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PROGRAMME

Tuesday April 22

Venue: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Festsaal

8:00-9:00 Welcome/Registration

9:00-9:30 Opening

A. Figurines:9:30-9:50 Eva **ALRAM-STERN** (ÖAW), *Men with Caps: Chalcolithic Figurines from Aegina-Kolonna and their Ritual Use*9:50-10:10 Florence **GAIGNEROT-DRIESSEN** (Jules Verne University Amiens), *The Lady of the House: Trying to Define the Meaning and Role of Ritual Figures with Upraised Arms in Late Minoan III Crete*10:10-10:30 Reinhard **JUNG** (ÖAW) & Marco **PACCIARELLI** (University of Naples Federico II), *A Minoan Statuette from Punta di Zambrone in Southern Calabria*

10:30-10:50 Discussion

10:50-11:20 Coffee break

11:20-11:40 Melissa **VETTERS** (Universität Salzburg), *All the Same yet not Identical? Mycenaean Terracotta Figurines in Context*11:40-12:00 Eleni **KONSOLAKI-YANNOPOULOU** (Ayios Konstantinos excavation), *The Symbolic Significance of the Terracottas from the Mycenaean Sanctuary at Ayios Konstantinos, Methana***B. Hybrid and Mythical Creatures:**12:00-12:20 Norbert **SCHLAGER** (Universität Wien), *Mysterious Creatures: a Paleontological Approach*12:20-12:40 Fritz **BLAKOLMER** (Universität Wien), *Hierarchy and Symbolic Meaning of Animals and Mythical Creatures in the Aegean Bronze Age*

12:40-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-14:50 Karen Polinger **FOSTER** (Yale University), *Animal Hybrids, Masks, and Masques in Aegean Ritual*

14:50-15:10 Evangelos **KYRIAKIDIS** (University of Kent), *Tracing the Supernatural in Minoan Religion*

15:10-15:30 Maria **ANASTASIADOU** (Université Catholique de Louvain), *Wings, Heads, Tails: Small Puzzles in LM I Zakros*

C. Symbolism:

15:30-15:50 Janice L. **CROWLEY** (Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens), *In the Air Here or from the World Beyond? Enigmatic Symbols of the Late Bronze Age Aegean*

15:50-16:10 Discussion

16:10-16:40 Coffee break

16:40-17:00 Marianna **NIKOLAIDOU** (University of California, Los Angeles), *Religious Symbols in the Repertory of Minoan Pottery: Evidence for Materialised Myth and Ritualised Realities*

17:00-17:20 Helene **WHITTAKER** (University of Göteborg), *Of Horns and Axes*

17:20-17:40 Olga H. **KRZYSZKOWSKA** (University of London), *Warding off Evil: Apotropaic Imagery and Practice in the Aegean Bronze Age*

17:40-18:00 Emilia **BANO** (University of the Peloponnese) & Brent **DAVIS** (University of Melbourne), *The Symbolism of the Scorpion in Minoan Religion: a Cosmological Approach on the Basis of Votive Offerings from the Peak Sanctuary at Ayios Yeoryios sto Vouno, Kythera*

18:00-18:20 Discussion

18:30-19:15 Keynote lecture:
Nanno **MARINATOS** (University of Illinois at Chicago), *Myth, Ritual, Symbolism and the Solar Goddess*

19:30 Reception: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Aula

Poster Presentations:

Eva **ALRAM-STERN** (ÖAW), *A New Mycenaean Wheel-made Figurine from Kynos, Locris*

Katrin **BERNHARDT** (ÖAW), *Absent Mycenaeans? On the Mycenaean Figurines and their Imitations on Crete in LM IIIA-B*

Tina **BOLOTI** (University of Crete), *A 'Knot'-bearing(?) Minoan Genius from Pylos. Contribution to the Cloth/Clothing Offering Imagery of the Aegean Late Bronze Age*

Dora **CONSTANTINIDIS** (University of Melbourne), *Proximity Analysis of Metaphysical Aegean Ritual Spaces during the Bronze Age*

