



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BEYOND THE POLIS

RITUAL PRACTICES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIAL IDENTITY
IN EARLY GREECE (12th -6th CENTURIES B.C.)

24-26 SEPTEMBER 2015, BRUSSELS ULB

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Keynote lecture, lecture room: ULB, A.Y.2.107

17.45-18.00: Registration

18.00-18.45: Rituals in Context. Scales and Horizons of Interpretation
FRANÇOIS DE POLIGNAC (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Lecture room: Palais des Académies, bâtiment des Anciennes Écuries, Espace Roi Baudouin

8.45-9.00: Welcome note
KRISTIN BARTIK (ULB & Executive Director of the Ph. Wiener-M. Anspach Foundation)

THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS ON RITUAL PRACTICES

CHAIR: VINCIANE PIRENNE (Université de Liège)

9.00-9.30: The Role of Sanctuaries and the Formation of Greek Identities
in the LBA/EIA Transition
BIRGITTA EDER (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

9.30-10.00: Ritual, Social Practice and Religion:
Making the Most of Overlapping Spheres in Archaeology
MATTHEW HAYSOM (British School at Athens)

10.00-10.30: Communal Rituals and Religious Acts. Problems of Definition
KATJA SPORN (German Archaeological Institute, Athens)

10.30-10.45: Coffee break

10.45-11.15: *Panem et circenses*. Ritual Meals and Performances in Early Greek Sanctuaries as Means of Exclusion

YANNIS MYLONOPOULOS (Columbia University)

11.15-11.45: Greek Sacrificial Practices Overseas: a Mediterranean Perspective

SANDRINE HUBER (Université de Lorraine)

11.45-12.15: Discussion

12.15-14.00: Lunch break

REGIONAL CASES: ISLANDS

CHAIR : IRENE LEMOS (University of Oxford)

14.00-14.30: Ritual Practices in Abandoned Settlements in the Cyclades from the 12th to the 6th Century B.C.: Mobility or Fixity?

IRENE SANCHEZ (EPHE, Paris-National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

14.30-15.00: Tracing Earliest Cult Activities at the Sanctuary of Despotiko (Antiparos) in the Central Cyclades

ALEXANDRA ALEXANDRIDOU (FNRS-Université libre de Bruxelles)

15.00-15.30: Between Poleis: Constructing Social Identities at the Sanctuary of Palaikastro, Eastern Crete

MIEKE PRENT (VU Universiteit Amsterdam)

15.30-16.00: Dining with the Ancestors: The 'Westkomplex' in Aegina-Kolonna

GUDRUN KLEBINDER-GAUSS (University of Salzburg, Austria)

16.00-16.30: Discussion

16.30-16.45: Coffee break

REGIONAL CASES: MAINLAND

CHAIR : IRENE LEMOS (University of Oxford)

16.45-17.15: Enduring Rituals in the Arcadian Mountains: The Case of the Sanctuary of Zeus at Mt. Lykaion

MARY VOYATZIS (University of Arizona)

17.15-17.45: Invention of Tradition at the Cult of Demeter in Eleusis: the Post-Bronze Age Remains and the Hymn to Demeter

FLORIS VAN DEN EIJNDE (Universiteit Utrecht)

17.45-18.15: Destruction and Deposition: the Mycenaean Figurines from the Ritual Zone at Xeropolis-Lefkandi

CAROLINE THURSTON (University of Oxford)

18.15-18.45: Sanctuary Assemblages in North-central Greece: Coping with Similarity and Difference

MARIA MILI (British School at Athens)

18h45-19h15: Changing social identities of the clientele of the sanctuary of Apollon at Abai (Kalapodi) from the Mycenaean to the Archaic periods as reflected in the ritual practices

WOLF-DIETRICH NIEMEIER (German Archaeological Institute, Athens)

19h15-19h45: Discussion

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Lecture room: Palais des Académies, bâtiment des Anciennes Écuries, Espace Roi Baudouin

REGIONAL CASES: NORTHERN AEGEAN AND WESTERN GREECE

CHAIR : FRANÇOIS DE POLIGNAC (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)

9.00- 9.30: Community Ritual Practices at Troy from the Early Iron Age to the Archaic Period

CAROLYN ASLAN (Koç University, Istanbul)

9.30-10.00: The Use of Golden Funerary Masks in Archaic Macedonia: Continuity or Convergence?

VIVI SARIPANIDI (FNRS-Université libre de Bruxelles)

10.00-10.30: Coffee break

10.30-11.00: Funerary practices and the formation of the *polis* at Megara Hyblaea, 8th-6th centuries BC

REINE-MARIE BÉRARD (École française de Rome)

11.00-11.30: Discussion

11.30-4.00: Lunch break

SACRIFICE AND RITUAL DINING

CHAIR: ATHENA TSINGARIDA (Université libre de Bruxelles)

14.00-14.30: Beyond the Domestic: Food and Plant Use in Temples, Altars and Funerary Pyres

EVI MARGARITI (University of Cambridge)

14.30 – 15.00: Evidence for Ritual Activity in Region II at Lefkandi? A Zooarchaeological Perspective

ALEX MULHALL (University College London)

15.00-15.30: Coffee break

15.30-16.00: An Exploration of the Social Role of Plants at Xeropolis, Lefkandi, Euboea

GEORGIA KOTZAMANI (Ephorate of Western Attica, Piraeus and Islands, Hellenic Ministry of Culture)

ALEXANDRA LIVARDA (University of Nottingham)

16.00-16.30: Ritualizing the Sea: Aspects of Ritual Activities related to the Sea in the Aegean from the 12th Century to the 6th Century B.C.

TATIANA THEODOROPOULOU (CNRS-UMR 7041, Maison René Ginouvès, Nanterre, Paris)

16.30-17.30: Discussion

17.30-18.00: Conclusions

IRENE LEMOS (University of Oxford)

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