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Bronzization and the Scandinavian Bronze Age



The concept of *bronization* is used to describe the particular form of transculture that connected large parts of Eurasia 2000-1200 BC. Recent approaches building on i.a. provenance analyses of copper have contributed to widening our knowledge about the sophisticated indigenous metalworking traditions in Scandinavia in this period, and the metal networks that the northerners got their copper and tin from. In addition to a steady supply of copper from Central European ores, we see the utilization of copper from a range of other ore sources; previously not considered to be relevant for Scandinavia. It is striking that large amounts of metal seems to have come from the Italian Alps. This paper addresses these new and surprising results from the perspective of cultural connections and technological innovation.

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