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ARCHAIC CITY WALLS

DOES SIZE MATTER?

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The construction of a fortification belongs to the most laborious enterprises of a settlement, but the nature of fortifications varies widely. Walls, loosely flung around the urban areas of cities like Selinunte, Corinth, or Velia in South Italy contrast small hilltop fortifications like in Aigeira, the Peloponnesus and other Archaic settlements. Does size matter and what does size tell us about function and significance of a settlement? The presentation tries to re-evaluate the concept of »fortification« in relation to the nature and history of the protected settlement.

