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Growing discrepancies in the correlation of relative chronological sequences and inconsistencies in the approach to absolute dating have made Iron Age chronology one of the most debated topics in Mediterranean archaeology over the past two decades. These challenges call for a systematic, multidisciplinary approach. Our meeting in Vienna aims to bring together specialists in Iron Age archaeology from across the Mediterranean to address these issues from a range of scholarly, methodological, and theoretical perspectives. Rather than seeking immediate consensus on individual chronological disputes, the goal is to agree on common principles and approaches to chronology building and to lay the groundwork for a more consistent and systematically constructed framework for Iron Age Mediterranean chronology.



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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2025

INTRODUCTION

- 09.00–09.15** **Stefanos Gimatzidis, Ann E. Killebrew**
Austrian Archaeological Institute; Pennsylvania State University
Introduction to Iron Age Mediterranean Chronology

THE AEGEAN

- 09.15–09.50** **Stefanos Gimatzidis** | Austrian Archaeological Institute
Aegean Relative and Absolute Chronology: Two Centuries Onwards
- 09.50–10.25** **Lesley A. Beaumont, Rudy Alagich, Stavros A. Paspalas, Beatrice M. McLoughlin und Paul F. Donnelly**
The University of Sydney
Radiocarbon Dates and the Pottery Sequence from Zagora, Andros: Re-assessing Our Understanding of the Greek Geometric Period

BETWEEN THE AEGEAN AND ITALY

- 10.25–11.00** **Valentino Nizzo** | University of Naples "L'Orientale"
When Did "the First Western Greeks" Arrive? Archaeology and Chronology of the First Greek Colonization in Italy
- 11.00–11.35** **Jean-Christophe Sourisseau** | Aix-Marseille University
Corinthian Chronologies vs. Chronologies of Greek Settlements in the Central Mediterranean in the 8th Century BC: A Reinterpretation Proposal
- 11.35–11.55** COFFEE BREAK

BETWEEN THE AEGEAN AND ANATOLIA

- 11.55–12.30** **Yaşar Ersoy** | Yaşar University, Izmir
Iron Age Chronology of Anatolia: Recent Radiocarbon Data from Coastal Sites in the Aegean and Beyond

CYPRUS

- 12.30–13.05** **George Papasavvas** | University of Cyprus, Nicosia
Branding time in Cypriot Archaeology: A historiographical approach of Iron Age Periodization
- 13.05–13.40** **Anna Georgiadou** | University of Cyprus, Nicosia
Reassessing the Early Iron Age Chronology of Cyprus: A Renewed Typo-Chronological Framework and Broader Challenges in Synchronizations
- 13.40–15.00** LUNCH BREAK

CILICIA

15.00–15.35 **Mirko Novák** | University of Bern
Cilicia in the Iron Age: A Regional Chronology

THE LEVANT

15.35–16.10 **Ann E. Killebrew** | Pennsylvania State University
Aegean and Aegean-Style Pottery in the Levant and Cyprus during the Iron IA Period (ca. 1200–1100 BCE): Chronological Considerations

16.10–16.45 **Aaron Schmitt** | Heidelberg University
An Intra- and Interregional Analysis of the Pottery Sequence of the Phoenician Homeland

16.45–17.05 COFFEE BREAK

17.05–17.40 **Ayelet Gilboa, Ilan Sharon, Sveta Matskevich**
University of Haifa; Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Phoenician Early Iron Age Chrono-Stratigraphical Sequence: Regional Implications and Challenges

17.40–18.15 **Gunnar Lehmann** | Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva
The Phoenician Late Iron Age Chrono-Stratigraphical Sequence: Regional Implications and Challenges

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025

EGYPT

09.00–09.35 **Claus Jurman** | University of Vienna
Micro- and Macro-Perspectives on Egyptian Material Culture and Chronology in a Mediterranean Context, 1100–500 BCE

ITALY AND SICILY

09.35–10.10 **Francesco Quondam** | University of Vienna
From Paolo Orsi to Renato Peroni: Relative and Comparative Chronology of Early Iron Age Peninsular Italy and Sicily

SARDINIA

10.10–10.45 **Michele Guirguis** | University of Sassari
Synchronizing Sardinia: Rethinking Iron Age Sequences across Mediterranean Networks

10.45–11.20 **Jacopo Bonetto, Alessandro Mazzariol, Melania Gigante, Noemi Ruberti, Chiara Andreatta** | University of Padua
New Data on the Chronological Sequence of the Western Necropolis of Nora (Sardinia, Italy) in Relation to the Regional Context of the Island of Sardinia

11.20–11.40 COFFEE BREAK

IBERIA

11.40–12.15 **Alfredo Mederos Martín** | Autonomous University of Madrid
Iron Age Chronology in the Iberian Peninsula and its Phoenician Interconnections

NORTHERN AFRICA

12.15–12.50 **José Luis López Castro** | University of Almeria
Iron Age Chronology of Western North Africa: Absolute Radiocarbon Chronology and Early Phoenician Colonization in the West

12.50–14.15 LUNCH BREAK

ARCHAEOOMETRY

14.15–14.50 **Yoav Vaknin** | University of California San Diego
Refining Levantine Iron Age Chronology by Integrating Archaeomagnetic Dating

14.50–15.10 COFFEE BREAK

15.10–15.45 **Bernhard Weninger** | University of Cologne
Radiocarbon Dating and Pottery Seriation in the Mediterranean Iron Age: Case Studies at Sindos (North Greece) and Tel Rehov (Israel)

15.45–16.20 **Sturt Manning** | Cornell University
Local Calendar Timescales Compared to the Chronologies of the Mediterranean Iron Age

16.20–17.25 **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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