Jonathan M. **FLOOD** (George Mason University), *The Evolution of Water Shrines and Symbolism during the Cretan Bronze Age*

Stefanos **GIMATZIDIS** (ÖAW), *The Tree of Life: the Materiality of a Ritual Symbol in Space and Time*

Louise **HITCHCOCK** (University of Melbourne), Aren **MAEIR** (Bar-Ilan University) & Amit **DAGAN** (Bar-Ilan University), *The Entanglement of Aegean Style Ritual Actions in Philistine Culture*

Petros **KOUNOUKLAS** (14th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities), *Griffin at Kynos. How, Why, and When*

Tobias **KRAPF** (Universität Basel), *Symbolic Value and Magical Power: Examples of Prehistoric Objects Reused in Later Contexts in Euboea*

Susan **LUPACK** (ASCSA, Princeton), *The Sanctuary of pa-ki-ja-ne and its Special Relationship with the Wanax*

Madelaine **MILLER** (University of Göteborg), *The Boat - in between the Land and the Sea*

Sylvie **MÜLLER-CELKA** (CNRS/University Lyon 2), *Caring for the Dead in Minoan Crete: a Reassessment of the Evidence from Anemospilia*

Marcia **NUGENT** (University of Melbourne), *Portals to the Other: Stepping through a Botanic Door*

Marco **PIETROVITO** (St. Gallen, Switzerland), *Beyond the Earthly Shell: the Minoan Pitcher Bearers (Anthropomorphic Rhyta of the Pre- and Protopalatial Periods; Differentiating the Sacred from the Divine)*

Jörg **RAMBACH** (ÖAW), *Early Helladic Romanos/Messenia: Filling a Well*

Caroline **THURSTON** (University of Oxford), *New Approaches to Mycenaean Figurines in LH IIIC*

Michaela **ZAVADIL** (ÖAW), *Souvenirs from afar – Star Disk Pendants and Moulded Spacer Beads Reconsidered*

Wednesday April 23

Venue: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Festsaal

- 8:40-9:00 Christos **BOULOTIS** (Academy of Athens), *Sacral Knot, Eight-figured Shield and the 'Hidden Sword' on the Vapheio Signet-ring CMS I, No. 219: a Contribution to the Minoan-Mycenaean Religious Symbolism*
- 9:00-9:20 Nancy R. **THOMAS** (Jacksonville University), *'Hair Stars' and 'Sun Disks' on Lions and Bulls: a Reality Check on Movements of Motifs and Symbols in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean*
- 9:20-9:40 Malcolm **WIENER** (Institute for Aegean Prehistory), *Images of Warfare in Minoan Crete in their Aegean Context and the Denial of their Implications in Contemporary Discussions*

D. Space/Landscape:

- 9:40-10:00 Santo **PRIVITERA** (National University of Athens), *The Tomb, the House, and the Double Axes: Final Palatial Ayia Triada as a Ritual and 'Mythical' Place*
- 10:00-10:20 Sam **CROOKS** (University of Melbourne), Caroline **TULLY** (University of Melbourne) & Louise **HITCHCOCK** (University of Melbourne), *Numinous Tree and Stone: Re-animating the Minoan Landscape*
- 10:20-10:40 Discussion
- 10:40-11:10 Coffee break
- 11:10-11:30 Barbara **MONTECCHI** (Università degli Studi di Firenze), *The Labyrinth: Building, Myth and Symbol*
- 11:30-11:50 Birgitta **EDER** (ÖAW), *Religious Ideology in Space: Mycenaean Symbols in Action*
- 11:50-12:10 Lyvia **MORGAN** (University College London), *The Transformative Power of Mural Art: Ritual Space, Symbolism, and the Mythic Imagination*

E. Funerals:

- 12:10-12:30 Christopher **MEE**[†] & William **CAVANAGH** (University of Nottingham), *Feasting with the Dead*
- 12:30-12:50 Luca **GIRELLA** (UniNettuno University), *Regional Cemetery Patterns, Aspects of Ritual and Changes in Funerary Practices between MM II and LM I on Crete*
- 12:50-13:10 Discussion
- 13:10-14:40 Lunch

