

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AFFLUENCE

Comparative Perspectives on Surplus, Wealth, and Social Organization in the Aegean, the Central Mediterranean, and the Near East in the Bronze and Early Iron Age

Conference Programme

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th May 2024

Aula Prodi, Department of History and
Cultures, (Piazza San Giovanni in Monte 2,
Bologna)

Organizers: Santo Privitera, Francesco
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WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY

MORNING SESSION

9,00 – 10,00

Reception and Registration

10,00 – 10,15

Greetings and introduction to the workshop

10,15 – 11,00

Keynote lecture

Paul Halstead (University of Sheffield)

*Surplus, scarcity and affluence: questions of
definition, archaeological recognition and
social change*

11,00-11,30 Coffee Break

11,30 – 12,15

Keynote lecture

Marcella Frangipane (Sapienza University
of Rome, Lincei Academy)

*Is the production of surplus per se an
indication of 'affluence' and general
prosperity in pre-state and early state
societies in the Near East?*

12,15 – 12,35

Massimo Cultraro (CNR – ISPC)

*Investigating models of affluent and fluent
Bronze Age communities in Northern
Aegean: Poliochni on Lemnos and the roots
of proto-urban complexity*

12,35 – 12,55

Simona Todaro (University of Catania)

*Plain cups for central places? Meal
distribution and the management of
collective works in Crete at the end of the
EBA: new perspectives from EM III Phaistos*

12,55 – 13,15

Massimo Perna (University of Sassari)

*On the footsteps of Enrica Fiandra. The
cretulae: an elementary accounting system
between the Aegean and Ancient Near East*

13,15 – 13,45 Q&A and Discussion

13,45 – 14,45 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

14,45 – 15,05

Gabriele Giacosa (University of Bologna)

*Prepared for better times: public storage
strategies in early Iron Age Karkemish*

15,05 – 15,25

Luca Girella (UniNettuno University at
Rome)

*Living with and without the kouloures: the
meaning of a presence and absence in the
Protopalatial and Neopalatial Crete*

15,25 – 15,45

Barbara Montecchi (University of Florence)

*The management of affluence at Late
Minoan IB Agia Triada*

15,45 – 16,00 Q&A and Discussion

16,00 – 16,30 Coffee Break

16,30 – 16,50

Maria Emanuela Alberti (University of
Florence)

*Creating added value: the management of
textile production in Minoan Crete (MM IB –
LM IB)*

16,50 – 17,10

Dario Puglisi (University of Catania)

*The crocus gatherers of the Xestè 3 at
Akrotiri: female initiations and management
of affluence in Late Bronze Age I Aegean*

17,10 – 17,30

Davide G. Aquini (University of Catania)

*Silver and gold take turn. Investigating the
dichotomy of affluence in Minoan jewellery*

17,30 – 17,50

Emilia Oddo (Tulane University)
*Affluence inside and out: built environment
and regional organization of Neopalatial
Knossos*

17,50 – 18,10 Q&A and Discussion

THURSDAY 9TH MAY

MORNING SESSIONS

9,20 – 9,40

Sergio Cesaratto (University of Siena)
*The concept of surplus in contemporary
economics and its application to the ancient
civilizations*

09,40 – 10,00

Anastasia M.A. Vergaki (Irish Institute of
Hellenic Studies)

*Social inequality in Late Bronze Age Crete:
origins, evolution, and the role of the
multitude*

10,00 – 10,20

Luca Bombardieri, Marialucia Amadio
(University of Siena)

*'Man shall not live by bread alone'. Exploring
the socio-economic settings of Middle Bronze
Age Erimi at the dawn of urbanisation in
Cyprus*

10,20 – 10,40

Francesca Porta, Jan Driessen, Joachim
Bretschneider (University of Bologna,
Université Catholique de Louvain, Ghent
University)

*Unravelling Pyla-Kokkinokremos: exploring
the socio-economic structures of a late
Cypriot settlement*

10,40 – 11,00 Q&A and Discussion

11,00 – 11,30 Coffee break

11,30 – 11,50

Anna Simandiraki-Grimshaw (MOLA
London)

*Corporeal ecosystems of affluence in Bronze
Age (Minoan) Crete*

11,50 – 12,10

Elisabetta Borgna, Assunta Mercogliano
(University of Udine)

*Affluence, resources and social growth in a
long-term rural community of eastern
Achaea: the Trapeza of Aigion, from MBA to
the final LBA*

12,10 – 12,30

Francesco Iacono, Maurizio Cattani
(University of Bologna)

*Affluent societies of the Bronze Age:
uncoupling affluence and hierarchy in the
Central Mediterranean 2000-1000 BC c.a.*

12,30 – 12,50

Agostino Sotgia, Luca Alessandri, Peter
Attema (University of Groningen, Sapienza
University of Rome)

*Echoes of prosperity: unveiling ancient cities
through affluence. The role of surplus in the
development of the urban phenomenon in
Central Italy*

12,50 – 13,15 Q&A and Discussion

13,15-14,15 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

14,15 – 14,35

Sveva Savelli (Saint Mary's University)
*Assessing wealth among indigenous
communities along the Ionian Coast of
Basilicata (Italy): a diachronic analysis from
the Late Bronze Age to the 7th c. BCE*

14,35 – 14,55

Owain Morris (University of London)
*Going potty at Pontecagnano: Agricultural
surplus, State Formation, and Affluence in a
frontier context*

14,55 – 15,15

Cristiano Iaia (University of Torino)
*Wasteful societies. Sacrifice of wealth in
early first millennium BC Italy*

15,15 – 15,35

Christos Giamakis (York Museums Trust)
*Expressions of affluence in the Macedonian
cemeteries of the Archaic Period: the cases of
Archontiko, Sindos and Aegae*

15,35 – 16,00 Q&A and Discussion

16,00 – 16,30 Concluding Remarks

