

The Dolchzeit revisited

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2350-1500 cal BC saw the manufacture and distribution of Nordic flint daggers; coined the "Dolchzeit" ("dagger time"), an excess of 13,000 daggers had been dispersed throughout Europe. This paper examines the dispersal of type I within the South Jutland Peninsula in order to investigate whether there was a spread of an internalisation hierarchical community system attached to the Limfjord daggers. Using metric and functional distinctions in the material remains imported and domesticated daggers can be identified and new perspectives on the relationship between consumption, exchange and functionality of daggers in the Late Neolithic gained. The project has the opportunity to advance our understanding of raw- material sourcing and prestige objects in the Dolchzeit.