

**Early Career Researchers Conference  
University of Heidelberg, 7-9 March 2025**

**Change and Power Entanglements:  
Investigating a Reciprocal Relation in the Bronze Age Aegean**



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** (*Auditorium 010.01.05, in CATS, Voßstraße 2*)

14.30-14.50: Welcoming

**1<sup>st</sup> session. From workshop to network: cultural and economical change**

14.50-15.10 De Gregorio, C.: Shifting power structures in late Prepalatial Crete: pottery as evidence of social change between EM III and MM I (*Fudan University*)

15.10-15.30 Vrettou, K.: Alternating paths and dynamics of maritime exchange networks in Prepalatial Crete (*University of Heidelberg*)

15.30-15.50 Rottmann, K.: Miletus in flux: transcultural dynamics in the Minoanisation of Miletus (*University of Heidelberg*)

15.50-16.10 Gillespie, M.: Crafting change: Mycenaean figurines on Aegina in LH IIIA2 (*Agnes Scott College*)

16.10-16.30 discussion

16.30-16.50 coffee break

16.50-17.10 Toscano, F.: The status of power within households through the analysis of textile production: an overview from Crete in LM III (*University of Heidelberg*)

17.10-17.30 Senar-Sarrat, A.: The role of women and changes in social values and textile production from the LBA to the EIA in ancient Greece (*University of Salamanca*)

17.30-17.50 Platania, E.: Shaping power through pastoralism: resource management and political structures in Minoan and Mycenaean Crete (*University of Catania*)

17.50-18.10 discussion

18.10-18.30 coffee break

18.30-19.15 Keynote speaker, Prof. **Pietro M. Militello** (*University of Catania*)

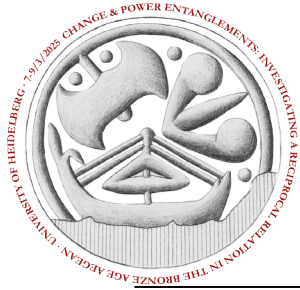
“Change of power for change of strategy: transformation in Minoan Crete”

19.15-19.30 discussion

Optional pub tour/Kneipentour

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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** (*Auditorium 010.01.05, in CATS, Voßstraße 2*)

**2<sup>nd</sup> session. Blueprints of authority: architecture and space**

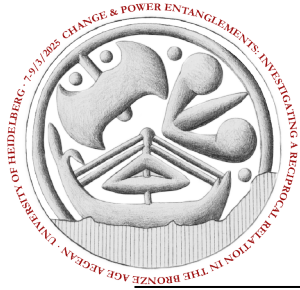
- 09.00-09.20 Markaki, D.: Communal buildings in Prepalatial Crete. Indications of hierarchy or collectivity? (*Panteion University*)
- 09.20-09.40 Messina, T.: Changes in power management by an architectural perspective in Neopalatial Phaistos (*University of Catania*)
- 09.40-10.00 Ayash, N.: Making due: projecting power in minimal space at the so-called sanctuary of Koumasa (*University of Heidelberg*)
- 10.00-10.20 Georgakopoulos, G.: The banquet hall(s) of the Zakros palace, between the two natural destructions at the end of the LM IB period (*National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*)
- 10.20-10.40 discussion
- 10.40-11.00 coffee break
- 11.00-11.20 Perrakis, S.: The emergence of a new ritual in LM IB Kato Zakros (*University of Heidelberg*)
- 11.20-11.40 Prete, M.: Power and change in the Pediada region: a multiscalar approach for the analysis of power dynamics in understudied archaeological regions (*University of Ghent*)
- 11.40-12.00 Stühler, J.: Beyond the megaron: relating palatial and non-palatial hearth structures in Mycenaean settlement (*University of Heidelberg*)
- 12.00-12.20 Selekos, N.: Ritual innovations and power relations at the open-air cult place at mount Kynortion, Argolis (*National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*)
- 12.20-12.40 discussion
- 12.40-14.30 lunch break
- 14.30-14.50 Hilker, S.: Power and change in the LH settlement landscape (*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*)
- 14.50-15.10 Peterková, A.: Settlement pattern changes as an expression of power? A perspective from the East Aegean and West Anatolian Interface (*Charles University*)
- 15.10-15.30 Vlachopoulos, I.: Rethinking power: social relations, space and the habitus in the IA of the Ancient Near East (*Leiden University*)
- 15.30-15.50 discussion
- 15.50-16.10 coffee break

**3<sup>rd</sup> session. Deathscapes of power: ancestry as symbolic capital**

- 16.10-16.30 Vendramin, D.: Rural landscapes, landscapes of power. Readdressing grave goods as evidence for horizontal and vertical relationships in minor centres of Prepalatial Crete. A perspective from the circular tombs of Lebena, southern Crete (*Independent researcher*)
- 16.30-16.50 Nani, F. & Vitale, S.: Showcasing status and negotiating power: Kos, the Southeast Aegean, and the Eastern Mediterranean at the LH IIIB to LH IIIC transition (*University of Pisa*)

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16.50-17.10 Kutlešovskí, I.: Power dynamics in the LBA/Transitional Period Turn in the Axios/Vardar River Valley based on funerary evidence (*Independent researcher*)

17.10-17.30 discussion

20.00 Dinner!

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** (Room 406, Institute for Classical and Byzantine Archaeology, Marstallhof 4)

**4<sup>th</sup> session. Materialising power: images and things**

09.00-09.20 Aquini, D.: Jewellery in transition. Precious ornaments during the emergence of the first Minoan palaces (*University of Catania*)

09.20-09.40 Andreovits, T.: From regionalism to iconographical 'koine': negotiating power through human body representations in Minoan seal imagery (*University of Heidelberg*)

09.40-10.00 Komitsas, I.: Memory, conservatism and innovation in the Aegean LBA: social power dynamics via human imagery (*University of Heidelberg*)

10.00-10.20 Verri, A.: The sword as an indicator of social and political power during the Mycenaean period (*Ca' Foscari University of Venice*)

10.20-10.40 Spanos, S.: Koukounaries (Paros) during the LH IIIC period. From refugee to ruler of the island (*Ephorate of Eastern Attica*)

10.40-11.00 discussion

11.00-11.20 coffee break

**5<sup>th</sup> session. Inscribing power: scripts and administration**

11.20-11.40 Staudacher, G.: Sealed authority: power dynamics and administrative innovation at MM IIB Phaistos (*University of Heidelberg*)

11.40-12.00 Mann, M.: Knowledge is power – What the Linear B tablets reveal about the power of the scribes (*University of Oxford*)

12.00-12.20 Paglione, G.: God who shook the sea: E-ne-si-da-o-ne and the impact of the Thera eruption on Cretan religion (*University of Cincinnati*)

12.20-12.40 Discussion

12.40-13.00 Concluding remarks

15.00 optional historical tour of the city!