

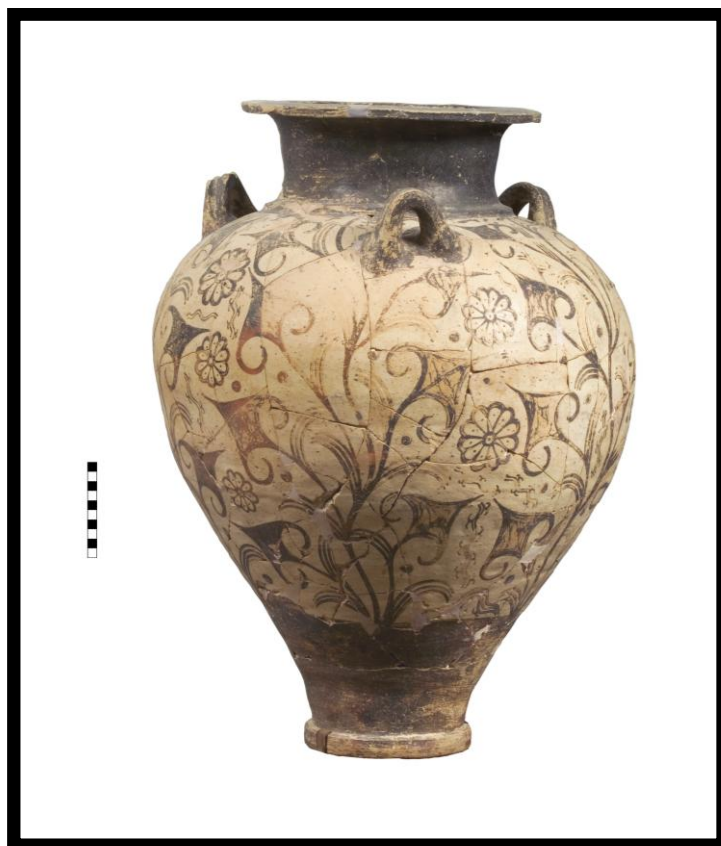


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NEW LIGHT ON OLD DATA: A FRESH LOOK AT THE PYLIAN TOMBS IN THE PALATIAL ECONOMY

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This paper presents preliminary results from a detailed study of 11 tombs around the Bronze Age Palace of Nestor, Pylos and gives a fresh insight into the relationship between the tombs and the palatial economy. The changes in mortuary activity combined with the refocusing of the economic expenditure at the palace suggest that the ways by which the Pylians incorporated their ancestors into their power strategies changed over time. Furthermore, the variations in the prominence of cemeteries and ancestors at Pylos, for which is argued here, show that Pylos does not use the same power strategies as Mycenae.

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