

Preface

In 2008 a number of postdoctoral researchers at the department of Archaeology and Classical Studies at Stockholm University founded PAG, the Postdoctoral Archaeological Group. The aim of the group is to encourage discussions and research between scholars of the different disciplines within the department (e.g. osteoarchaeology, scientific archaeology, classical history) and to promote activities such as workshops and conferences.

One such event was held 26–27 November 2009 in the form of a workshop and an excursion. The theme of the workshop was *the archaeology of the senses* (Sinnenas arkeologi), which aspired to explore the multi-sensuous dimensions of past worlds. The workshop was attended by ten researchers working in different areas of archaeology and history. A pioneer in the field, Professor Stephen Houston from Brown University, USA, was invited as discussant.

The present book consists of elaborated versions of all but a few of the presentations from the workshop with a commentary by Professor Stephen Houston. We wish to express our warmest thanks to Stephen for promoting inspiring discussions during the workshop as well as for taking the time to write the commentary essay for the publication. We also wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies for support of the workshop and to the Berit Wallenberg Foundation for enabling this book to be published.

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