

HOW TO FORTIFY A POLIS: WALLS FOR AND AGAINST WHOM?

A Hybrid Conference (in presence and online)

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at the Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg, Department of Classics

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Why build a fortification? A simple question leads to complicated answers that can only be discussed in a wider context. The fortifications of Aigeira are the focus of a project, funded by the FWF that tries to tackle issues around context, chronology, and architecture. Work on the walls started in 2017 and is now a cooperative project of the University of Salzburg and the Austrian Archaeological Institute. The difficulty of dealing with such complicated structures as fortifications, in which political, social, economic and historical issues are inevitably intertwined, motivates to discuss general issues of fortifications in a Greek context, focusing on Hellenistic times, but looking into other periods as well.

Program

Thursday, May 19, 2022

9.00 – 9:30	Opening Welcome note by Monika Frass, head of department Introduction by Birgitta Eder, director of the Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens Welcome note by Alexander Sokolicek, Salzburg, and Federica Iannone, Athens
9.30-9.50	A. Sokolicek – F. Iannone, The fortifications of Aigeira
9.50-10.10	C. Katsarou, Aigae and Phelloe: a tour of the historical route of eastern Achaia (Aigialeia) through the ancient walls of two archaeological sites adjacent to Aigeira
10.10-10.30	W. Gauß, The historical landscape of Aigeira
10.30-11.00	Discussion
	COFFEE BREAK
11.30-11.50	A. Pontrandolfo, The Egialea Survey Project
11.50-12.10	G. Alexopoulou, The fortification of Arkadian Psophis
12.10-12.30	O. Hülden, The fortifications of Leontion
12.30-13.00	Discussion
	LUNCH BREAK
14.30-14.50	K. Kissas – P. Scherrer, Die griechischen und österreichischen Feldforschungen zur Stadtmauer von Pheneos
14.50-15.10	S. Müth - K. Kissas, The quest for the city walls of old Sikyon
15.10-15.30	Y. Lolos, Fortifying new Sikyon in the northern Peloponnese (online)
15.30-16.00	Discussion
16.00-16.20	COFFEE BREAK
16.20-16.40	J. Donati, Fortifications and town-planning in the Peloponnese (online)
16.40-17:00	G. La Torre – A.T. Raffa, The fortifications of Skoutoussa (online)
17.00-17.20	D. Pullen – P. Sapiststein, The circuit walls of Kalamianos: Fortification? City wall? Boundary wall? (online)
17.20-17.40	E. Richter, Fortifying a keystone. The city wall of Samiko in Triphylia
17.40-18.10	Discussion
	BREAK
18.30-19.10	Keynote Lecture: A. Rizakis, Aigeira in Aigialeia: Frontiers and territory of a city-state through space and time
20.00	<i>Dinner for speakers</i>

Friday, May 20, 2022

- 9.00-9.20 C. Baier, The unwallied asty of Lousoi: alternative concepts of security policy in antiquity (online)
- 9.20-9.50 R. Rönnlund, The multi-phase fortress site of Metamorfofi, Karditsa, Thessaly (online)
- 9.50-10.20 E. Laufer, Die Befestigungen von Orchomenos (Böotien) – Beobachtungen und Perspektiven neuer Feldforschung 2021 (online)
- 10.20-10.50 K. Markos, Boiotian coastal and frontier fortifications and the defences of the regions
- 10.50-11.20 **Discussion**
- 11.20-11.40 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.40-12.00 L. G. Nicolae – R. Smetana, The ‘Fortifications of Aigeira’ Project. A preliminary study of ceramic assemblages
- 12.00-12.20 M. Scafuro, Study and analysis of archaeological artefacts from the Egialea Survey Project: methodology and results
- 12.20-12.50 R. Klöckl, Funde und Fundament. Fundmaterial von der Befestigungsmauer in Pheneos
- 12.50-13.30 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 13.30-15.00 **Final discussion**

Afternoon Departure

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