

General Programme

Wednesday 26 August

12:00-16:30	REGISTRATION	Main venue - School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1 Nikolaou Politi, Athens
12:00-16:30	EUROPEAN ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR	
17:00-19:00	OPENING CEREMONY	Propylaea – main building of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Panepistimiou 30, Athens
19:00-21:00	WELCOME RECEPTION	

Thursday 27 August

7:30-18:00	REGISTRATION	Main venue - School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1 Nikolaou Politi, Athens
9:00-16:30	EUROPEAN ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR	
8:30-18:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
20:00-24:00	ANNUAL PARTY	Old Depot, Pireos and Ermou 1 streets (corner), Gazi, Athens 10554

Friday 28 August

7:30-18:00	REGISTRATION	Main venue - School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1 Nikolaou Politi, Athens
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8:30-18:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
18:45-20:15	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING	Main venue, room 434
20:00-24:00	MERC PARTY	Ilissia restaurant, Byzantine Museum, Leof. Vasilissis Sofias 22, Athens

Saturday 29 August

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311	131. Pathways Through the Past: Reassessing South Caucasus Archaeology from the Neolithic to the Early Iron Age			122. Migration and Mobility: Advances in exploring the Bell Beaker Phenomenon
312	132. Landscapes of Interaction: Humans, Environment, and Territory in the Ancient Mediterranean through Digital Perspectives			
313	18. Wealth and (In)equality in Prehistory: Impacts, Extents, and Mechanisms			189. Multi-scalar Studies of Inequality and Diversity in Ancient Societies
314	113. Under Pressure: Tracing Childhood Stress, Growth, and Human Adaptation in the Past			
315	233. Social Foodways in Archaeology and Beyond		32. Past Human Practices and Plant Diversity: Archaeobotanical Perspectives on Biodiversity	
316	162. What can the funerary monuments reveal?: Materials, Iconography and Identity			151. Extending our Impact: New case studies in Applied Bioarchaeology
421	93. Tracing the Flow: New Perspectives on Ancient Irrigation Systems and Their Legacies		276. Playing the Past: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Ancient Board Games, Society, and Learning	

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425	146. Resilience, Adaptation, and Transformation: Trajectories of Change in Past and Present Human Societies			
426	292. General session II			
427	217. Current Research in the Americas: Novel Approaches to Resonant Pasts			22. Collaborative Synthesis to address major research questions with broad relevance
428	175. Leaving impressions: a diachronic and supra-regional view on a specific pottery decoration			
430	60. Landscapes in Motion: Change and Resilience in Mediterranean Landscapes across the Longue Durée		82. Beyond Bond 4: Climate Pulses and Societal Dynamics across the Mediterranean and Eurasia (7000–5200 cal BP)	6. Reassessing the Role of Palaeolithic Rockshelters: Archives of Human Behaviour and Environmental Change
432	219. From Distance to Attraction: Utilisation of archaeological heritage and public involvement		48. Skills and crafts in ritual contexts: objects biographies in East Mediterranean sanctuaries/cult centres (Late Bronze Age - Hellenistic period)	
433	282. Interdisciplinary approaches to archaeological metal analysis			

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434	111. Rethinking Mediterranean Islands: Movement, Materiality, and Interconnection Across the Middle Sea and Beyond		7. Athens, Aden, Arikamedu – Research on Europe-South Asia relations 30 years on	
436	157. Sense & Sustainability II: Archaeological Tourism for People, Places, and Planet	274. Heritage Crossroads: the ethics and politics of resonant pasts		
437	248. Archaeology and history of woodlands – human-tree interaction through time		224. Edges of Empire: Continuity, Change, and Landscape in Late Antiquity	
438	187. Material Journeys and Narratives: Investigating the life histories of prehistoric stone axes and other objects			39. Macrolithic tools in late prehistoric Eurasia: Distribution, context, and cultural practices
440	24. Touching the Past: Exploring the Cognitive, Emotional, and Social Value of Archaeological Heritage in Contemporary Society			35. Illustrating the Past: Gender Representations in Prehistory and Protohistory

