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The Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus
invites you to a **hybrid** public lecture
on Monday, May 8th 2023, at 19:30 (EET)

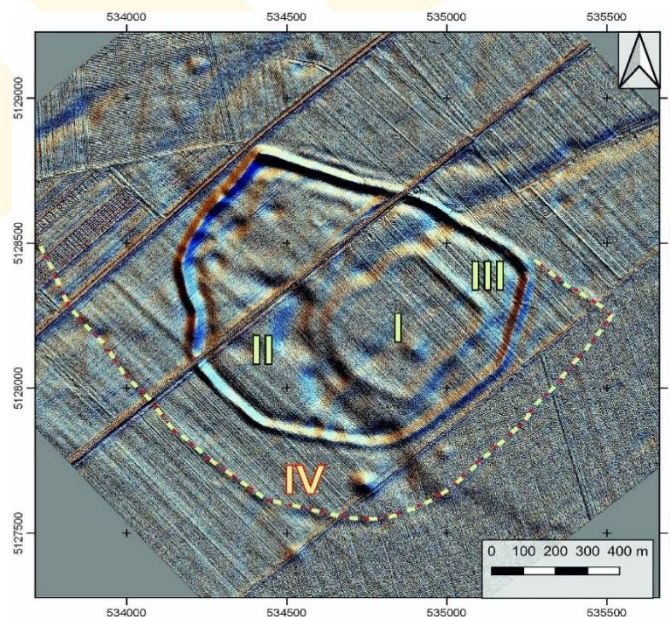
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titled:

Late Bronze Age mega-sites in the Carpathian Basin and their relations to the eastern Mediterranean Sea



Summary:

The lecture deals with the large fortifications of the Late Bronze Age on the eastern rim of the Hungarian Plain, also called mega-sites, which are the largest fortifications in Europe. They show references to the eastern Mediterranean and surprising new discoveries in the fortification of Sântana demonstrate for the first time unusually large and in their architecture (ground plan and building forms) unique monumental large buildings, which mark the centre of the fortifications by their constancy of place and location. The large buildings date to the 14th century BC and, due to their unusual size and structures, are reminiscent of palace buildings as we find them only in the Mycenaean centres. Klaus Kilian has described the Mycenaean palace in its structural complexity as a "royal residence", as the house of the earthly ruler. We take up this idea because the geographical and cultural vicinity of the Aegean to the eastern edge of the Carpathian Basin allows for structural comparisons based on the lively exchange and cultural influences. The excavations have been carried out since 2018 in a German-Romanian cooperation project.

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