NEW DIRECTIONS IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Celtic chiefdom, Celtic state

Editors

Wendy Ashmore
Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

Françoise Audouze
Centre de Recherches Archéologiques, Meudon, France

Richard Bradley
Department of Archaeology, University of Reading

Joan Gero
Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina

Tim Murray
Department of Archaeology, La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia

Colin Renfrew
Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge

Andrew Sherratt
Department of Antiquities, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

Timothy Taylor
Department of Archaeology, University of Bradford

Norman Yoffee
Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona
Celtic chiefdom, Celtic state

The evolution of complex social systems in prehistoric Europe

Edited by
BETTINA ARNOLD
University of Minnesota
and
D. BLAIR GIBSON
University of California at Los Angeles
To Susan L. Saul Gibson and Thomas H. Hruby,
without whose help and support none of this would
have been possible
Contents

List of illustrations x
List of contributors xii
Acknowledgments xii

1 Introduction. Beyond the mists: forging an ethnological approach to Celtic studies
Bettina Arnold and D. Blair Gibson

PART I CELTIC POLITICAL SYSTEMS: RESEARCH PARADIGMS
2 From chieftdom to state organization in Celtic Europe
Patrice Brun
3 Building an historical ecology of Gaulish polities
Carole L. Crumley
4 The early Celts of west central Europe: the semantics of social structure
Franz Fischer

PART II RECOVERING IRON AGE SOCIAL SYSTEMS
5 The material culture of social structure: rank and status in early Iron Age Europe
Bettina Arnold
6 The significance of major settlements in European Iron Age society
Olivier Büchsenschütz
7 Early “Celtic” socio-political relations: ideological representation and social competition in dynamic comparative perspective
Michael Dietler

PART III THE QUESTION OF STATEHOOD IN LA TÉNE EUROPE
8 States without centres? The middle La Tène period in temperate Europe
John Collis
9 Late Iron Age society in Britain and north-east Europe: structural transformation or superficial change?
Colin Haselgrove
10 Settlement and social systems at the end of the Iron Age
Peter S. Wells

PART IV EVOLUTION AND ETHNOHISTORY: THE PROTOHISTORIC ISLES
11 Modelling chieftdoms in the Scottish Highlands and islands prior to the '45
Robert A. Dodgshon
12 Caesar’s perception of Gallic social structures
Sean B. Dunham
13 Chieftdoms, confederacies, and statehood in early Ireland
D. Blair Gibson
14 Clans are not primordial: pre-Viking Irish society and the modelling of pre-Roman societies in northern Europe
Nerys Thomas Patterson

Bibliography 137
Index 156
Illustrations

2.1 European cultural complexes.
2.2 Distribution of sites containing Greek-Etruscan imports of the second half of the fifth century BC in central France
2.3 The development of fortified Celtic towns (oppida).
2.4 Relative proportion of coins bearing CRICIRV found in the central site of Pommiers and the remainder of the Suessiones territory to those found outside this territory.
2.5 Distribution of coins bearing inscription CRICIRV on a map of politically autonomous Celtic territories to the extent that they can be reconstructed from the boundaries of medieval dioceses.
2.6 Concentration of tombs with imports of La Tène D around the oppidum of Château-Porcien “Le Nandin.”
2.7 Distribution of Gallo-Greek inscriptions in Gaul (after Goudineau 1989).
5.1 The West and East Hallstatt zones.
5.2 Schematic representation of grave good inventories from Graves 3 and 6 in the Hohmichele tumulus.
5.4 Comparison to scale of the Period IV outer settlement structures found under the Giessübel-Talhau tumuli with structures on the Heuneburg hillfort plateau in Periods IV and III.
5.5 The Period IVb fortifications and excavated south-eastern portion of the Heuneburg hillfort.
6.1 Comparison to scale of surface area of central places in Europe.
6.2 The excavated areas in the oppidum of Villeneuve-Saint-Germain and the junction of the four covered ditches.
6.3 A reconstruction drawing of the four covered ditches (after Debold et al. 1989).
6.4 Hallstatt period fortified settlements in Württemberg.
6.5 Craft production at central places.
9.1 Northern France, showing the location of the Aisne Valley study area.
9.2 Principal Iron Age sites in the Aisne Valley.
9.3 Plans of the late Iron Age settlements at Condé-sur-Suippe and Villeneuve-Saint-Germain (after Pion n.d.; Audouze and Büchenschütz 1989).
9.4 The distribution of late Iron Age linear dyke complexes and related sites in lowland Britain.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>List of illustrations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9.5 Comparative plans of the oppida at Bagendon, Colchester, St Albans, Silchester, and Stanwick.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.1 Principal sites mentioned in the text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.1 Areas controlled by two of the larger Hebridean chieftdoms: the Clanranald and the Macleod of Macleod.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.2 The socio-spatial structure of chieftdoms.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.3 The structural and processual basis of Highland chieftdoms.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.1 Map of Ireland showing the province of Munster and the sub-province of Thomond (present-day County Clare).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.2 The present-day baronies of County Clare.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Contributors

BETTINA ARNOLD  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Minnesota

PATRICE BRUN  
Centre Nationale de Recherches Scientifiques (CNRS),  
Paris

OLIVIER BÜCHSENSCHÜTZ  
Centre Nationale de Recherches Scientifiques (CNRS),  
Paris

JOHN COLLIS  
Department of Archaeology  
University of Sheffield

CAROLE L. CRUMLEY  
Department of Anthropology  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

MICHAEL DIETLER  
Department of Anthropology  
Yale University

ROBERT A. DODGSON  
Institute of Earth Studies  
University College of Wales

SEAN B. DUNHAM  
Interdisciplinary Archaeological Studies  
University of Minnesota

FRANZ FISCHER  
Institut für Vor-und Frühgeschichte  
University of Tübingen

D. BLAIR GIBSON  
Department of Anthropology  
University of California at Los Angeles

COLIN HASELGROVE  
Department of Archaeology  
University of Durham

NERYS THOMAS PATTERTSON  
Assistant Warden  
15 Shepard Street  
University of Wales, Bangor

PETER S. WELLS  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Minnesota

Acknowledgments

We would like to thank the following friends, family members and colleagues for their help and support: Sinéad Ni Ghabhláin for her superb translating job; Timothy Earle for his suggestions and for serving as discussant at the original conference session which produced this volume; Françoise Audouze for her useful editorial suggestions; Susan L. Saul Gibson for technical support and editing (especially the index, which was a Herculean task and could not have been completed without her help); Baelyn Neff and Lisa Keeley for their help with the index; and Thomas H. Hruby for computer expertise, editing, encouragement and good food. Any errors or omissions probably can be attributed to the dark forces of the Celtic underworld, but the responsibility is ours alone.