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PREFACE

This volume was conceived by the editors in 1978. It was planned at the same time as Robert Chapman and Ian Kinnes were organising a programme for the 1979 Spring Conference of the Prehistoric Society in London. The conference was entitled 'The Archaeology of Death' and gave many of the contributors to this volume an opportunity to meet each other and exchange ideas and information. We would like to thank the Prehistoric Society and its President, Professor John Coles, for providing the occasion for such interaction. Subsequently the editing of this volume, which includes papers not presented at the conference as well as several of those that were, has been organised in the following way: Ian Kinnes has assumed responsibility for primary editing of the manuscripts, while Robert Chapman and Klavs Randsborg have combined to write an introductory paper which sets the papers in this book in a broader perspective. We would like to thank Josephine Say for the efficient and prompt manner in which she put together the bibliography at very short notice. Jan Chapman has provided invaluable secretarial assistance. We would also like to thank the contributors to this book, from whom we have learnt much. The friendship and sheer good company of Richard Bradley has been most beneficial throughout the conception and editing of the book: he was there at the beginning and in at the death! Lastly we acknowledge with gratitude the guidance and patience of Cambridge University Press, and Robin Derricourt in particular.

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