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442	127. 3D Documentation Techniques In Archaeology: Opportunities And Challenges From Practical Applications		209. Archaeological data work: Interdisciplinary perspectives to interdisciplinary practices	
538	169. The Sacred and Marine Invertebrates from East to West: cultic and funerary practices (7th Century BCE to 7th Century CE)	33. Travelling Gods and Heroes: Resonant Pathways in the Ancient World		
619	94. Land-use Change (LUC) and archaeological heritage: Key concepts and considerations; working towards guidelines for best practice	183. Archaeology in the Lead: Driving Integrated Interdisciplinary Approaches to Sustainable Urban and Environmental Development	115. Archaeological collections, context and identity in Europe: their classification and protection	279. (Re-)presenting Asia in European museums: curating across colonial legacies, contemporary pressures and institutional pragmatics
628	148. Dwelling in coastal places: possibilities and challenges of adapting to a dynamic and changing environment			
637		4. Resonant Elements of Cultural Astronomy	37. Resonant Landscapes: Sacred Places, Material Affordances, and Cosmological Orientations in the Ancient Mediterranean	

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638	225. Lifelines and Frontiers: Fortifications in River Landscapes			96. Is it in the right spot? Natural and human-shaped landscapes for hunting animals
639	13. Crossing the Divide: a conversation with CifA Research and Impact Group on collaboration in professional, academic, community, and commercial archaeology		264. How can archaeology skill gaps be addressed? Exploring issues and solutions for the development of technical skills	258. Professional Archaeology, Ethics and Society: evolving perspectives
640	191. Follow the thread: cross-cultural connectivity and mobility patterns of textile fibers and fiber crops	83. Exploring Public Archaeology: Methods, Trends and Societal Impact		275. Archaeobotany meets historical archaeology
641		46. The lure of Mediterranean waters: ancient mariners, ancient shipwrecks and contemporary communities	36. Seafaring Modelling as Part of Inter- and Intradisciplinary Inquiry	106. To whom it belongs – finds in the light of diverse burial contexts in the Neolithic period

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642	16. Weapons, Bodies and Identities: Rethinking warrior burials in late prehistoric Europe		20. The social life of funerary megaliths: the construction of identity through stones	167. Communication and self-representation in the public/private spheres in Antiquity: The archaeological and epigraphic perspectives
739	130. When archaeologists meet contemporary artisans: contributions and difficulties of a participatory experimental approach		76. Artists and Craftsmen in Ancient Greece: Technology, Status, and Production Dynamics	
740	125. MERC Roundtable: Publishing Medieval Archaeology — Strategies, Challenges, and Opportunities		67. MERC Forum: Appropriating Medieval Heritage in the Contemporary World	154. Climate Change and Heritage: Advocacy, Lobbying, Campaigning, and Fundraising
812	57. Holocene Rock Art in the Iberian Peninsula: Graphic Expressions, Mobility and Communication Networks		230. Plant Fibres and Perishable Materials: Approaches, Methods, and Research	
820	107. Beyond Monumentality: Reframing Large-Scale Architectural Features through Materiality, Memory and Landscape		242. Reconstructing Clothing, Ornamentation, and the Senses in Prehistory	
821	75. Reviving the present past: Current perspectives on ethnoarchaeology			

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822	190. Micro-Stories, Macro-Questions: An Integrated Microscale Approach to Stone and Clay Artefacts in Prehistoric Eurasia		178. Cave Sediments as Archives of Human-Environment Dynamics: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on Geoarchaeology	
823	194. Growth of political power and urbanization in Southern Caucasian Region		188. Urban design and regime change	
825	246. The Meaning and Practice of Bronze Metallurgy in Prehistory — Dedicated to Hephaestus, the Divine Smith			80. Brick building in the medieval north – Techniques and traditions
826	23. Scaling up the Small: Assessing Microarchaeological Assemblages and Methodological Frameworks in Southeast Europe and Eastern Mediterranean		103. Non-traditional Isotopes in Archaeological Research	17. Bringing together zooarchaeology, archaeogenomics and morphometry: shaping the future of interpretation
827	135. Japan's Resonant Pasts: Materiality, Landscapes and Heritage			

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Library	133. Late Bronze and Iron Age Enclosures Between the Danube and the Don			176. Celts, Greeks and Balkan Populations in South-Eastern Europe (4th–1st centuries BC): Archaeological Approaches to Multicultural Contexts

