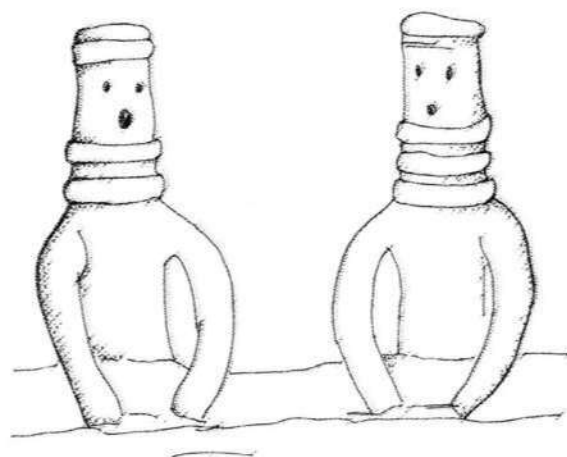




EVERYDAY LIFE IN PREHISTORIC CYPRUS (ca. 10000-1700 BC)



24-25 June 2021

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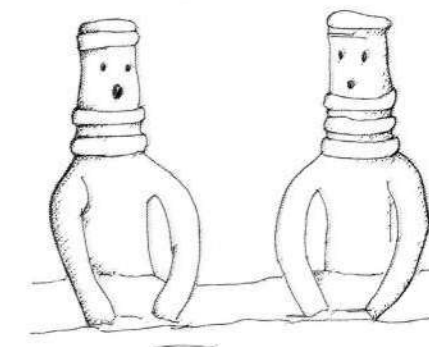
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The everyday life of past societies constitutes a key research theme presenting mutually shared concerns among different disciplines. Regarding archaeology, the turn towards social agency and individuality has encouraged new insights into the performance of daily tasks and routines. However, issues of definition remain partly unchallenged. The term 'everyday' itself may either be conceived in a strict sense or as a too all-embracing category.

A rather quick look on relevant discourse, indicates the predominance of specific notions, usually stemming from negative determinations. The everyday is commonly opposed to the public or the religious, to historical events and named individuals, as well as to the great works of art and architecture. It is, therefore, equated with the private or the domestic, the small-scale and the mundane. Those clear-cut distinctions between, for instance, the public and the private or the domestic and the ritual, may be of little heuristic value when studying prehistoric communities.

It is further noted, that archaeological accounts often have to restrict themselves to the more tangible components of the everyday, including artefacts of daily use and the organic or inorganic remains of daily tasks. This overemphasis on the material properties may impose a homo faber conception of everyday existence, and may prioritise survival strategies or craft production. Although these aspects are undoubtedly significant, everyday life also involves shifting socialities, routine movements around and through the landscape, as well as multiple perspectives shaping individual and collective identities. Daily tasks and routines should be viewed as the meeting point of the cognitive and the material. They encompass various categories of material culture, embedded traditions, ideological perceptions, habitual behaviours, socio-economic structures and, generally, all those intertwined processes by which people generate meaning and interpret their natural and social world. Taking the abovementioned issues into consideration, the objective of the conference is to challenge the different ways in which everyday life was structured and experienced within the prehistoric communities of Cyprus. Rather than to strictly define the term 'everyday', the attempt will be to provide more inclusive perspectives on what this may constitute.



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Thursday, 24 June 2021

- 10.00-10.30 *Welcome message - Introductory remarks*
- 10.30-11.15 Maritime narratives of prehistoric Cyprus: seafaring as social practice (keynote lecture).
Knapp A.B.
- Session 1: Chair: Mantzourani E., Kopanias K.**
- 11.15-11.30 Upland Cyprus in early prehistory: issues of marginality.
Efstratiou N., Kyriakou D.
- 11.30-11.45 The consumption of rare raw materials in the performance of daily social life in Early Holocene Cyprus.
Moutsiou T.
- 11.45-12.00 Crafting, consuming and symbolising during the PPNA: new insights on the life of the first villagers of Klimonas (Ayios Tychonas, Cyprus).
Rigaud S., Vigne J.-D., Briois F.
- 12.00-12.15 Earthen architecture and social organisation: geoarchaeological approach applied at Klimonas in Cyprus.
Mylona P., Vigne J.-D., Briois F.
- 12.15-12.45 *Discussion*
- 12.45-13.15 *Coffee break*
- Session 2: Chair: Efstratiou N.**
- 13.15-13.30 Facing the problem of translating material date into behavioral patterns: 24 hours of the daily life in a neolithic village, Khirokitia (Cyprus).
Le Brun A.
- 13.30-13.45 The use of living space: inhumations inside or outside circular buildings? A case study on the 6th millennium B.C. Mesopotamia and Cyprus.
Gerochristou A.
- 13.45-14.00 How circular architecture and sheep pastoralism shed light on convergences between Cyprus, Upper Mesopotamia and the badia during the later Neolithic.
Clarke J., Wasse A.
- 14.00-14.15 Approaching the everyday through the study of domestic architecture: the case of Ceramic Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cypriot communities.
Kloukinas D., Marda-Stypsianou A., Georgotas A., Mantzourani E.
- 14.15-14.45 *Discussion*
- 14.45-16.00 *Lunch break*

