



CERASTONE PROJECT

WORKSHOP

EARLIER OR LATER? DEBATING THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE EPN ENTITIES IN THE SOUTHERN LEVANT

On the Thursday 3rd December 2020 at the French Research Center in Jerusalem

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ABSTRACT:

The chronology of the different Early Pottery Neolithic cultural entities has been the subject of strong debates among the scientific community for decades. According to the specialists of this time period, the "Yarmukian" culture would be contemporary or later than the "Jericho IX-Lodian" one. However, the chronological data (relative and absolute dating) currently available for the Early Pottery Neolithic remains very fragile, preventing to give a clear opinion on this issue. The stratigraphic sequence of main EPN settlements have so far not been reconstructed in details; Most of the C14 dating proves to be problematic.

This workshop will be the opportunity to conduct a thorough critical review of the different theories put forward on the chronology of the "Yarmukian", "Jericho IX-Lodian" and other Early Pottery Neolithic entities by bringing together French and Israeli colleagues. It will be the opportunity to discuss methodological problems related to the dating of Levantine Neolithic sites and possible solutions to build an accurate chrono-stratigraphic framework for the EPN.

PROGRAMME:

9.30-9.45: Vincent Lemire (Director, CRFJ) & Ianir Milevski (head of the Prehistoric department, IAA)

Welcome to the workshop - fruitful collaboration between CRFJ and IAA

9.45-10.15: Anna Eirikh-Rose (Researcher, IAA) & Julien Vieugué (Researcher, CNRS)

The different Early Pottery Neolithic entities and the periodization problem.

10.15-10.45: Yosef Garfinkel (Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Early Pottery Sequence in the Southern Levant

10.45-11.15: Avi Gopher (Professor, Tel Aviv University)

Traditional Culture History dynamics: Pottery Neolithic time-space grids in the southern Levant

11.15-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.00: Nimrod Getzov (Researcher, IAA) & Ianir Milevski (Researcher, IAA)

Between the Yarmukian culture and the Nahal Zippori horizon: on cultures and chronological phases of the Pottery Neolithic in the southern Levant

12.00-12.30: Julien Vieugué (Researcher, CNRS), Anna Eirikh-Rose (Researcher, IAA), Julie Bessenay (Post-doc), Philippe Lanos (Researcher, CNRS), Lucile Beck (Researcher, CNRS), Christine Oberlin (Researcher, CNRS), Matthieu Lebon (Lecturer, MNHN).

Building a high-resolution chrono-stratigraphic framework for the EPN period in the Southern Levant: problems and solutions.

12.30-13.00: Discussion

13.00-14.30: Lunch

14.30-17.30: CERASTONE project - meeting of the scientific team



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