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Annual Party

Location: The Old Depo - Ermou, Athens 105 53

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311	252. Connections between the Carpathian–northern Bal- kan region and the Aegean during the Bronze Age in light of recent archaeological data		64. Coastal-Inland Interactions during the Third Millenni- um BCE in the Southern Bal- kans	
312	21. Visualizing Archaeology: Con- straints and Sources of Innovation in Research		74. The Futures of Communicating Archaeology	
313		231. Regulating Ar- chaeobotany in Europe: Practic- es, Challenges and Perspectives	86. From Decay to Data: Integrat- ing Taphonomy, Forensic Ar- chaeology, and Digital Technol- ogies in Human Decomposition Research	
314	3. Phaleron Delta Bioarchaeological Workshop			
315	164. Decoding Faunal Assemblages: Scientific Approach- es to Animal Remains in Archaeology		26. Burials and Cemeteries in the 12th–13th Century AD Eastern Medi- terranean: Per- spectives from Archaeothana- tology and Bio- archaeology	

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316	91. Resonant Custodies: Restoring Past Identities through Forensic and Archaeological Collaboration		251. From Cradles to Graves: The Archaeology and Anthropology of Childhood in the Post-Medieval Period	
421	136. Collective Burial Traditions: Architecture, Memory, and the Social Life of the Dead		102. Inaccessible Archaeologies: interdisciplinary pathways in Mediterranean and North African Archaeology	198. Digging sites over and over again: Evolving Approaches, Visions, and Methodological Insights
425	12. "Living on the Edge": investigating subsistence strategies in remote regions	15. Marginality and environmental shifts: from socioecological perspectives on the ancient Mediterranean to present-day ramifications		
426	291. General session I			
427	40. The Distribution of Power and Inclusiveness across Deep Time: Archaeological, Historical, and Comparative Perspectives on Governance and Well-Being			212. Transforming Data into Experience: Interdisciplinary Strategies for Sustainable Archaeological Tourism

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428	259. Pottery and Mediterranean Connectivity - Production, Trade, Use, and Cultural Agency of Ceramics around the Mediterranean in Classical Antiquity		137. Keep Trying to Control Your Temper: Reassessing Pottery Tempering Practices in the Age of Archaeological Science	
430	52. Connecting Cave Archaeologies: Shared Practices and Challenges across the Mediterranean			117. Faces from the South. Figurines of the Mediterranean Neolithic
433	5. Housing the Court – Infrastructures, Communities, and Power in Palatial Environments			229. Reconstructing the Herm-Landscapes of the Greco-Roman World: Materiality, Regionality, Continuity and Transformation from Archaic Greece to Imperial Rome
434	207. Reconstructing prehistoric lifeways: Multidisciplinary approaches to studying mobility, subsistence, population structure, and settlement patterns			
436	214. Should we safeguard an imperial heritage? Post-imperial cultural politics in an archaeological museum		28. Archaeology as Performance: Excavating, Displaying, and Reimagining the Past	
437	179. Glass Connecting People: Glassworking and Distribution in Iron Age Social Networks			

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438	270. Tracking Stones, Tracing Stories: Provenance, Supply Chains and Daily Life in Ancient Quarries		43. Scientific dating of architecture: from methods and case studies to social impact	
440	147. Echoes of the Steppe: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Central Asian Societies		170. At the Crossroads of Epochs: The Neolithic of Central Asia in the Light of New Research	192. Between Deserts and Mountains: Connectivity and Cultural Change in Bronze Age Central Asia
442	293. Streamlining Archaeological Workflows: Digital Data Entry, Analysis, and Publication with ArcheoBase	149. Standing at the crossroads: Are we headed towards an information revolution or collapse?	120. Tracing ancient farming: isotopic strategies to explore agricultural systems	
538		53. Divine Bureaucracies: How Temples Worked in the Roman Eastern Mediterranean - Economy, Organization and Management	289. Cretan Sanctuaries Between Marginality and Connectivity: New Archaeological Evidence and Reassessments	51. Where the Wild Things Are – The Stone Age in Science and Society

