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Title: A diachronic, spatial analysis of the Late Bronze Age site at Dromolaxia-Vyzakia 'Hala Sultan Tekke' (Cyprus) in relation to the surrounding landscape

Abstract: Apart from a few 19th century British missions, the archaeological site of 'Hala Sultan Tekke' has been excavated for more than 40 years by Swedish archaeological expeditions, and since 2001 in cooperation with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The site had its floruit in the Late Cypriot IIC and IIIA periods (13th and 12th centuries BCE), but the oldest occupation evidence go back to the Middle Cypriot II period (ca. 1750-1650 BCE). Traces of human activity are found in several localities of the current village of Dromolaxia (Melissari, Trypes, Vyzakia), all situated west of Hala Sultan Tekke, a mosque located on the west bank of Larnaca's Salt Lake, which was a navigable lagoon in the Bronze Age. The research of the Bronze Age site 'Hala Sultan Tekke' at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel is twofold: (1) the post-excavation analysis of the unpublished excavation campaigns between 1979 and 2005, and (2) the investigation of the evolving role of this coastal site in relation to the surrounding landscape. In spite of recent geophysical surveys at Dromolaxia-Vyzakia, and the documentation of a quarter of an urban area by means of 3D-scanning, a lot of questions remain unsolved regarding the spatial make-up within the built environment, as well as the intra-site organisation of urban and industrial quarters, burial grounds and intermediate open space. Therefore, we would welcome a postdoctoral researcher that could tackle some of these questions by means of space syntax analysis, GIS-based landscape analysis and 3D modelling approaches.

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