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# Tally Sticks

## Forgotten media of culture?

### International interdisciplinary workshop on the history of (ac)counting, signs and writing

Tally sticks have been used for centuries as a means of accounting, as receipts and promissory notes, and even as a means of payment. But what do they reveal about writing, administration, and knowledge across different cultures and historical periods? This interdisciplinary workshop brings together experts from archaeology, ethnology, history, and Oriental Studies to discuss the diverse functions and development of tally sticks. Contributions will explore their significance at the intersection of written and non-written administration, offering new perspectives on the history of information storage.

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## Speakers

Euan Roger [London]  
István Kádas [Budapest]  
Luc Bourgeois [Caen]  
Manny Medrano [Harvard]  
Margaretha Folmer [Leiden]  
Nena Zidov [Ljubljana]  
Per Forsberg [Örebro]  
Roman Kovalev [New Jersey]  
Tim Neu [Wien]  
Tony Moore [Reading]  
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