

THE NORTHERN PELOPONNESE FROM EAST TO WEST: NEW RESEARCH BY YOUNG SCHOLARS

31 October – 1 November, 2022 at the Austrian Archaeological Institute at Athens Leoforos
Alexandras, 26 Athens



The Acropolis of Aigeira overlooking the Corinthian Gulf
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Since prehistoric times the Northern Peloponnese has been one of the most important areas for the development of Greek culture, even though in the past, investigations mostly concentrated on large centres such as Corinth, Olympia, Sikyon, Mycenae and Argos. In recent years, research in this region has significantly increased, especially in the sites that were considered “minor”. In the light of the new data, there is a clear need for comparison between the different centres in the region to understand better their evolution from the Iron Age, when the formation of the *poleis* took place, to the Roman conquest, when in fact the political structure of the region started to change radically.

PhD candidates and early career scholars are involved in numerous Northern Peloponnese projects, and this conference will give them the opportunity to share their research on different topics such as urbanistic organization, funerary archaeology, pottery production etc, compare methodological approaches, talk through difficulties encountered and discuss their results both amongst themselves and with an expert audience.

Programme

Monday, October 31, 2022

- 9.00 – 9:30 Opening
- Welcome note by Birgitta Eder, head of the Athens Branch of the Austrian Archaeological Institute
- Welcome note by Federica Iannone, University of Naples “L’Orientale”
- Session I: Sanctuaries and Cults (chair: Erofilo-Iris Kolia)**
- 9.30-9.50 A. Vlachou, Early cult practices in the Northeastern Peloponnese: new insights based on the old and recent archaeological research
- 9.50-10.10 P. Konstantinidis, The emergence of the cult of Hygieia in Epidauros and the Northeastern Peloponnese
- 10.10-10.30 H. Smagh, Miniature altars and place-making in private religion at Corinth
- 10.30-11.00 **Discussion**
- 11-00.11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-11.50 F. Iannone, Sacred landscapes in Achaea: the case of Aigeira
- 11.50-12.10 D. Vlanti – M. Petrakis – G. Papadias, Establishing the cult of Poseidon Heliconius in ancient Helike, Achaea. Pottery and metal finds from the Early Iron Age altar
- 12.10-12.30 K. Tsirtsis – G. Kazantzis – M. Gkouma, Plants, animals, and soils: Recent Evidence from the sanctuary of Poseidon Heliconius in Ancient Helike, Achaea.
- 12.30-13.00 **Discussion**
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch break
- (chair: Birgitta Eder)**
- 14.30-14.50 E. Papazoi, Cults of female divinities in ancient Pheneos
- 14.50-15.10 C. Liagkouras, The cultural and natural resources of the Southern Ilia (Province of Olympia) as the driving force for the social and economic development of the area
- 15.10-15.40 **Discussion**

15.40-16.10 Coffee Break

Session II: The World of the Dead

16.10-16.30 S. Cushman, Dying outside the palace: New perspectives on mortuary changes in the late Bronze Age Argolid

16.30-16.50 A. Maniaki, Distinguished ‘female’ burials of the Early Iron Age in the Northern Peloponnese. Observations and preliminary results

16.50-17.20 **Discussion**

17.20-18.30 Break

18.30-19.00 B. Eder, Keynote Lecture

20.00 *Dinner for speakers*

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Session III: Urban Infrastructure and Organization (chair: Christoph Baier)

9.00-9.20 F. Vingaard – P. Athanasopoulos, Lechaion Harbour Project: excavating submerged harbour structures in Lechaion, Corinth.

9.20-9.50 I. Christidis – M. Ioannou – P. Panailidis – K. Psychas – P. Vlachou, Ancient Tenea: New data on the archaeological map

9.50-10.10 R. Diaz de Mayorga Arias, The influence of Classical Greek taverns in the urban planning of city-states in Ancient Greece: the case of the Punic Amphora Building in Corinth

10.10-10.30 D. Bartzis, Architectural observations on the gymnasium of Sikyon

10.30-11.00 **Discussion**

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

Session IV: Production, Exchange and the Circulation of Artifacts (chair: Anastasia Gadolou)

- 11.30-11.50 G. di Lorenzo, Still on Italian-European metals in Achaia between LH IIIC and Early Iron Age: from the object to the reconstruction of the context
- 11.50-12.10 R. N. Klöckl, ...but make it fancy! Pottery of curious and common shapes from Pheneos
- 12.10-12.30 L.-G. Nicolae, Ritual drinking and feasting at Lousoi. The pottery evidence
- 12.30-12.50 K. Tsirtsis – E. Margaritis – X. Charalambidou – J. J. García-Granero – K. Kissas – S. Müth-Frederiksen – C. Pagnoux, Day-to-day rural life during the Classical period. The case of Sikyon, Greece
- 12.50-13.20 **Discussion**
- 13.20-14.30 Lunch Break
- (chair: Ioulia Tzonou)**
- 14.30- 14.50 H. Bertram, Appealing to the senses: the overseas exchange of Archaic Corinthian oil vessels
- 14.50-15.10 V. Anevlavi – W. Prochaska – S. Ladstätter – C. Cenati, Insights in early marble trade: case studies from the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Corinth
- 15.10-15.30 F. Fiorello Di Bella, Facial asymmetries and the sculptures of the Temple of Zeus at Olympia. Function and meaning
- 15.30-16.00 **Discussion**
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

Session V: Scripts and Coins: Regional Perspectives (chair: Sophia Zoumpaki)

- 16.30-16.50 J. Miller, Achaian local script and dialect: on and beyond the margins
- 16.50-17.10 D. Weidgenannt, Common currencies? – Federal states and the numismatic landscape of the Northern Peloponnese in the Classical and Hellenistic periods
- 17.10-17.40 **Discussion**