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619	145. Rethinking markets sites in ancient and medieval Mediterranean basin	14. Material and Surface Design in Ancient Greek Architecture. Creating and Perceiving Visual Effects from the Archaic to the Hellenistic Period	245. Production and Trade in the Eastern Mediterranean from the Hellenistic to the Roman period: From Technical Knowledge to Commercial Networks	284. Key Tesserae of Mediterranean History from Ancient Macedonia
628	72. Highland Lives, Hidden Landscapes: Archaeological Research in the Mountains of Grevena		118. Moving Beyond Archaeological Predictive Models: Understanding Past Human Land Use with Tools and Theory from Ecology	
637	89. Micro-Agencies, subalternity and causality in archaeological thinking		281. Networks of Prestige? Elite Identities in Mirror of High Value Objects from an Archaeological Perspective	
638	9. Shifting Political Landscapes: Archaeology's Response to Nationalism, Populism and Identity in Europe			
639	255. The Resonance of Viking Age Connectivity Between Northern Europe and North America into the Early Modern Period	173. "Across the border": Interaction and Mobility in the Medieval Western Mediterranean	155. Protecting the archaeological heritage by legal instruments and public engagement	286. Untangling resilience and continuity across the archaeological record

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640	45. Anchors of Memory: Sanctuaries, Monuments and Votives in the Construction of Cultural Identity in the Ancient Greek World		139. Cross-Analytical Approaches on the Materiality of Cult in Early Greek Sanctuaries	
642	235. Untimely Deaths: Children's burials in Early and Late Roman Period	42. Burial Practices and Funerary Architecture in the Levant (5th c. BCE–7th c. CE)	168. Burial culture and practice (16th–19th centuries): innovation and evocations of the past	
739			215. Understanding building materials: the broadening field of CBM studies	
740	171. Viticulture and wine in the Roman world		66. Timeless or Trending? Gemstones and Their Cultural Values from an Archaeological and Scientific Perspective	
820	49. Practice makes perfect - Human Experience and the Morphological Evolution of Material Culture		185. Archaeological Objects and their Textual and Visual Afterlives: A Complementary Biographical Perspective	
821	50. Traceology of bone artefacts: state of the art and research perspectives	156. Quantitative and experimental approaches to use-wear analysis: methods, metrics, and workflows	227. Knowledge Transfer in Crafts in the Ancient Mediterranean: practice, theory, and contexts	260. Models and workshop practices in the production of decoration on cinerary urns and sarcophagi

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822	195. Strategies for Preservation, Valuation and Management of Cultural Heritage in an Interconnected World	236. Geoarchaeology of domestic contexts	202. Mountain Histories Through Soils and Sediments: Geoarchaeological Frameworks for High-Altitude Landscapes	268. Decoding the Wetlands: New Methods and Multidisciplinary Approaches to Waterlogged Archaeology
823	172. Women and material culture in the Roman Republic and Empire			38. Rethinking the Long House–Matri-locality Nexus: Cross-Cultural Comparisons and Archaeological Evidence
825	160. Feasting as social identity and the change in material culture consumption in the late medieval and early modern periods	31. Fortifications and Frontier Networks in the medieval Aegean: Exploring Defensive Strategies, Connectivity, and Regional Dynamics Across Shifting Boundaries and Periods	287. Breaking Boundaries: Women, Religion, and Movement in the Ancient Mediterranean	

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826	277. The Fluvial Anthroposphere: past interventions, legacy impacts, lessons learned		69. Interaction, Connectivity & Mobility in the Balkans: Diachronic Perspectives on Land Use and Human–Landscape Relations	
827	54. Re-wilding the Neolithic: unlocking the disruptive potentials of current research			
Library	63. Continuity, Innovation, and the Making of the Mycenaean World: Rethinking Middle Helladic (Pottery) Traditions		239. Deposition on Bronze Age and Iron Age settlements	

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Funding Opportunities with the ERC	RA3I , AI-Assisted Documentation and Analysis of Rock Art
Location: main venue, room 432	Location: main venue, room 432
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Annual Membership Business Meeting	MERC Party
Location: main venue, room 434	Location: Ilissia restuarant, Byzantine Museum, Athens

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311	250. Game changer. Narratives of belonging and mobility in terms of new methods and technologies		193. Invasions: The Archaeology of Sudden Migrations	
312	88. Making Archaeology Accessible: Education, Outreach, and Engagement in the Field and the Museum			
313	58. Localism and imperialism in the foodways of empires	247. Back to the beginning: what philosophy of technology and archaeology may learn from one another	232. Archaeologies of Rural Sustainability: reclaiming knowledge, practice, and belonging in changing landscapes	278. Modelling Socio-Ecological Systems and Human-Environment Interactions from Individuals to Populations
314	71. Community in Context: Integrating Archaeological and Biomolecular Evidence from Medieval Cemeteries		249. Multi-disciplinary, collaborative approaches to the excavation, analysis, and curation of bone	
421			220. Across Seas and Theories: Aegean Interconnections with Anatolia, Cyprus, the Levant, and Egypt in the Second Millennium BCE	
425	1. Local knowledge, resilience and adaptation in landscapes from antiquity to the recent past		56. Entangled Ecologies: New Integrative Approaches to Understanding Past Human-Environment Systems	

