



NECROPOLEIS RESEARCH NETWORK

Annual Meeting VIII

24-26 October 2025, Chania, Greece

Programme

Location: **Archaeological Museum of Chania**

24–25 October 2025, 09:00–20:00 daily

Day 1 – Friday, October 24th 2025

08:15-08:45 Registration
08:45-9:00 Welcome & Opening Remarks

Session 1: **Deathscapes and Memoryscapes**

Chair: E. Papadopoulou

09:00-09:20	Maria Sofia Marinaki	Constructing gendered identities and social memory in the protogeometric burials at Lefkandi, Euboea
09:20-09:40	Bilge Hürmüzlü	How did the Ionians remember?
09:40-10:00	Elif Koparal	Tumuli as landmarks of social memory and autochthony: A perspective from Ionia
10:00-10:20	Manos Rapanakis	Slopes of Remembrance: landform-driven mortuary patterns in Hellenistic and Roman Crete
10:20-10:40	Louisiane Betrancourt	Death and the dead in Hellenistic Crete: preliminary results from the analysis of cemeteries in Central and Eastern Crete

10:40-11:00 *Discussion*

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

Session 2: Bioarchaeology and Embodied Memory

Chair: A. Moles

11:30-11:50	Gkampriella Selempa	Linou's Middle Bronze Age burials: insights to funerary practices from demographic data
11:50-12:10	Yannis Chatzikonstantinou	From flesh to ash: investigating the use of fire in Minoan and Early Iron Age funerary contexts of Central Crete
12:10-12:30	Claire Zikidi & Jane Buikstra	Osteobiographies, embodied memory, and the dead: theoretical reflections and bioarchaeological reconstructions from Phaleron Delta
12:30-12:50	Chryssa Bourbou	Osteobiographies: re-visiting the lives of past people through the study of human skeletal remains
12:50-13:10	Anna Moles & Katerina Tzanakaki	Revisiting the grave: investigating memory and identity in a collective Roman rock-cut chamber tomb at Aptera, Crete

13:10-13:30 *Discussion*

13:30-15:00 **Afternoon break**

Session 3: Commemorative Practices and Funerary Materiality

Chair: S. Voutsaki

15:00-15:20	Laetitia Phialon	Late Bronze Age larnakes as potential objects with a past? A challenging question
15:20-15:40	Andreas Leventis	Contexts of commemoration: reused ceramics and mortuary practices in Hellenistic Acharnai
15:40-16:00	Tamara M. Dijkstra	‘τὴν σωματοθήκην κατασκεύασεν ἑαυτῷ’ - reconstructing ritual acts and commemorative practices from inscribed funerary monuments
16:00-16:20	Maria-Ioanna Christopoulou	In and out of context: funerary portrait statues extra and intra muros in late Hellenistic-Early Imperial Province of Achaia
16:20-16:40	Jonathan Ritter	The roman funerary monuments of Apollonia and their imagery

16:40-17:00 *Discussion*

17:00-17:30 **Coffee break**

Session 4: **Negotiating Identity through Death**

Chair: M. Milidakis

17:30-17:50	Eleni Papadopoulou	The Language of Burial: funerary practices and social identities at Maroulas, Crete
17:50-18:10	Mercourios Georgiadis	The warrior ethos in the Aegean Bronze Age burials and the broader trends in the Mediterranean
18:10-18:30	Evangelia Georgedaki	Women in ancient Crete: funerary monuments and inscriptions as mirrors of social identity
18:30-18:50	Photeini Balla	Child (and infant?) burials of the early classical period from Sikyon
18:50-19:10	Kaja Stemberger Flegar	How the "problematic dead" were treated in Roman period Slovenia

19:10-19:30 *Discussion*

Day 2 – Saturday, October 25th 2025

Session 5: **Landscapes of Burial and Movement**

Chair: M. Georgiadis

09:20-09:40	Onur Özbalaban	"All roads lead to death". Tumulus and road connection: tumuli and roads at Mount Nif (Olympos), İzmir, as a case study
09:40-10:00	Hakon Rückemann	Investigating the Frankonisi Necropolis: preliminary research into a roman burial site near Olympia
10:00-10:20	Anthi Tiliakou, Andreas Kapetanios, Maria Mexi & Alexandra Tsatsaki	Shared earth, shared bonds: forging memory and identity in a peripheral Aegean context
10:20-10:40	Manolis Stefanakis	The Necropolis of Kymissala, Rhodes, a heavily "explored" archaeological site
10:40-11:00	Katerina Tzanakaki	Archaeological evidence for the development of the cemeteries of ancient Kydonia in historical times

11:00-11:20 *Discussion*

11:20-11:50 **Coffee break**

Session 6: **Epigraphy, Inscriptions and Funerary Texts**

Chair: T. M. Dijkstra

11:50-12:10	Hasan Peker	Commemorating the dead at Karkemish: late Hittite funerary inscriptions from the necropolis of Yunus in context
12:10-12:30	Verena Meyer	Gender and sex-related commemoration through grave markers in Geometric Attica: evidence from kraters and amphorae
12:30-12:50	Myrina Kalaitzi & Anastasios Kakamanoudis	Second lives, lasting images: the painted funerary stelai reused in the “Great Tumulus” and traces of commemoration at Aigai, Macedonia.
12:50-13:10	Hava Bracha Korzakova	Different types of inscriptions in the “Sidonian” burial cave in Maresha and their significance for studying the local discourse
13:10-13:30	<i>Discussion</i>	
13:30-15:00	Afternoon break	

Session 7: **Regional Case Studies and Cultural Entanglements**

Chair: B. Hürmüzlü

15:00-15:20	Aristodimos Tsanaktsidis	Memory and oblivion. Case studies from the eastern cemetery of Amphipolis
15:20-15:40	Boaz Zissu & Eyal Baruch	Between worlds: death and burial in Hellenistic and Roman Jerusalem
15:40-16:00	Nurettin Arslan & Nilden Ergün	Hellenistic family graves of Assos Necropolis
16:00-16:20	Müjde Peker	Between Lydia and Ionia: grave types and their contexts of the necropoleis at Mount Nif (Olympos), Izmir
16:20-16:40	Niknam Najib	The role of ancient funerary traditions on the diversity of mortuary practices and burial rites in the Sasanian period
16:40-17:00	<i>Discussion</i>	
17:00-17:30	Coffee break	

Session 8: Theoretical Approaches and Marginal Deathways

Chair: N. Dimakis

17:30-17:50	Michael Milidakis & Michael Iliakis	Ἐκείνων δὲ διαπρεπὴ τὴν ἀρετὴν κρίναντες αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸν τάφον ἐποίησαν: an (re)assessment of the research on the Marathon Tumulus
17:50-18:10	Anastasia Perysinaki	<i>Et inter mori avaritia vivit</i> ; coins for the dead of Argos Orestikon in Northwestern Greece
18:10-18:30	Nicholas Aherne	Theoretical approaches to garland sarcophagi in roman Phoenicia: from glocalisation to funerary ritual
18:30-18:50	Banu Özdilek	The Necropolis of Neapolis, a military-rural settlement from the Peripolion of Termessos: an evaluation based on local workshops; tomb types, iconography, funerary cult, inscriptions
18:50-19:10	Themistoklis Lianos	Cooking vessels and food in the funerary contexts of Crete during the Early Iron Age: balancing between symbolic and practical value
19:10-19:30	Discussion	
19:30-19:45	Closing Remarks	

Day 3 – Sunday, October 26th 2025

09:00-12:00	Aptera site visit (speakers only)
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