

HOW TO FORTIFY A POLIS: WALLS FOR AND AGAINST WHOM?

A Hybrid Conference (in presence and online)

19 – 20 May, 2022

at the Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg, Department of Classics

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Why build a fortification? A simple question leads to complicated answers that can only be discussed in a wider context. The fortifications of Aigeira are the focus of a project, funded by the FWF that tries to tackle issues around context, chronology, and architecture. Work on the walls started in 2017 and is now a cooperative project of the University of Salzburg and the Austrian Archaeological Institute. The difficulty of dealing with such complicated structures as fortifications, in which political, social, economic and historical issues are inevitably intertwined, motivates to discuss general issues of fortifications in a Greek context, focusing on Hellenistic times, but looking into other periods as well.

Program

Thursday, May 19, 2022

- 9.00 – 9:30 **Opening**
Welcome note by Monika Frass, head of department
Introduction by Birgitta Eder, director of the Austrian
Archaeological Institute in Athens
Welcome note by Alexander Sokolicek, Salzburg, and Federica
Iannone, Athens
- 9.30-9.50 W. Gauß, The historical landscape of Aigeira
9.50-10.10 A. Sokolicek – F. Iannone, The fortifications of Aigeira
10.10-10.30 C. Katsarou, Aigae and Phelloe: a tour of the historical route of eastern
Achaia (Aigialeia) through the ancient walls of two archaeological sites
adjacent to Aigeira
10.30-11.00 **Discussion**
- COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.30-11.50 A. Pontrandolfo, The Egialea Survey Project (online)
11.50-12.10 G. Alexopoulou, The fortification of Arkadian Psophis
12.10-12.30 O. Hülten, The fortifications of Leontion
12.30-13.00 **Discussion**
- LUNCH BREAK**
- 14.30-14.50 K. Kissas – P. Scherrer, Die griechischen und österreichischen
Feldforschungen zur Stadtmauer von Pheneos
14.50-15.10 S. Müth - K. Kissas, The quest for the city walls of old Sikyon
15.10-15.30 Y. Lolos, Fortifying new Sikyon in the northern Peloponnese (online)
15.30-16.00 **Discussion**
- 16.00-16.20 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16.20-16.40 J. Donati, Fortifications and town-planning in the Peloponnese
(online)
16.40-17:00 G. La Torre – A.T. Raffa, The fortifications of Skoutoussa (online)
17.00-17.20 D. Pullen – P. Sapiststein, The circuit walls of Kalamianos:
Fortification? City wall? Boundary wall? (online)
17.20-17.40 E. Richter, Fortifying a keystone. The city wall of Samiko in Triphylia
17.40-18.10 **Discussion**
- BREAK**
- 18.30-19.10 **Keynote Lecture:** A. Rizakis, Aigeira in Aigialeia: Frontiers and
territory of a city-state through space and time
20.00 *Dinner for speakers*

Friday, May 20, 2022

- 9.00-9.20 C. Baier, The unwallled asty of Lousoi: alternative concepts of security policy in antiquity (online)
- 9.20-9.50 R. Rönnlund, The multi-phase fortress site of Metamorfoosi, Karditsa, Thessaly (online)
- 9.50-10.20 E. Laufer, Die Befestigungen von Orchomenos (Böotien) – Beobachtungen und Perspektiven neuer Feldforschung 2021 (online)
- 10.20-10.50 K. Markos, Boiotian coastal and frontier fortifications and the defences of the regions
- 10.50-11.20 **Discussion**
- 11.20-11.40 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.40-12.00 L. G. Nicolae – R. Smetana, The ‘Fortifications of Aigeira’ Project. A preliminary study of ceramic assemblages
- 12.00-12.20 M. Scafuro, Study and analysis of archaeological artefacts from the Egialea Survey Project: methodology and results (online)
- 12.20-12.50 R. Klöckl, Funde und Fundament. Fundmaterial von der Befestigungsmauer in Pheneos
- 12.50-13.30 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 13.30-15.00 **Final discussion**

Afternoon Departure

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