Europe

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This essay reviews the European archaeological scene in 2017–2020. Since its creation in 1993 by the Treaty on the European Union (commonly known as the Maastricht Treaty), 'Europe' has become a political reality with the ultimate goal of federal-state integration. At about the same time (1994) the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) was founded, with archaeologists based in countries roughly corresponding to the scope of the European Union at the core of its membership. EAA has developed as a forum for the sharing of ideas and activities of archaeologists and others interested in archaeology from around the world who are interested in and engaged in archaeological activities related to 'Europe' as they perceive it. This paper recounts the development of archaeological activity within and beyond the space-time horizon defined by such a constructed concept of 'Europe', focusing on articles published in the European Journal of Archaeology, the official journal of the EAA.

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