



**THE DIRECTOR OF THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS
INVITES YOU TO AN UPPER HOUSE SEMINAR**

MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.00 P.M.

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***Paliambela Kolindros:
an early community at the onset of the Neolithic in Greek Macedonia***



Excavations at Paliambela Kolindros in Pieria have been carried out since 2000. Carbon-dated to the 66th century BCE, Paliambela rates among the earliest farming settlements in Greece. A “pioneer site”, Paliambela preserves extraordinary evidence connected to the social life of the initial agriculturalists. Contrary to common sense expectations, early farmers of Paliambela set up their living space in a unique, sophisticated way, keeping daily activities distinctly separate. At least one public place was devoted to food preparation and storage, with permanent installations, while the small pit-dwellings placed around it were kept particularly clean, with no evidence for food preparation or storage. The collective preparation and consumption of food as a daily activity is an indication of the strong tradition of communality active in this early community. This is probably the first time that a social institution of this kind can be clearly documented archaeologically, and raises some interesting questions related to the neolithization process in Greece.

*The UH seminar will take place in the saloni of the Director's residence, British School at Athens.
Entrance from 52 Souedias Str. Tel: 211 1022 800*

Please note that the entrance will be open until 7.15 p.m.