17.00 Mary Dabney, When what you get is no longer enough: Tsoungiza in LH III B 2

17.30 Katie Demakopoulou and Nicoletta Divari-Valakou, The Mycenaean Acropolis of Midea. Development and change in the palatial period

18.00 Olympia Vikatou, Mycenaean Elis in the light of new evidence

18.30 end of session

19.00 dinner

December 3rd
Heidelberg, Karl Jaspers Center, Voßstraße 2

Section 2
Continuation

8.30 Eleni Papadopoulou, The turbulent years: continuities and discontinuities in West Crete around 1200 BC

9.00 Maria Andreadaki-Vlazaki, tba

9.30 coffee break

Section 3
Synthesis and general thoughts

10.00 Clairy Palyvou, Principles of spatial organization in Minoan and Mycenaean architecture: a comparative approach

10.30 Birgitta Eder, Beyond the Mycenaean palaces: The extent and limits of palatial influence and control

11.00 coffee break

12.30 Reinhard Jung, Mycenaean class struggle and its archaeological visibility

12.00 final discussion

13.00 end of conference

Afterwards
Excursion to the Badisches Landesmuseum, Karlsruhe, visit of the exhibition Mycenae – The Legendary World of Agamemnon
Ambivalent Times – The Mycenaean Palatial Period between Splendor and Demise

— The period between about 1400 and 1200 BC is often considered the pinnacle of Mycenaean Greece. The question, however, arises, whether research has not been blinded by the impressive monuments and has fostered a too stable perception of the palatial period. The purpose of the conference is to examine this period in all its ambivalence. This requires to see beyond the gleaming façade of the palaces and to examine the available archaeological sources for indications of conflicts, crises and internal contradictions.

The conference will accompany the exhibition Mycenae – The Legendary World of Agamemnon / Mykene – Die sagenhafte Welt des Agamemnon at the Badisches Landesmuseum in Karlsruhe Palace: www.mykene.landesmuseum.de

December 2nd
Heidelberg, Heuscheuer, Große Mantelgasse 4

Section 1
Splendor or Demise?
Thoughts on crisis in palatial Greece before 1200 BC

9.00 Iphigenia Tournavitou, Mycenaean architecture and the assimilation of the palatial model.
A guide to sociopolitical aspirations in the 14th and the 13th c BC

9.30 Joseph Maran, Restless times: the continuous quest for transforming the built environment of Mycenaean centers

10.00 Michael Cosmopoulos, Iklaina and the collapse of the Mycenaean state of Pylos

10.30 Ulrich Thaler, Competitive conformity?
Prestige and the fragility of power

11.00 coffee break

11.30 Jean-Claude Poursat, Regional Mycenaean ivories: Cretan workshops of the Mycenaean palatial period

12.00 Bernhard F. Steinmann, Warfare, warriors and military organization in palatial Greece

12.30 Diamantis Panagiotopoulos, A Mycenaean orbis pictus? Impressed images and the visual ideology of Mycenaean agrobureaucrats

13.00 lunch

December 1st
Heidelberg, Alte Aula, Grabengasse 1

18.30 Katarina Horst, Bernhard F. Steinmann, Diamantis Panagiotopoulos, Joseph Maran, Address of welcome and Introduction

19.00 James Wright, Shifting loyalties: peer polity friction among the Mycenaean

20.00 reception or dinner

Section 2
Ambivalent regions:
approaches to crisis from centers and provinces

14.30 Anthi Batziou, Three for one: exchanging power – The rise and fall

15.00 Vasiliki Adrymi-Sismani, Dimini, an urban settlement with administrative center, close to the harbour of Volos, destroyed at the end of 1200 B.C.

15.30 Vasilis Aravantinos, Ups and downs in Mycenaean palatial Thebes. What on earth can we see and say?

16.00 coffee break

16.30 Panagiota Sgouritsa, Late Bronze Age Attica: what happened during the palatial period?