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**TEXNH: Making, creating, and agency networks in the Ancient Mediterranean world**

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we kindly invite you to a lecture by

**Dyfri Williams**

*Université libre de Bruxelles*

**Cross-craft Interaction: the view from the *kerameia* of Athens**

**26 April 2023, 18.00**

at the Netherlands Institute at Athens

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## Abstract

Athens in the 6th and 5th centuries BC was a thriving *polis* and one of its major components was the large community of craftspeople, the *technitai*. In this paper the central focus will be on the *kerameia*, the workshops of the potters and their staff. The images created by their painters offer not only insights into the activities of their own colleagues but also those of the other crafts around them - cross-craft imaging. The pottery itself, of course, bears witness to a variety of interactions such as the mobility of craftspeople in and out of not only individual *kerameia* but also Athens itself, the development of different skills within the workshop, the imitation of objects in other materials, and the diffusion of less tangible ideas such as style. Various examples of such craft scenes and interconnections will be introduced to reveal something of the remarkable complexity Athens' craft community and aid wider discussion.

Due to limited seat number please R.S.V.P. at [nia@nia.gr](mailto:nia@nia.gr) or 210 9210760

The event will also be streamed live. For registration please visit:

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