The development of early Greek society after the collapse of the Mycenaean palaces has often been reconstructed with the help of evolutionary models assuming the concept of the *polis* as the end of these processes. Investigations of the origin of the *polis* and its related structures often relied on concepts originating in the late Archaic and Classical period, which were projected back on much earlier phases. Little room was thus left for regional or chronological variation. Our three-day workshop will serve as a platform for discussion of research-prospects into early Greek societies with the aim of moving beyond general concepts of the ‘emergence’ and ‘formation’ of the *polis*. The conference will focus on Attica and the different regions in Central Greece and the Peloponnese, while the period of investigation will range from the 11th to the mid 6th century BCE. This deliberately wide frame will allow us to explore complex, multi-phased developments of social differentiation in various areas. The methodological spectrum includes comprehensive and diachronic investigations of settlements, burial grounds, and sanctuaries as well as analyses of specific areas of activity. Disentangling our understanding of social change from the teleological perspective of the *polis* and investigating such processes within their specific regional contexts will allow us to draw multiple local and also chronologically disaligned pictures of the development of early Greek societies.

Conference Venue

Guests are very welcome; prior registration is recommended.

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Saturday, December 15th 2018

Section 3: Athens (Chair: E. Kistler)
09:30 Chronology, Region, Style, and the Polis. Methods
   and Limits in the Study of Finds in Funerary and
   Ritual Contexts in Athens
   Veronika Sossau (Basel)
10:10 The Athenian Society in the Transition to the Early
   Iron Age through Funerary Material Culture: the Case
   of the Herodou Attikou Street Cemetery
   Marilena Kontopanagou (Athens)
10:40 – Coffee Break –

Section 4: Attica (Chair: F. Ruppenstein)
11:10 Archaeological Traces of Kinship Ties in 8th C. Attica
   Alexandra Alexandridou (Ioannina)
11:50 The Burial Rite of Enchytrismos in Attica during
   the Late Geometric and Archaic Periods: Towards an
   Understanding of Social Dimension
   Alexandra Dafni Vlanti (Oxford)
12:20 Internal Colonisation, Village Fission and the
   Emergence of Local Cults in Attica
   Maximilian Rönnberg (Tübingen)
12:50 – Lunch Break –

Section 5: Peloponnese (Chair: A. Livieratou)
14:20 Between the Mycenaean and Greek Worlds: the
   Emergence of the Greek Sanctuary
   Birgitta Eder (Vienna)
15:00 The Formation of the Religious Landscape of the
   Peloponnese during the Early Historical Period (800–
   600 B.C.)
   Alfrditi Vlachou (Volos)
15:30 Regional (Id)entities. The Decoration of Early Iron Age
   Pottery around the Gulf of Corinth
   Torben Kessler (Kiel)
16:00 – Coffee Break –

Section 6: Euboea and Related Areas (Chair: I. Lemos)
16:30 Euboean ›Ports of Call‹ alongside the Coasts from
   Euboea to the Thermaic Gulf
   Alexandros Mazarakis Ainian (Volos)
17:10 Early Sanctuaries on the Chalcidice: the Case of
   Poseid
   Olivia Denk (Basel)
17:40 – Coffee Break –

18:15 Evening Lecture: What is a Region? Athens and the
   Region of Athens in the Archaic Period
   Robin Osborne (Cambridge)
20:00 – Conference Dinner –

Sunday, December 16th 2018

Section 7: Central Greece (Chair: V. Sossau)
09:00 From Mycenaean Periphery to ethne: the Complex
   Ways of Socio-Political Evolution in Phocis and East
   Locris in the Early Iron Age
   Antonina Livieratou (Athens)
09:40 The Household Ceramics of the LHIIIIC and Proto-
   Geometric Period from the Site of Kynos (Phtiotis).
   Its Character, Characteristics and Potentials
   Akaterini Stamoudi (Athens)
10:10 – Coffee Break –

Section 8: Trans-Regional Studies (Chair: R. Posamentir)
10:40 Transformation, Tradition and Innovation: the
   Transition from the Late Bronze to the Early Iron Age
   Irene Lemos (Oxford)
11:20 From the Individual to the Community: Re-Reading
   Domestic Space during the Transition from the Early
   Iron Age to the Archaic Period
   Eleni Chatzinkolou (Volos)
11:50 Mortuary Spaces of the Early Greek Polis
   Gicek Tascioglu Beeby (Chapel Hill/Athens)
12:20 Concluding Remarks
   Erich Kistler (Innsbruck)
   Florian Ruppenstein (Freiburg)
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