2nd International Conference

Nostoi II

Traveling in the Eastern Mediterranean

Sea + Inland Routes from the Early Bronze to the End of the Early Iron Age

CALL FOR PAPERS

Description

The Conference focuses on the region of the Eastern Mediterranean, which includes the area from the south of Corfu to the East, and on a time spanning from the 4th Millennium to the 6th century BC. Travelling, networks and contacts in the ancient Eastern Mediterranean has been the subject of many past conferences, essays and studies, being considered as the decisive factor which promoted cultural interaction and distribution of goods and ideas in the region throughout antiquity. In the last years more evidence has been added to the existing corpus, whereas past interpretations have been reconsidered and new ones have been proposed. This conference adopts a comprehensive approach to the maritime and overland contacts in the entire region of the ancient Eastern Mediterranean, focusing on people, artifacts, means and mechanisms of interaction. The presentation of new evidence is most welcome, as there are also reviews and reconsiderations of the already known ones.

Papers on the following topics are welcome:

- Tracking and mapping Sea and Inland Routes
- Writing and Sealing Bureaucracy of Exchange
- Merchants, Commodities and Gifts
- Systems of Commercial Interaction
- Mobility, Agency and Technology
- Routes and Means of Transportation
- Piracy and Sea people
- Art and Iconography
- Maritime Cultural Landscapes
- Ideology (religion, beliefs, customs)

Time and Venue

The Conference will take place from 14-17 January 2021 at Atlantis Hotel in Heraklion, Crete. During the conference two excursions are planned, one to ancient Eleutherna and a second one to Messara.

Abstract Submission

Please send your title, name, affiliation and abstract to nostoi2heraklion@gmail.com
By applying for the conference, you also accept to submit your paper for publication in the Proceedings to be published soon afterwards.

Publication
To continue the established tradition, the peer reviewed proceedings of the *Nostoi II. Travelling in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea + Inland Routes from the Early Bronze to the End of the Early Iron Age* conference will be published by Koç University Press. To move rapidly towards the publication of the proceedings, the submission deadline for the articles is May 1st, 2021.

Please follow the reference guidelines of AJA.
Bibliographical references and notes: https://www.ajaonline.org/submissions/references

The successful Proceedings of the first Nostoi conference under the title *Nostoi: Indigenous Culture + Migration + Integration in the Aegean Islands + Western Anatolia during the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age* (Istanbul, Koç University/ANAMED) was published by Koç University Press in 2015.

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