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Abstract

When Gender Bias Influences Archaeological Interpretation

Despite feminist initiatives, biases still influence archaeological interpretations. Based in feminist theory and analytical concepts, this article seeks to challenge the tradition of gender and sex determination based on grave goods. Two Viking Age cases, Bj. 581 from Birka and Grave B from Gerdrup, illuminate both traditional and modern perceptions of gender shape interpretations and can lead to circular reasoning. To avoid stereotypes and circular reasoning, determination of sex and gender needs to be methodological transparent and theoretically conscious. The aim of this article is thus to contribute to critical discourse surrounding gender and sex in archaeology.

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