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Rocks were used since the beginning of human history and are also one of the best preserved materials in archaeological sites, especially those from very ancient sites. The study of lithic sources is essential to knowing more about human behavior and the relationships human communities had with their environment. In the last decades we have witnessed the development of several analytical techniques used to characterize lithic sources and artefacts, with different results depending on the method used and the rock type studied.

This session will focus on all methods that may be used to characterize lithic artefacts as well as potential geological sources. Particularly, this session wants to encourage discussion about the use of several complementary analytical techniques when characterizing lithic sources.