Monuments & Landscapes: A Case Study at Falkner’s Circle (Avebury, U.K)

The study of landscapes and monuments within archaeology has consistently relied upon typologies and dualisms, especially that delineating nature and culture. This can be seen within the case study presented, Falkner’s Circle, with the UNESCO Heritage Site at Avebury in Wiltshire, UK. Due to its size, almost complete destruction, and proximity to a much larger standing stone circle and earthworks monument, Falkner’s Circle has been overlooked and removed from its context within the larger Avebury landscape.

Through a deconstruction of past methods at the site, and an interpretation focused on the way this site has changed through time, it is possible to understand Falkner’s Circle within a larger context and gain new insights about its meaning. By examining the monument and landscape of Falkner’s Circle as a dynamic assemblage, its character as a monument reacting to and engaging with the transformative processes in this valley becomes apparent. This presentation will draw upon the work conducted during my MA degree work at the University of Leicester Department of Archaeology under the direction of Dr. Mark Gillings and Dr. David Edwards.

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