

Anarchism in Danish archaeology

– a crazy idea or constructive approach?

State-based and evolutionistic models have proven insufficient to make coherent accounts on social organisation and dynamics in Iron Age and Viking Ages research in Denmark. This is partly caused by a huge accumulation of metal finds from the period, that questions the models. In this paper, an alternative approach is suggested, offering an anarchistic perspective, which presuppose a more complex and dynamic social organisation. The anarchistic approach is introduced and accounted for through diverse examples.