



No Escape **TIMING**

Life cycles,
seasonality and human activities
in the Bronze Age Aegean

ScapeCon 8th

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Thursday, 28th May

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Piazza Dante 32, Catania

08.30-09.00 Time for Registration

09.00-09.40 Time for Greetings and Welcoming

09.40-10.10 Keynote Lecture

ANN BRYLSBAERT (KU Leuven) – “Like Sands through the Hourglass”.

Seasons and Time as Resources in LBA Aegean Construction and Related Crafts

10.10-10.25 Time for Discussion

Panel 1. Time for Building

10.25-10.50 Caleo Chiara (University

of Pisa) – Time and Living Spaces: Settlement Choices, Architectural and Topographical Solutions, and Relationships between

Complementary Settlements in Response to Seasonal Climate Change in Minoan Villas

10.50-11.05 Marco Chiricallo (Aldo

Moro University of Bari) – Designing for Seasonal Rainfall? Sunken Catch Basins and Roof Configuration in Minoan Architecture

11.05-11.25 Coffee Time

11.25-11.50 Marialucia Amadio,

Luca Bombardieri (University of

Siena-DFCLAM) – In Step with the

Seasons: Earthen Architecture as an Adaptive Strategy to Climate and

Social Changes in Middle Bronze

Age Cyprus

11.50-12.15 Anna Peterková (Charles

University, Prague) – Enough Time to

Build? An Energetic Study of Bronze

Age Domestic Architecture in the

Eastern Aegean Islands and Western

Anatolia

12.15-12.30 Francesca Buscemi

(CNR-ISPC), **Marianna Figuera,**

Thea Messina (University of

Catania) – From Quarry to Palace:

Insights into Labour Time-Costs at

the Late Bronze Age Palace of

Phaistos

Panel 2. Seasonality, Rhythms and Habitus

12.30-12.55 Chrysa Sofianou,

Thomas Brogan, Melissa Eaby,

Demetra Mylona (INSTAP Study

Center) – Evidence for Seasonality in

the Bronze Age Settlement on

Chryssi off the Coast of Crete

12.55-13.10 Giulia Salvadori ('Ca Foscari University of Venice), **Luke F. Kaiser** (University of Arizona) - Living in an Older Frame: Temporal Rhythms and Settlement Change at Mochlos LM III

13.10-13.25 Effimia Angeli (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University) - Repairing Time: Post-Firing Perforations and the Temporal Habitus of Neolithic Pottery from Halai, East Locris (Central Greece)

13.25-15.00 Lunch Time

Panel 3. Time for Production

15.00-15.25 George Ntzoufras (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) - Seasonality, Transhumance and Economic Transformations in Minoan Crete: The Evidence from the Uplands

15.25-15.50 Angeliki Karagianni (Hellenic Ministry of Education) - Lines of Time, Cycles of Temporality: Interweaving Daily and Ritual Times at Final Palatial Knossos Based on Textual and Archaeological Data

15.50-16.15 Glykeria Iliana Lefa, Soutana Maria Valamoti (LIRA-CIRI-Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - Tracing the Cycles of Time through the Integration of Archaeobotanical Remains and Linear B Texts: The Palace of Nestor as a Case Study

16.15-16.40 Erica Platania (University of Catania), **Flavia Toscano** (Heidelberg University) - Rhadamanthys' Thread: Time and Space of Textile Production from Flock to Yarn at Phaistos

16.40-17.00 Coffee Time

Panel 4. Day and Night Time

17.00-17.25 Lauren E. Wilson (Temple University) - Lamps and a Hearth: Using the Material Remains of Lighting to Study Social Activities in the Plateia Meidani at Kastelli, Pediada, Crete

17.25-17.50 Silvia Trucolo (Italian Archaeological School of Athens) - Light Devices in Context from Phaistos in the Protopalatial Period (1900-1700 BC): Living between Daily Activities and Ritual Practices

17.50-18.15 Bastien Rueff (French School at Athens) - Lighting Day and Night: Temporal Rhythms and Artificial Illumination in Minoan Domestic Space

18.15-18.40 Kaylyn Lehmann (University of British Columbia) - Street Light: Seasonal Sun and Shadow in Neopalatial Gournia

20.00 Social Dinner

Friday, 29th May

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09.30-10.00 Keynote Lecture
VANGELIS KYRIAKIDIS (Heritage Management Organisation Athens) - Constellations and the Supernatural in Neopalatial Seal Iconography
10.00-10.15 Time for Discussion

Panel 5. Time, the Sky and the Sea

10.15-10.40 Salvo Guglielmino (National Institute for Astrophysics - Sapienza University of Rome) - A Multidisciplinary Re-evaluation of Celestial Navigation in the Late Bronze Age Aegean

10.40-11.05 Angiolo Querci, Chiara Caleo (University of Pisa) - Time, Distance, and Late Minoan Circulation: The Knossos-Kommos Sea-Route

11.05-11.25 Coffee Time

Panel 6. Represented Time

11.25-11.50 Andrea Bianco Dolino (Italian Archaeological School of Athens) - Ἐν δ' ὀπίσω Σκορπίος: Notes for a Reinterpretation of the Gold Pendant from Haghia Triada

11.50-12.15 Tatiana Stamatia Andreovits (Heidelberg University) - Seasonality and Embodied Social Practice in Minoan Glyptic Imagery

12.15-12.40 John Komitzas (Heidelberg University) - Turning the Past into Memory: The Problematics of Time on Mycenaean Human Imagery

12.40-13.05 Lambros Tapinos (University of Melbourne) - Heterotopia and Liminal Frames: The Running Spiral in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean

Panel 7. Ritual Time

13.05-13.30 Francesca Nani, Salvatore Vitale (University of Pisa) - Time After Time: Late Helladic IIA Aeginetan-Mycenaean Interaction through the Lenses of Repeated Feasting Practices at Mitrou, East Lokris

13.30-15.00 Lunch Time

15.00-15.25 Ariadne Fatsi (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) - All in Good Time: Months, Religion and Production Cycles in the Mycenaean Palace Record

15.25-15.50 Sofia Firtikiadou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - Aparchae: Seasonal Religious Offerings in the Creto-Mycenaean World

15.50-16.10 Coffee Time

Panel 8. Mourning Time

16.10-16.35 Irene Högner (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich - Max Planck Institute), **Ronny Friedrich** (Curt-Engelhorn-Zentrum of Archaeometry), **Philipp W. Stockhammer** (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich - Max Planck Institute) - Revealing Secondary

Practices in Mycenaean Chamber Tombs through Chronological Divergence of Skeletal Material and Finds

16.35-17.00 Nasser Bovoleti Ayash (Heidelberg University) - No Escape from the Times of the Dead: Revisiting the Spatial Arrangement and Orientations of Minoan Tholoi in Relation to their Functionality

17.00-17.15 Josephine Mahl (Heidelberg University) - Time after Death: The South-Central Cretan Tholoi Annexes as Physical Markers of Passage from Individual to Ancestor

17.15-18.00 Time for Discussion and Final Remarks



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