

Political geographies of the Bronze Age Aegean

Joint workshop by the Belgian School at Athens (EBSA) and the Netherlands Institute at Athens (NIA)

Preliminary Program

Conveners: Gert Jan van Wijngaarden & Jan Driessen

Wednesday 29th of May

17h00-17h30: Start of the workshop

17h30-18h00: J. Driessen & G. J. van Wijngaarden: Introduction to Political geographies of the Bronze Age Aegean

18h00-19h00 keynote lecture: J. Wright: The Late Bronze Age in the Aegean in Archaeological Context

19h00-21h00: Opening reception at the EBSA/NIA

A paper by **M. Wiener** will be circulated during the workshop: Minoan Colonization

Thursday 30th May

First Session: Minoan and Mycenaean territories

8h45-9h00: morning coffee

9h00-9h35: **Y. Papadatos & T. Kalantzopoulou:** Turning the landscape into territory: strategies of power for the exploitation of the Cretan mountains during the Neopalatial period

9h35-10h10: **D. Pullen,** Boundaries, Territories, and Borders in the Bronze Age Argolid-Corinthia: Natural, Social, or Political?

10h10-10h45: **I. Mathioudaki & L. Girella,** The political geography of central Crete during the Early Neopalatial period from a ceramic perspective

10h45-11h00: Coffee

11h00-11h35h: **L. Vokotopoulos,** A tale of two sanctuaries – a tale of two cities. A Minoan borderline at the east end of Crete

11h35-12h10: **N. Papadimitriou,** Mistaken 'Mycenaean territories': cultural and political fragmentation in the area later called Attica

12h10-12h45: **E. Hatzaki:** *Alone at last.* Knossos's territorial expansion from Neopalatial to Final Palatial

12h45-13h20: **E. Palaiologou,** The distribution of space at Mycenae, Greater and beyond

13h20-13h45: discussion

13h45-15h45: Lunch break

Second Session: Authority display.

15h45-16h20: **M. Anastasiadou**, Sealing 'Traditions' in Neopalatial Crete as Evidence of Regional Character and Interregional Contact: The Case of Kato Zakros

16h20-16h55: **S. Voutsaki**, Towards a political geography of Mycenaean Laconia

16h55-17h30: **D. Panagiotopoulos**, Ambiguous data. Neopalatial nodules and political (?) territories

17h30-17h45 Coffee break:

17h45-18h20: **A. Papadopoulos & V. Petrakis**, Geographies of war? Conceptions of space within Mycenaean palatial polities through textual and archaeological references to military matters

18h20-18h55: **F. Blakolmer**, The phenomenon of an 'iconographic *koine*' in the Aegean Bronze Age: A comparison of the situations in Neopalatial Crete and in palatial Mycenaean Greece

18h55-19h30: discussion

19h30 Reception at NIA

Friday 31st of May

Third session: Forms of power.

9h00-9h35: **G. Cadogan**, Material culture vs socio-political organisation in Pre- and Protopalatial Crete: Lies or targeted truths?

9h35-10h10: **A van de Moortel**, Constructing Authority at Prepalatial Mitrou, Central Greece

10h10-10h45: **M. Cosmopoulos**, Political geography of Pylos and the Unification of the Pylian state?

10h45-11h00: coffee break

11h00-11h35: **A. Philippa-Touchais**, Forms of power from the beginning of the Middle Helladic period

11h35-12h10: **B. Eder**, How to approach the political geography of Mycenaean Greece?

12h10-12h45: **L. Papazoglou & C. Paschalidis**, Dispersion of power in Early Mycenaean Western Achaea and the transition to the Palatial period.

12h45-13h20: **E. Andrikou**, Mycenaean Presence in Mesogeia and Lavreotike, Attica

13h20-13h45: discussion

13h45-15h00: Lunch break

Fourth Session: Minoan and Mycenaean political landscapes

15h00-15h35: **B. Legarra Herrero**, Death and its place in the Cretan Political Landscape

15h35-16h10: **E. Salavoura**, Problems of the Mycenaean expansion in the central Peloponnese

16h10-16h45: **A. Knodell**, Palatial and Non-Palatial Landscapes in the Mycenaean World: Territorial Models for Central Greece

16:45-17:00: coffee break

17h00-17h35 **J. Bennet**, Horizontal, Vertical, Textual, Material: reflections on the potential to define geographical and socio-political structures in the LBA Aegean

17h35-18:00: final discussion

18h00: closing words

(Evening: Annual Lecture EBSA at Italian School, following by reception to which all speakers are invited)

Saturday 1st of June: excursion to the ongoing excavations at Marathon (courtesy Y. Papadatos)

30 speakers and assured backbenchers: Colin Macdonald, Florentia Frangopoulou, Mary Dabney, Sebastian Adlung, Nathalie Bries, Winfred Vandeput, Panos Iossif