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426	92. Hands, Clay, and Fire: People, Practices and Productions			
427	19. Archaeology supporting mental health and wellbeing – how could a Europe-wide connected approach better improve people's lives?			244. Urban archaeology for democracy: how can we use engagement with the past to drive future prosperity and wellbeing?
428	85. Pottery function and Past societies: A multi-disciplinary perspective			
430	95. Latest News from the Lower Danube Limes: New Interpretations and Ideas in the Light of Current Research		163. Investigating human patterns in Eurasia between ca. 60-30 ka: biological, cultural and ecological perspectives	
438	241. Shades of red: from characterization to provenance studies and conservation of red pigments and colourants in ancient polychrome artefacts		161. Cities under Threat (ἐν κινδύνῳ): Responses to Catastrophes, 8th c. BC–4th c. AD	
440	79. Burials of Prominent Women in Prehistoric Societies: The Archaeology of Social Inequality and the Female World		234. Materiality and Meaning of Women's Crafts in Pre-Modern Societies: a Diachronic Discussion about Agency, Identity, and Practices	

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442	253. “Imaging the Imaginable”: Virtual and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Reconstructing Physical Activity in the Past		126. Isotopic and multi-proxy insights into palaeoclimate, ecosystems and prehistoric human decision-making in Eurasian Prehistory	
538	143. Scraping the barrel: approaching the low-visibility prehistoric past and the archaeology of the ephemeral		11. Rediscovering Neglected Voices in the Making of Archaeology	
637	223. Reexamining prehistoric social stratification in settlement contexts through interdisciplinary and non-traditional approaches		141. Cross-cultural patterns in small-scale societies: Insights from comparative ethnology	228. Nordic Conflict Archaeology: Plural Pasts, Indigenous Perspectives, and Heritage Governance
639	108. Beyond the Hedges: Archaeological Approaches to Historical Gardens and Designed Landscapes	97. Ethical stewardship of human remains in museums, universities, commercial archaeology firm collections, and medicolegal contexts	150. Linking lives, landscapes, and environments using open comparative isotope data	47. Genes, Bones, and Trade: Bioarchaeological Perspectives on Ancient Mobility
640	218. Voices, Sounds, and Movements of Encounter: Mediating Communication at Sanctuaries of the Ancient Mediterranean		119. God or dead? Comparing funerary and religious rituals in Europe (1000 BCE – 25 BCE)	

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739	165. Preventive archaeology in Europe in the Wake of the Malta Convention: Finding New Common Principles		2. Benefits and Challenges: Celebrating Interdisciplinary Archaeological Collaboration in the Carpathian Basin and the Balkans	
740	266. Archaeology of Delta- Across Cultural Tradition	263. Between Life and Death: Funerary Practices of Western Asia in the 7th–6th Millennia BCE	294. Bridging heritage and hope – work in conflict zones through the early career archaeologist’s lens	
820	77. Engagements with Stone Worlds in the Americas	254. Archaeological Objects in Motion: Un/Belonging, Re/Integration, Dis/Placement	90. Integrating Micromorphology: emerging trends and research transformation in the application of Archeological soil micromorphology	
822	27. Collections in the Shadows: People, Places, Possessions and Purpose in Dormant Collections and Heritage Infrastructures		134. The contribution of heritage impact assessment to sustainable heritage development	
823	62. The Nicosia Convention: session of the EAA Illicit Trade in Cultural Material Community		129. Cultural Reflections in Architecture and Cultural Heritage: Understanding the New Through the Old	
825	78. Decorative Practices in the Roman World: New Perspectives on Materiality, Function, and Meaning		121. Hiding in plain sight: archaeological and archaeometallurgical perspectives on non-ferrous metallurgy across the Balkans, Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East	

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Library	256. Collapse, Mobility, and Renewal: Rethinking the Chalcolithic–Bronze Age Transition in South-eastern Europe and the Black Sea Region		196. Late Bronze Age in Europe, as a Revolution in the Social, Economic and Anthropological Domains	