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RECONSTRUCTING THE COASTAL NETWORK BETWEEN EASTERN ATTICA AND KEA DURING THE EARLY BRONZE AGE II PERIOD: A VIEW FROM THE POTTERY

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This paper will discuss the micro-region of Eastern Attica and Kea during the Early Bronze Age II period (2.650-2.200/2.150 BC), focusing on the reconstruction of a coastal network of ceramic exchange and shared pottery-making traditions. The, as yet unpublished, assemblages of Kontra Gliate (also known as Kiapha Thiti) and Mine 3 at Thorikos will be compared to the published pottery from Agia Irini II and III on Kea. First, the similarities in the ‘local’ fabrics of this micro-region are most likely an indicator of common ceramic technologies. The same forms, especially table wares, are being produced across the region; there are also regional decoration styles. In terms of imported pottery, a maritime exchange route along the Western Cycladic islands stretching as far as Thorikos is indicated by the presence of Talc Ware at Mine 3 and Agia Irini. Finally, in the late EB II period, some of the ‘Anatolian’ shapes of the Lefkandi I-Kastri group were recovered in Eastern Attica (Mine 3, Rafina) and Kea (Agia Irini). Since these co-occur with the standard EB II drinking kit, it is suggested that the proliferating changes in drinking customs (a broader Southern Aegean phenomenon) were adopted by a segment of EB II communities in the region.

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