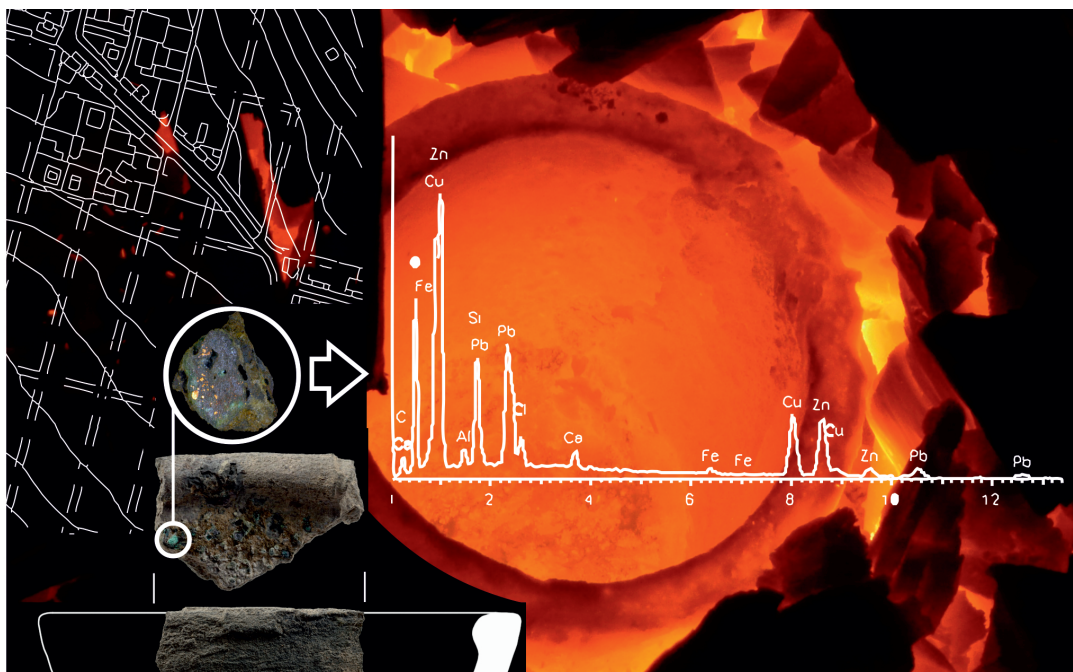




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METALWORKING PRACTICES IN THE EARLY AND MIDDLE BYZANTINE PERIODS

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Crucibles, slags and scrap metals (i. e. remains of metalworking activities) are relatively often discovered either concentrated at one find spot or spread out over various locations within an ancient city. A frequently asked question is: »How can their complex set of information be extracted?«

The current presentation aims to answer this question based on the interpretation of related finds and their context from Early Byzantine Ephesos and Middle Byzantine Chalcis/Euripos involving technological, archaeological, historical and natural scientific perspectives. Some of the main research topics concern metalworking practices and the social and economic role of metal workshops in the urban environment.