

Review of: "One Archaeology of Knowledge Constructs"

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The paper is not ready for peer-review and should go through a round of comments from peers, as well as a language check, before submission. The bulk of the text comprises a very limited review of texts on some rather outdated problems of archaeological inference, meaning that the manuscript lacks a proper contextualisation against more recent and contemporary questions in the epistemology/ontology of archaeology. For instance, the manuscript makes no mention of logical operations other than induction and deduction. My worry is that these concepts may be too limiting for what the paper is perhaps trying to establish (see below).

The idea that the interpretation of inequality calls for a specific model or method of inference is interesting, but the author makes no effort to explicate what is meant by an archaeology of inequality and how the question is connected to the epistemology of archaeology. In other words, the quick move from the logical problems to the question of inequality/inequity is confusing and makes the topic of inequality seem like a side note rather than the main focus of the text. It would be more interesting to start with an exposition of the current state of archaeological epistemology – and especially its connection to matters of ontology – and use that as a springboard for a discussion on what needs to be done in the epistemology of archaeology for it to be able to address matters of inequality. In this case, the text would also benefit from some sort of a case example on the use of logic in an archaeology of inequality and how taking up the matter of archaeological epistemology – rather than ontology – leads to a more sophisticated archaeology of inequality.