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LECTURE AS PART OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OEAI AT ATHENS

THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND DECAY OF ANCIENT LOUSOI

MERGING TOWN AND COUNTRYSIDE IN THE MOUNTAINOUS PELOPONNESE

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The ancient site of Lousoi is located in the unique environment of the highest karst plain of the Peloponnese, in a contact zone between ancient Arcadia and Achaia. Its remote geographical location and the topographical and hydrogeological constraints of the terrain offered living conditions and economic opportunities that were markedly different from those of the inhabitants of the nearby coastal areas. Within its region, the ancient community was distinguished above all by the religious and socio-political importance of its sanctuary of Artemis Hemera as an interstate point of contact. As the results of recent field research underline, Lousoi is a fine example of how the relationship between the two essential polis entities of town and territory was not a dichotomy, but rather a rural-urban continuum. Both entities merged into one another spatially, socio-economically and mentally. The lecture will provide new insights into the spatial organisation of the city and its integration into the landscape.

The lecture will take place on the premises of the Austrian Archaeological Institute at Athens.

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