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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 Frederico 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 BANOU (University of the Peloponnesse) & 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:
Naimo 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 GÜNKE-L-MASCHER (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, Hörsaal 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 Æbai/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 (Veterinärmédizinische 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 KARNAV (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, Hörsaal 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), "ἀμενήνα 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 PIENIĄŻEK (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