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ABBREVIATIONS

EH: Early Helladic
MH: Middle Helladic
LH: Late Helladic
EM: Early Minoan
MM: Middle Minoan
LM: Late Minoan
SubMyc: Submycenaean
EIA: Early Iron Age
PG: Protogeometric (with EPG, MPG and LPG as Early, Middle and Late Protogeometric)
EG: Early Geometric
MG: Middle Geometric
LG: Late Geometric
SubG: Subgeometric
EPA: Early Protoattic
MPA: Middle Protoattic
LPA: Late Protoattic
EPC: Early Protocorinthian
MPC: Middle Protocorinthian
LPC: Late Protocorinthian
EBF: Early Black Figure
EAR: Early Archaic

FOREWORD

This volume contains the proceedings of the international conference *Attica from the Late Bronze Age to the End of the Archaic Period. The Spatial Roots of Politics and Society*, organised by the Italian Archaeological School at Athens and the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne on 10 and 11 June 2021. The venue was originally scheduled for 13 and 14 March 2020 in Athens, but the event fell victim to the global COVID19 crisis and was eventually reorganised as an online conference in June 2021.

The conference was organised in connection with the research project *Lands of Meaning. A GIS Study of Space and Social Praxis in Ancient Attica from the Mycenaean Age to the Birth of Democracy (1200-480 BC)*, which was carried out as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) between 2017 and 2019 at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne [1]. The *Lands of Meaning* project aimed to re-examine the Athenian territory from the end of the Bronze Age to the beginning of the Classical period by considering Attica as a space that was socially constructed through a constant dialogue between the landscape and the communities that inhabited it. The aim of the project was to integrate the large amount of archaeological data collected throughout the 20th c. into a heuristic and hermeneutic framework that considers the spatial and ecological dimensions of historical, cultural, political and social phenomena. The *Lands of Meaning* project was originally conceived as a two-year pilot project to introduce new digital methods and heuristic social theories of space. The project will be further developed at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne as a long-term endeavour to incorporate space into archaeological thinking and to consider the material and territorial conditions of the emergence of the city-state in Athens and more broadly in ancient Greece [2].

The conference programme can be found below. The presentations were not recorded to allow for a lively discussion. Most of the speeches given online were then converted into the contributions collected in this volume, supplemented by a chapter by Pavlos Karvonis on Roman Attica and a description of the *Thorikos Archive* by the Belgian team. Unfortunately, some of the lectures given at the conference could not be included in the volume.

First of all, we would like to thank Emanuele Papi, Director of the Italian Archaeological School at Athens, who fully supported the project and proposed to host the conference, which was to take place in March 2020 at the School's premises in Athens. Our heartfelt thanks go to our Greek colleagues from the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and the Ephorates of Antiquities of Attica, Eleni Andrikou, Stella Chrysoulaki, Anastasia Gadolou and Christina Merkouri, who agreed to chair the conference sessions and led fascinating and disciplined discussions. We also invited four "titans" – as we amicably called them during the conference – to a final round of talks. Tonio Hölscher, Irene Lemos, Robin Osborne and François de Polignac took up the challenge and drew fascinating conclusions from the presentations, as well as some key ideas for the elaboration of ancient history from archaeological evidence. As it would have been difficult to render these lively thoughts into formal papers, we have decided to preserve them in our oral memory. Finally, we would like to thank the Italian Archaeological School at Athens for including the publication of the conference in its collections, as well as the two anonymous reviewers whose comments have given the authors food for thoughts.

[1] The grant (H2020-MSCA-IF-2016, Proposal ID 746874) was awarded to Nikolaos Arvanitis as individual researcher with Alain Duplouy as supervisor. For further detail, see our project website http://landsofmeaning.pantheonsorbonne.fr.

[2] As part of the project, Mariana Silva Porto is dedicating her PhD dissertation (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Humboldt University of Berlin) to the districts of Marathon, Thorikos, and Salamis.

