

INSIGHT 2022–2024

An international, hybrid workshop on
the University of Cyprus A.G. Leventis Foundation research project

**A unique monument at the crossroads of political
transformation:**

**Investigation and documentation of the
Palaepaphos-*Laona* tumulus**

Organised in the framework of
the Palaepaphos Urban Landscape Project
(PULP 2006–2024)



Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus
Saturday, 20 April 2024

9.30–10.00

Welcome addresses

Professor Maria Iacovou

Director of PULP – Principal Investigator,
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Professor Vasiliki Kassianidou

Deputy Minister of Culture

Professor Tasos Christofides

Rector, University of Cyprus

Dr Giorgos Georgiou

Director, Department of Antiquities, Cyprus

Professor Ourania Kouka

Deputy Director, Archaeological Research Unit

Part I: The mound

10.00–10.20

***Laona* 2011–2024: Introducing the research
associates and the development of a research
methodology**

Maria Iacovou (University of Cyprus)

10.20–10.40

***Laona*: Geomorphological identification**

Zomenia Zomeni (Cyprus Geological Survey)

10.40–11.10

Coffee break

11.10–11.30

**An overview of the digital documentation of the
tumulus of *Laona* during the period 2011–2023**

Athos Agapiou and Kyriakos Themistokleous
(Cyprus University of Technology)

- 11.30–11.50 **The geoarchaeological study of the monumental earthwork at *Laona***
Myrsini Gkouma (STARC, Cyprus Institute) and Takis Karkanas (M. Wiener Lab, ASCSA)
- 11.50–12.10 **Mapping the subterranean context of the tumulus at *Laona***
Apostolos Sarris (University of Cyprus) and Nikos Papadopoulos (Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Crete)
- PART II: Monuments revealed under the mound — excavation and documentation**
- 12.10–12.30 **Excavating the pseudo-monument and the rampart at *Laona***
Jacopo Tabolli (Università per Stranieri, Siena)
- 12.30–12.50 **The use of advanced geomatic technologies for the documentation of archaeological sites: Survey, study, and analysis of the complex geometries at Palaepaphos-*Laona***
Daniella Oreni, Branka Cuca, Luigi Barazetti (Politecnico di Milano) and Athos Agapiou (Cyprus University of Technology)
- 12.50–13.10 **Discussion**
- 13.10–14.20 **Lunch break**
- PART III: Ceramic analysis, dating and historical interpretation at the crossroads of political transformation**
- 14.20–14.40 **Ceramic testimonies from a unique monument: The typo-chronological examination of the pottery from *Laona***
Artemis Georgiou and Anna Georgiadou (University of Cyprus)
- 14.40–15.00 **Revisiting the transition from the Cypro-Classical to the Hellenistic period: 12 years later**
Giorgos Papantoniou (Trinity College Dublin)
- 15.00–15.20 **Cyprus and the Macedonians: From the conquest to the establishment of royal power and administrative structures**
Panos Christodoulou (European University Cyprus)
- 15.20–15.40 **Is *Laona* a burial tumulus? A landscape analysis approach to an enigma**
Maria Iacovou (University of Cyprus)
- 15.40–16.00 **Discussion**