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Rocks and minerals typically used to produce knapped implements, mainly varieties of quartz, siliceous rocks and obsidian were also used to produce personal ornaments, objects of prestige and insignia, jewellery and amulets in a wide range. Moreover, the technique of knapping by heavy and light percussion tools was applied in producing more prestige and ornamental items made of rocks and minerals, often encountered in long distance trade.

We invite lectures and communications on these specific utilisation of the lithic raw material, their characterisation and technological studies.