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FARMING THE BIG ISLANDS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: CRETE AND CYPRUS IN THE BRONZE AGE

The exploitation and exchange of natural resources has been a key parameter in the survival and evolution of past and modern societies. Subsequently, specialisation and control of these resources constitutes a major indicator of increasing social complexity. In the Mediterranean, aspects of social change such as urbanisation, technological sophistication and agricultural diversification, intensification and extensification are evidenced from the later fourth into the second millennia BC but also during the late Iron Age and the Archaic period. Although these developments have been extensively studied in the past, archaeobotanical approaches – and so a whole swathe of crucial evidence – have not been brought to bear on these questions, with notable exceptions. This paper will explore these aspects of research in Crete and Cyprus, focusing on the 2nd millennium, through the lens of the archaeobotanical remains.

The series is part of the course 'Current Research in Eastern Mediterranean Studies' at University of Graz, but the lectures are open to all.

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