

Archaia Pheneos: A Middle Helladic settlement in Arcadia

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In the 1960s, E. Protonotariou-Deilaki discovered Middle Bronze Age settlement remains at the south-eastern foot of the acropolis of Archaia Pheneos (Arcadia). However, it was unknown that the acropolis itself was inhabited in the Middle Helladic period, too. Excavations carried out 2011–2015 on the acropolis of Archaia Pheneos in collaboration between the Ephorate of Antiquities of Corinth, the University of Graz (Institute of Archaeology) and the Austrian Archaeological Institute, Athens Branch, under the direction of Konstantinos Kissas and Peter Scherrer revealed a stratified Middle Helladic settlement sequence underneath the Late Classical city-wall.

Contexts and finds are of particular importance as only few Middle Bronze Age sites from this remote region of the Peloponnese are known so far. This lecture presents first results of our archaeological and scientific research as well as of the study of forming techniques applied for manufacturing certain vessel types.

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