Animal sacrifice in Bronze Age Greece. Archaeozoological data and the challenge of their interpretation

Were animals sacrificed in Bronze Age Greece? Starting from this basic question the presentation will examine the relation between the actual archaeological evidence for animal sacrifice and its interpretation. It will highlight some of the assumptions that underlay research on animal sacrifice in the Bronze Age Aegean, will focus on the types of material traces these sacrifices may leave behind and will discuss the importance of excavation processes, stratigraphy and context in tracing animal sacrifices in the archaeological record. Some of the most emblematic case studies and certain less well known ones will be examined in the process.

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