

ComPAS Afternoon Seminar Series

The ERC Starting Grant ComPAS
invites you to a hybrid lecture
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titled:

Measuring the flow of trade in the Eastern Mediterranean during the 2nd millennium BCE: Capacity studies of imported Maritime Transport Containers

Summary:

The first amphorae manufactured in the Levant at the beginning of the 2nd millennium BC bear witness to the development of maritime trade in the eastern Mediterranean. Also known as 'Canaanite jars', these Levantine amphorae were valued for their contents and were regularly imported into Egypt, Cyprus and the Aegean. They provide valuable insights into Mediterranean connectivity, exchange networks and trade logistics.

The development of their shape reflects the logistical progress that facilitated handling, increased strength and improved efficiency. Investigating the capacity of such ceramic vessels adds considerable insights to their study, and sheds light in the dynamics of exchanges that took place across the Mediterranean. This approach can also pinpoint regional patterns and specific preferences depending on import areas, as well as explore fluctuation of maritime trade.

As part of the ERC 'ComPAS' project, a volumetric study will focus on Maritime Transport Containers, such as the 'Canaanite jars', but also on Egyptian amphorae and Aegean Transport Stirrup Jars shipped to Cyprus during the Late Bronze Age and the Early Iron Age. The aim of this capacity-focused analysis is to gain a deeper understanding of the commercial practices and economic shifts that occurred during this period and to illuminate a poorly understood chapter in Mediterranean history.



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