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Archaeology – the study of human cultures through the analysis and interpretation of artefacts and material remains – continues to captivate and engage people on a local and global level.

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celebrated heritage sites such as the pyramids—both Egyptian and Mayan—Lascaux caves, and the statues of Easter Island provide insights into our ancestors and their actions and motivation. But there is much more to archaeology than famous sites. Ask any archaeologist about their job and they will touch

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on archaeological theory, chemistry, geology, history, classical studies, museum studies, ethical practice, and survey methods, along with the analysis and interpretation of artefacts and sites.

Archaeology is a much broader subject than its public image and branches into many

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other fields in the social and physical sciences. This multi-volume work provides a comprehensive and systematic coverage of archaeology that is unprecedented, not only in terms of the use of multi-media, but also in terms of content. It encompasses the breadth of the subject along with key aspects

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summaries of specific sites and the scientific aspects of archaeological enquiry to detailed discussions of archaeological concepts, theories and methods, and from investigations into the social, ethical and political dimensions of archaeological practice to biographies of leading archaeologists

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Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology is a definitive reference work for archaeology and archaeologists.

This book focuses on central themes related to the conservation of bats. It details their response to land-use change and management practices, intensified urbanization and roost disturbance and loss. Increasing

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interactions between humans and bats as a result of hunting, disease relationships, occupation of human dwellings, and conflict over fruit crops are explored in depth.

Finally, contributors highlight the roles that taxonomy, conservation networks and conservation psychology have to play

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measures are urgently needed if we are to retain global bat diversity in the coming decades. This book brings together teams of international experts to provide a global review of current understanding and recommend directions for future research and mitigation. This volume has its roots in the distant past

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of more than 20 years ago, the International Hydrologic Decade (IHD), 1964-1974. One of the stated goals of the IHD was to promote research into groundwater situations for which the state of knowledge was hopelessly inadequate. One of these problem areas was the hydrology of carbonate terrains.

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Position papers published early in the IHD emphasized the special problems of karst; carbonate terrains were supposed to receive a substantial amount of attention during the IHD. There were indeed many new contributions from European colleagues but, unfortunately, in the United States the good

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intentions were not backed up by much in the way of federal funding. Some good and interesting work was published, particularly by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), but in the academic community the subject languished. About this same time the Cave Research Foundation (CRF), organized in

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1957 to promote the systematic exploration, survey, and scientific study of the great cave systems of Mammoth Cave National Park, was casting about for a broader scope for its research activities. Up until that time, CRF research had been largely restricted to detailed mineralogical and geological

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investigations within the caves, with the main part of the effort concentrated on exploration and survey. The decision to investigate the hydrology required a certain enlargement of vision because investigators then had to consider the entire karst drainage basin rather than isolated fragments

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of cave passage.

This book is about understanding, contextualizing and carrying out critical analyzes of the policies intended and/or implemented by the various public and private actors in urban public spaces, as well as the daily, or eventual, politics exercised by the organized civil society

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and by citizens. It presents a collection of contributions about the public space in different theoretical, conceptual and methodological approaches. Coming from different disciplines, the authors share an understanding about the need to analyze the uses and appropriations of the city by social subjects

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and groups as they represent difference and see the city as a place to share life experiences; as such, they argue, through their cases studies, that places of public use should be thought of and understood as concept and as social practice. As an analytic tool, the book offers a five-dimension model to

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explore how people relate to daily life activities and confront imposed inequalities in their meeting places, how they engage in individual and collective manifestations and/or how they symbolically appropriate public spaces in face of the late capitalism led by large corporations and globalization. Together

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the authors seek to contribute to a city of utopia, where all differences can be seen and dealt with in public spaces and where free individuals can present themselves and engage in a *vita activa*.

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What is the uniquely human factor in finding and using information to produce new knowledge? Is there an underlying aspect of our thinking that cannot be imitated by the AI-equipped machines that will increasingly dominate our lives? This book

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several different
problems, for
example, to conduct
groundwater
analysis in regions
with karstic
depressions and
examine subsidence
problems through
geotechnical and
hydrogeological*

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*studies to solve
dams' technical
challenges from
Karstic areas.*

*The present
publication on karst
hydrology and
physical speleology
combines two
subjects which have
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The two fields of knowledge have gone their separate ways, less as a result of differences in subject matter than of varying approaches. The focal point in karst hydrology lies in the description of subterranean water with

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its physical and chemical properties, whereas physical speleology describes subterranean cavities with their contents (air, water, and sediments), which generally have been created by water. Such cavities can be correctly

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interpreted only by means of a knowledge of karst hydrology, yet they in turn yield indications of the properties of karst water. Karst hydrology and physical speleology are thus two aspects of the subterranean

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*karst phenomenon
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This book addresses
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hydrologists,
geomorphologists,
geographers, and
karstologists, above
all speleologists, as
well as all friends
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the cavers among them. Its contents must therefore appeal to two groups: on one hand to the academically trained, whether university faculty, graduates, or students, who as a rule have the necessary basic

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knowledge to be able to understand the theoretical comments; on the other hand to the laymen, who have first-hand experience from their own observations in caves, but who often do not dispose over the scientific

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a simpler nature and
to questions of
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studies, visual
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media studies
in a way that
is unique to a
specific type
of media theory
developed in
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years. This theory differs quite significantly from media studies as usually conceived in Anglo-American academia, providing new perspectives that are rooted

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*in continental
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ranging from
phenomenology
to post-
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and newer forms
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studies" in
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(1) an introduction to a continental approach to game philosophy; (2) an aesthetic theory of computer games rooted in concepts of performativity and

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*provides
fascinating
insights into
the development
and genetics of
evolutionary
processes on
the basis of
animals living
in the dark,
such as the
Astyanax cave
fish.*

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which results
from neutral
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which normally acts to preserve functional capability. These negative mutations accumulate until the traits they are responsible for become rudimentary or

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level. Such processes are particularly conspicuous in species living in constant darkness, where, for example in Astyanax, all traits depending on the exposure to

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eyes,
pigmentation,
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triggered
aggressive
behaviour,
negative
phototaxis, and
several
peripheral
outcomes of
circadian*

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compensation
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traits like
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olfaction or
the lateral
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selection and
do not show*

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ramifications. Landscapes of the past have always held an inherent fascination for geologists because, like terrestrial sediments, they formed in our environment, not offshore on

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and not deep in
the subsurface.
So, a walk
across an
ancient karst
surface is
truly a step
back in time on
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the air, long
before humans*

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Spain, which are in some cases more than 30,000 years old (Chauvet, et ai, 1996). Yet, to call someone a "caveman" is to declare them primitive and ignorant. Caves, being cryptic and mysterious, occupied

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important roles in many cultures. For example, Greece, a country with abundant karst, had the oracle at Delphi and Hades the god of death working from caves. People are both drawn to and mortified by caves. Written records

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