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## **The Hill of Ariadne? The Minoan Peak Sanctuary of Stelida, Naxos**

Stelida comprises a distinctive, double-peaked hill on the northwest coast of Naxos, some 3.5 km linear distance from Grotta, the island's Bronze Age center and main harbor. While best known as a Palaeolithic chert source, excavations in 2019 atop the 151 masl southern peak revealed a religious complex, whose character is heavily Minoanized. This talk details the excavation, architecture, chronology, and range of ritual practices performed at the site, then considers the significance of Stelida within the larger context of Neopalatial socio-economic dynamics, with a brief nod to the island's mythic backdrop of Theseus, Ariadne, and Dionysus.

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