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Copper production and trade in Middle Bronze Age Cyprus: The view from Lapithos

by

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The subject: **The site of Lapithos, on the north coast of Cyprus, was excavated in the early 20th century yielding over 1800 copper-base artefacts and more than 150 imported objects of faience, gold, silver, lead, copper and bronze from 140 tombs. This material and current excavations are challenging the view that Middle Bronze Age in Cyprus (ca 2000–1700 BC) was an agro-pastoral collection of villages largely isolated from the eastern Mediterranean world. The lecture will present current research on the 1913 Lapithos excavations. The results of X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry analyses of 415 copper-base objects from Lapithos is one of the largest site-specific datasets for the Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean and gives evidence for the use of non-local tin, alloying, recycling and mixing practices on Cyprus.**

The Speaker: **Dr Jennifer Webb is Adjunct Professor at La Trobe University and a Senior Research Associate at the University of Cyprus. She has devoted many years to archaeological research on Cyprus and has co-directed several excavations on the island. She is currently publishing over 80 Middle Bronze Age tombs excavated at Lapithos in 1913 and 1917. She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and of the Society of Antiquaries, London, and in 2017 was made a Member of the Order of Australia, for 'significant service to education, particularly to archaeology'**

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