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THE POTTERY FROM THE EARLY HELLADIC II SETTLEMENT AT KOROPI, ATTICA

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The region of Attica has long been considered an important crossroad between different regions of the EBA Aegean world. Due to its location, specific features have been developed which are identified in different aspects of the prehistoric society. The site of Koropi, situated at the centre of the fertile plain of Mesogeia, in southeastern Attica, has provided an exceptionally rich and well preserved material assemblage (pottery, stone tools, bones, metallurgical remains) which can be used to detect some of these elements. The pottery assemblage consists of a large number of vessels for various domestic or other uses, which occur in a great variety of fabrics and wares. In order to study this varied and rich assemblage, an integrated archaeological and scientific research was conducted. The archaeological research incorporates a technological analysis according to the “*chaîne opératoire*” and based on a macroscopic study of the surface features, as well as a detailed typological study. At the same time, analytical techniques have been applied, such as petrographic analysis and chemical analysis by NAA.

This study aims to shed light on aspects of pottery production and consumption in the region of Attica, by identifying the technological and typological characteristics of the “local” ceramic groups as opposed to the imported groups. In this way, significant social and cultural inferences can be made about the EH II society in Koropi and its wider region.

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