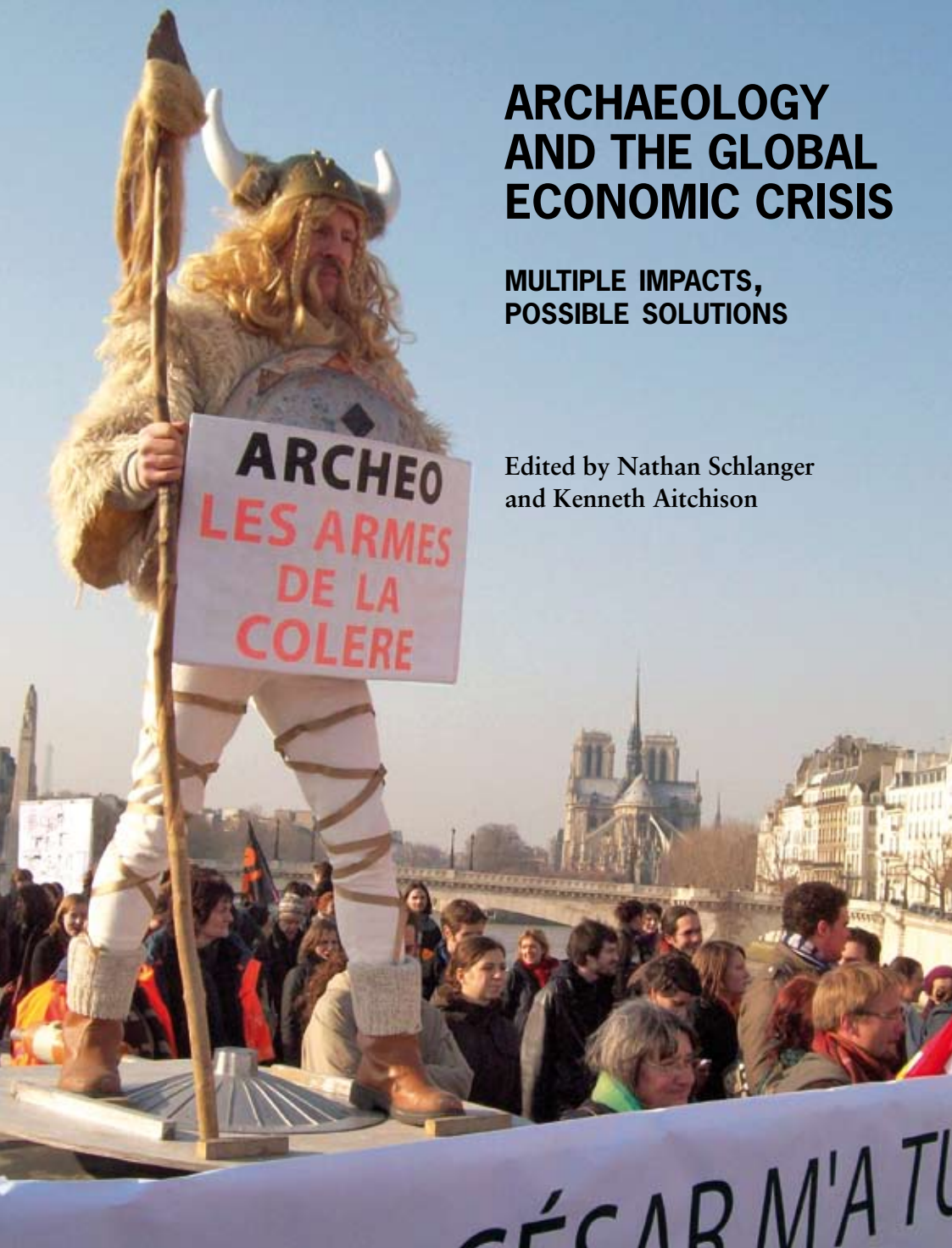


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Developing from a session at the annual meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists in 2009, this volume is probably the first of its kind to attempt a global, comparative look at the current economic crisis and its effects on archaeology. This impact can be identified in four overlapping areas or themes: research funding and priorities; professional employment, training and skills; conservation and public outreach; and changes in heritage management policies and legislation. The chapters assembled here describe, in various degrees of detail, the effects of the crisis in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, France, Hungary, Poland, Russia and the United States. The authors come from academia, the commercial sector and public bodies: knowledgeable as they are about the situation prevailing in their respective countries, their aim here has not been to produce formal, authorised statements, but to provide a sense, through case studies and analyses, of the multiple impacts of the crisis on archaeology. In effect, alongside its widely felt economic effects, the crisis has also become something of a mantra for decision making, and indeed a prism by which we can better appreciate the wider attitudes of our contemporary societies towards the heritage of the past.

Provided there is sufficient interest, the editors hope to publish a follow-up volume in one year's time, with updated information and covering new countries, sectors and analyses.

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