences for future analysis.

(Der Vortrag findet in englischer Sprache statt / The lecture will be presented in English)



Entrance of Peștera cu Apă in Românești  
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