- 14:40-15:00 Anna Lucia **D'AGATA** (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), Sara **DE ANGELIS** (Sybrita Archaeological Project) & Sabina **CALDERONE** (University of Siena), *Funerals of Late Minoan III Crete: Ritual Acts, Special Vessels and Political Affiliations in the 14th and 13th Century BC*
- 15:00-15:20 Sofia **VOUTSAKI** (University of Groningen), *The Mycenaean Cosmos: the Dead and the Living in the Early Mycenaean Period*
- 15:20-15:40 Ann-Louise **SCHALLIN** (University of Göteborg), *The Liminal Zone – the Evidence from the Late Bronze Age Dendra Cemetery*
- 15:40-16:00 Mary K. **DABNEY** (Bryn Mawr College), *Mycenaean Funerary Processions as Shared Ritual Experiences*
- 16:00-16:20 Discussion
- 16:20-16:50 Coffee break
- 16:50-17:10 Michael **LINDBLOM** (Uppsala University) & Gunnel **EKROTH** (Uppsala University), *Heroes, Ancestors or just any Old Bones? Contextualizing the Consecration of Human Remains from the Mycenaean Shaft Graves at Lerna in the Argolid*

F. Religion/Deities:

- 17:10-17:30 Jeffrey S. **SOLES** (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), *Priestess, Hero, Goddess: New Evidence for Minoan Religion*
- 17:30-17:50 Ute **GÜNKEL-MASCHEK** (Darmstadt), *Establishing the Minoan 'Enthroned Goddess' in the Neopalatial Period: Imagery, Architecture, and Elitist Ambition*
- 17:50-18:10 Veronika **DUBCOVÁ** (Universität Wien), *Divine Power from Abroad: Some New Thoughts about the Foreign Influences on the Aegean Bronze Age Religious Iconography*
- 18:10-18:30 Discussion
- 19:30 Reception Rathaus Wien/Town Hall of Vienna

Thursday April 24

Venue: Universität Wien, Institut für Klassische Archäologie, Saal 5

- 8:40-9:00 Cynthia W. **SHELMERDINE** (University of Texas at Austin), *Poseidon, pa-ki-ja-na and Horse-taming Nestor*
- 9:00-9:20 Irene **SERRANO LAGUNA** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *di-u-ja*

G. Sanctuaries:

- 9:20-9:40 Mercourios **GEORGIADIS** (University of Nottingham), *Symbolisms, Rituals and Religious Beliefs at the Peak Sanctuary of Leska on Minoan Kythera*
- 9:40-10:00 Wolf-Dietrich **NIEMEIER** (German Archaeological Institute at Athens), *Ritual Behaviour in the Mycenaean Sanctuary at Abai/Kalapodi*
- 10:00-10:20 Olga **PSYCHOYOS** (4th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities) & Yannis **KARATZIKOS** (Nea Kios), *The Mycenaean Sanctuary at Proph. Ilias on Mount Arachnaio within the Religious Context of the 2nd millennium BC*
- 10:20-10:40 Discussion
- 10:40-11:10 Coffee break

H. Rituals/Offerings:

- 11:10-11:30 Barbara **HOREJS** (ÖAW) & Alfred **GALIK** (Veterinärmedizinische Universität Wien), *The Role of Rituals for the Formation of Identities in an EBA Metal Production Centre in Western Anatolia*
- 11:30-11:50 Philip P. **BETANCOURT** (Temple University), Thomas M. **BROGAN** (INSTAP Study Center for East Crete) & Vili **APOSTOLAKOU** (INSTAP Study Center for East Crete), *Evidence for Ritual at a MM IIB Dyeing Workshop at Pefka, Crete*
- 11:50-12:10 Alessandro **SANAVIA** (Ca'Foscari University of Venice) & Judith **WEINGARTEN** (Belforte), *The Transformation of Tritons: Some Middle Minoan Decorated Triton Shells and an Anatolian Counterpart*
- 12:10-12:30 Artemis **KARNAVA** (Universität Wien), *On Sacred Vocabulary and Religious Dedications: the Minoan 'Libation Formula'*
- 12:30-12:50 Dario **PUGLISI** (Université Catholique de Louvain), *Dressing the Girl or Dressing the Goddess? Looking for a Connection between Initiation Rituals and Enacted Epiphanies in Minoan Crete*
- 12:50-13:10 Discussion
- 13:10-14:15 Warm Buffet
- 14:15-18:00 Excursion to Klosterneuburg

