

Erosion during the Holocene

“Secrets from the Lady of the Lake: structure, sedimentology and evolution of rockfall talus slopes in the Brecon Beacons, Wales”

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“The erosional impact of recent extreme storm events on hillslopes in upland Britain is receiving growing attention in research and the wider media, but significant gaps remain in our understanding of the long-term history and causes of this erosion during the Holocene. In particular, there is still debate as to whether episodes of erosion occurred at the same time across Britain, and whether they represent local human impacts, climatic trends, and/or an increase in the frequency or intensity of localised extreme rainstorms. In this talk, Dr Alastair Curry (Head of Geography, Environment and Planning at the University of Hertfordshire) reconstructs the 11,000 year story of scree slopes in the Welsh Brecon Beacons – their formation and destruction. It is a story that starts with the last ice, includes the legacy of Neolithic farmers and Roman soldiers, and continues today with management strategies of our sensitive upland landscapes.”