



REGIONAL APPROACHES TO EARLY GREEK SOCIETY, 1100–550 BCE



International Workshop at the Institute for Classical Archaeology
Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, December 14–16, 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS

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*. We understand this both as an opportunity to critically engage with current theoretical models and to reflect on potentials and challenges of new approaches in an interdisciplinary context. 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. The latter may be illuminated by archaeological case studies or research on specific types of objects, texts, and/or images. Each contribution should, however, explicitly speak to the social dynamics characterising the period under investigation. 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.



This Call for Papers addresses doctoral students applying archaeological, anthropological, historical and philological approaches. The workshop will give ten PhD candidates the opportunity to discuss their research projects with ten invited experts from different research traditions.

Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes and should be given in English. The talks may either focus on a specific site or region in Attica, Central Greece or the Peloponnese or address more general methodological or historical problems. Abstracts of up to 400 words are expected to be sent electronically by April 30th, 2018 to

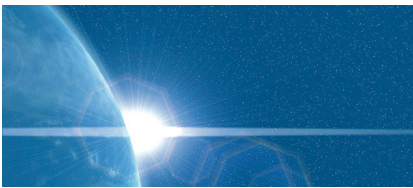
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Expenses for accommodation will be covered (up to a predetermined limit). Travel costs may, depending on third-party funding, be met at least partly. For further information visit

<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/early-greek-society>

Keynotes: Alexandra Alexandridou (Brussels) · Alain Duplouy (Paris) · Birgitta Eder (Vienna) · Irene Lemos (Oxford) · Antonia Livieratou (Athens) · Alexandros Mazarakis Ainian (Volos) · Robin Osborne (Cambridge) · Veronika Sossau (Basel) · Christoph Ulf (Innsbruck) · Julien Zurbach (Paris)

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