

Lezing Prof. dr. Sofia Voutsaki (Universiteit Groningen)

Ayios Vasilios near Sparta: the Mycenaean centre of Laconia?

Op Woensdag 11 oktober om 20 uur zal Prof. Sofia Voutsaki, gespecialiseerd in Griekse Archeologie en verbonden met de recente opgravingen in Ayios Vasilios nabij Sparta een lezing geven. De lezing wordt georganiseerd in een samenwerking tussen de Vakgroep Archeologie en het Griekenlandcentrum van de Universiteit Gent.

Samenvatting

The identification of the Mycenaean palace of Laconia has been one of the most heavily debated questions since the beginnings of Mycenaean archaeology. Various sites such as the Menelaion or Pellana have been proposed in the past. However, the spectacular discoveries at the site of Ayios Vasilios, 12 km south of Sparta, seem to have settled the question. The findings include monumental buildings, valuable and unique finds, a large number of fresco fragments and –most importantly – Linear B clay tablets, i.e. the administrative records, which in the Mycenaean world are found almost exclusively in palaces.

The site is being systematically excavated since 2009 under the direction of Adamantia Vasilogamvrou and the auspices of the Archaeological Society at Athens. Teams from Groningen University, under the direction of Sofia Voutsaki, are responsible for the excavation of the early Mycenaean cemetery and the surface survey around the site. The presentation will give a brief summary of the Mycenaean political geography of Laconia and of the findings at the palatial complex, but will focus on these two components of the project in order to give a total impression of the ongoing investigations at the site.

Woensdag 11 oktober 2017 om 20u, in Auditorium 1 Jan Broeckx (het oude Auditorium A), Blandijnberg, Gent. Toegang gratis voor leden Griekenlandcentrum, studenten, scholieren en personeel AUGent); betalend voor andere geïnteresseerden (3 EUR).