- Session 3: Chair: Le Brun A., Vavouranakis G.**
- 16.00-16.15 Of food and fuel - everyday use of plant resources in Pre-Pottery Neolithic Cyprus.
Rousou M., Tengberg M., Willcox G., Douché C., Parès A.
- 16.15-16.30 Phytolith evidence on plant exploitation and the use of fire in a coastal campsite of the 5th millennium B.C. at Nissi beach, Cyprus.
Tsartsidou G., Ammerman A.
- 16.30-16.45 Of mice and men in prehistoric Cyprus: towards an anthropisation of the natural environment.
Papayianni K., Cucchi T.
- 16.45-17.15 *Discussion*
- 17.15-17.30 Life in upland Neolithic Cyprus: preliminary faunal data from Ag. Ioannis / Vretsia - Upper Roudias.
Hadjikoumis A., Efstratiou N.
- 17.30-17.45 Raising cattle on small islands: The case of prehistoric Cyprus.
Spyrou A.
- 17.45-18.00 A day in the life of an upland Cypriot Neolithic settlement.
Simmons A.H.
- 18.00-18.30 *Discussion*



Friday, 25 June 2021

- Session 4: Chair: Webb J.M. - Steel L.**
- 10.00-10.15 Vessels for eating and drinking from Chalcolithic to Bronze Age at Kissonerga.
Crewe L.
- 10.15-10.30 Molecular evidence for the use of pottery vessels in Neolithic - Chalcolithic Cyprus: integrating archaeological information and organic residue analysis for the investigation of everyday life activities.
Roumpou M., Voskos I., Mantzourani E.
- 10.30-10.45 Pottery consumption and discard practices at the Middle and Late Chalcolithic site of Chlorakas-Palloures, Cyprus.
Paraskeva C.
- 10.45-11.00 Everyday life in Neolithic/Chalcolithic Cyprus: evidence from skeletons of Limassol district.
Vika E., Voskos I., Mantzourani E.
- 11.00-11.30 *Discussion*
- 11.30-12.00 *Coffee break*

- Session 5: Chair: Bombardieri L., Crewe L.**
- 12.00-12.15 Subsistence practices and the everyday in Bronze Age Cyprus.
Henkel C., Margariti E.
- 12.15-12.30 Approaching an everyday craft through the study of funerary pottery. Ceramic technology and the organisation and context of pottery production at prehistoric Lapithos.
Dikomitou-Eliadou M., Webb J.M., Martínón-Torres M., Müller N.S.
- 12.30-12.45 Importation, appropriation and the materiality of the 'exotic': Revisiting Tell el-Yahudiyeh ware and local production in Cyprus at the close of the Middle-beginning of the Late Bronze Age.
Georgiou A.
- 12.45-13.00 The metallurgical activity in Cyprus from the Early to the beginning of the Late Bronze Age.
Karkani A.
- 13.00-13.30 *Discussion*
- 13.30-15.00 *Lunch break*
- Session 6: Chair: Clarke J.**
- 15.00-15.15 Everyday life in Middle Bronze Age Cyprus: challenging the current paradigm.
Webb J.M.
- 15.15-15.30 Live and let dye: ideology, economy and social practices at Middle Bronze Age Erimi.
Bombardieri L., Amadio M.
- 15.30-15.45 Exploring the aesthetic of Red Polished figurative art: the beautifully made...made beautiful.
Steel L.
- 15.45-16.00 Peeping Tom and the social dimension of representational art in PreBA Cyprus.
Vavouranakis G.
- 16.00-16.30 *Discussion*
- 16.30-17.00 *Concluding remarks*

End of Conference

