

Introduction & “housekeeping”



Entanglements

About the module

- Examining **material evidence** for cultural contacts between the Bronze Age civilisations of East Mediterranean
 - Aegean, Cyprus, Levant & Egypt
- Assessing **theoretical approaches** to interpret the range & nature of contacts



Egyptian faience dish, Enkomi

Topics

- World Systems theory in third millennium BC
- Exotics & the politics of distance in EBA Cyclades
- Colonisation & Minoan thalassocracy
- Gift exchange: Egypt & the Aegean
- Hybridity and glyptic in the Eastern Mediterranean
- Commodities & the pottery trade
- Hybridity & the Shaft Graves
- Biography/itinerary of object & Amenhotep III's Aegean embassy
- Technologies of Enchantment & International style
- ANT & Copper production in Bronze Age Cyprus
- Distance and Ideological Potency

Assignments

- Object analysis: 2000-words (for 40% of overall mark) – Due Sunday, November 12th, 2023, at 23:59
 - Choose a Bronze Age object (3rd-2nd millennium BC) from either the Aegean, Cyprus or the Levant that demonstrates connectivity between cultures. You should provide a description of the object in your own words and an analysis of how the object might illustrate international connectivity in the Bronze Age East Mediterranean. The discussion should draw upon one of the theoretical approaches to the material world covered in the module.
 - The choice is yours but please discuss with the module convenor.
- 3000-word essay (for 60% of overall mark) – Due Sunday, November 19th, 2023, at 23:59
 - Drawing upon a variety of archaeological case studies consider how useful theoretically informed analyses are for exploring culture contact and the material and social worlds of the people of the Bronze Age East Mediterranean (3rd-2nd millennium BC).
 - You should focus on one of the theories covered in the module (different to the theory used in the object analysis).

Referencing and Citations

- Assessments should be referenced using the Harvard Manual of Style
- In text citations:
 - All secondary scholarship and primary evidence referred to must be cited in the body of the text or in footnotes
 - [Author] [Date]: [Page Number]
 - Steel 2012: 56
- Bibliography
 - Steel, L. 2012. *Materiality and Consumption in the Bronze Age Mediterranean*. Abingdon and New York: Routledge.

British Museum Websites

- Enkomi: <https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/term/x31300>
- Hala Sultan Tekke: <https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/term/x31312>