This book was published with the support of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action, the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the research unit "Trajectoires" (UMR 8215). While Nikolaos Arvanitis was involved in the organisation of the conference as part of his MSCA scholarship, Alain Duplouy compiled and edited all the contributions on his own. We are also indebted to Mariana Silva Porto, who thoroughly re-read all contributions, especially those written by non-native speakers, and significantly improved the texts. As a doctoral student working on the Paris project, she deserves full credit for contributing to the edition of the volume.

Paris and Athens, September 2024

Programme of the conference

Thursday, 10 June 2021

10:15 - 10:30 Emanuele Papi (Italian Archaeological School at Athens), Welcome speech
10:30 - 10:50 Nikolaos Arvanitis & Alain Duplouy (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Introduction

Session 1. Attica from the Late Bronze Age to the Geometric period (Chair: Eleni Andrikou, Ephorate of Antiquities of East Attica)

10:50 - 11:20 Nikolas Papadimitriou (Heidelberg University), Mycenaean Attica: How much "Mycenaean" and how much "Attica"?
11:20 - 11:50 Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos (Academy of Athens), Separated by the Erasinos river. The northern and southern plain of Mesogeia from the Late Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age
12:00 - 12:30 Floris van den Eijnde (Utrecht University), Between polis and ethnos. A networked approach to the development of the Athenian polis
12:30 - 13:00 Maximilian Rönnberg (German Archaeological Institute), A wealth of choices: Changing preferences and local particularities in the placement of burials in Attica from the Late Helladic to the Archaic period
13:00 - 13:30 Nikolaos Arvanitis (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Big sites in Attica beyond Athens. The case of Eleusis and Acharnai

Session 2. Attica from the Geometric period to the Classical period (Chair: Anastasia Gadolou, Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities)

16:00 - 16:30 Nikolaos Arvanitis, Alain Duplouy, Anastasia Strousopoulou (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Anagyrous. Anatomy of an Attic district
16:30 - 17:00 James Whitley (Cardiff University), From cups to kraters: The surfaces of writing in Early Attica (800-500 BC)
17:10 - 17:40 Erich Kistler (University of Innsbruck), Attic *gene* between *eunomia* and *stasis*. Creating an alternative to the *Athenaion Politeia*
17:40 - 18:10 Riccardo Di Cesare (University of Foggia - Italian Archaeological School at Athens), Archaic Attica and the symbolic construction of space. Landmarks, legends, and cults

Friday, 11 June 2021

Session 3. Athens and its district before Cleisthenes (Chair: Christina Merkouri, Ephorate of Antiquities of West Attica)

10:30 - 11:00 Tonio Hölscher (Heidelberg University), The Archaic Agora of Athens. Its location within the topographical system of Athens
11:00 - 11:30 Annarita Doronzio (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg), Κατά κώμας. Athenian settlement dynamics under examination
11:40 - 12:10 Vincenzo Capozzoli (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), The so-called urban demes of Athens in the Archaic age. Towards an outline of the evidence
12:10 - 12:40 Alexandra Alexandridou (University of Ioannina), Regionalism within Early Iron Age Athens: The domestic nucleus at the Academy

Session 4. Methodological, chronological and regional comparanda (Chair: Stella Chrysoulaki, Ephorate of Antiquities of Piraeus and the Islands)

15:30 - 16:00 Andreas Kapetanios (Ionian University), From space to *topos*. The archaeology of continuity and change in structuring the Lavrion landscape(s)
16:00 - 16:30 Emeri Farinetti (Italian Archaeological School at Athens), Beyond Attica: Landscape approaches in Boeotia and the Megaris

16:30 - 17:00 Paolo Carafa (Sapienza University of Rome), Politics, people and landscapes. From Attica to ancient Latium

Session 5. Perspectives

17:30 - 18:00 Current and new tools on Athens and Attica, with Nikolaos Arvanitis (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Annarita Doronzio (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg), Alain Duplouy (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Barbora Weissova (Ruhr University Bochum)

18:00 - 19:30 Round table with Tonio Hölscher (Heidelberg University), Irene Lemos (University of Oxford), Robin Osborne (University of Cambridge), François de Polignac (École pratique des hautes études, Paris)