Friday April 25

Venue: Universität Wien, Institut für Klassische Archäologie, Hall 5

- 8:40-9:00 Monica **NILSSON** (Swedish Institute at Athens), *Minoan Stairs as Ritual Scenes*
- 9:00-9:20 Bernice R. **JONES** (Sarasota), *The Ritual on the Thera Adyton Fresco: New Light from the Ancient Near East*
- 9:20-9:40 Andreas G. **VLACHOPOULOS** (University of Ioannina/Akrotiri Excavations, Thera), *Images of Physis or Perceptions of Metaphysis? The Iconography of the Xeste 3 Building at Akrotiri, Thera*
- 9:40-10:00 Marisa **MARTHARI** (21th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities), *The Libation Ritual on Thera: The Evidence from Akrotiri Pictorial Pottery*
- 10:00-10:20 Fanouria **DAKORONIA** (Athens), *Sacrifice on Board*
- 10:20-10:40 Discussion
- 10:40-11:10 Coffee break
- 11:10-11:30 Jörg **WEILHARTNER** (ÖAW), *Textual Evidence for the Use of Fire in Mycenaean Rituals*
- 11:30-11:50 Chrysanthi **GALLOU** (University of Nottingham), *“ἀμειννά κάρηνα” or Actors in Mycenaean Metaphysics? The Role of the Skull and of Bodily Fragmentation in Mycenaean Ritual*
- 11:50-12:10 Assaf **YASUR-LANDAU** (University of Haifa), *The Baetyl and the Stele: Aniconic Traditions in Levantine and Aegean Cult*

I. Myth/Heroes/Ancestors:

- 12:10-12:30 Carolyn C. **ASLAN** (Koç University) & Magda **PIENIAŻEK** (German Archaeological Institute at Istanbul), *Heroic Past, Memory and Ritual at Troy*
- 12:30-12:50 John G. **YOUNGER** (University of Kansas), *Identifying Myth in Minoan Art*
- 12:50-13:10 Discussion
- 13:10-14:10 Cold Buffet

- 14:10-14:30 Joanne **MURPHY** (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), *The Power of the Ancestors at Pylos*
- 14:30-14:50 Elisabetta **BORGNA** (University of Udine) & Andreas **VORDOS** (6th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities), *Construction of Memory and the Making of a Ritual Landscape: the Role of Gods and Ancestors at the Trapeza of Aigion, Achaea, at the LBA-EIA Transition*
- 14:50-15:10 Anne P. **CHAPIN** (Brevard College), *Mycenaean Mythologies in the Making: the Frescoes of Pylos Hall 64 and the Mycenae Megaron*

J. Metaphysics:

- 15:10-15:30 Robert B. **KOEHL** (City University of New York), *The Ambiguity of the Minoan Mind*
- 15:30-15:50 Discussion
- 15:50-16:20 Coffee break
- 16:20-16:40 Christine **MORRIS** (Trinity College Dublin), *The Metaphysics of Touch: the Tactical Qualities of Minoan Sacred Objects*
- 16:40-17:00 Thomas G. **PALAIMA** (University of Texas at Austin), *The Metaphysical Mind: Heroes, Individuals, Social Groups and Gods in Mycenaean Times and in Homer*
- 17:00-17:20 Alan A.D. **PEATFIELD** (University College Dublin), *A Metaphysical History of Minoan Religion*
- 17:20-17:50 Final Discussion
- 17:50-18:20 Endnote: Joseph **MARAN** (Universität Heidelberg)
- 18:45 Departure to Speakers' Dinner