

SGOA-Conference
Chronology of Cilicia

An ARCANE related Approach for the Chronology of the 3rd to the 1st Millennia BCE
Bern, November 22–24

The ancient region of Cilicia in the south of modern Turkey always played an important role as a hinge between Syro-Mesopotamia, the Levant, Cyprus, the Aegean and Central Anatolia. Due to these diverse relationships, which are strongly reflected in the archaeological material, the region also plays an important role in the comparative chronology of these areas. It is therefore essential to have access to a solid regional chronology of Cilicia, based on all aspects of historical information, archaeological remains and scientific data. Such a chronology does not yet exist, although all major Bronze Age and Iron Age sites of the region are currently being archaeologically investigated. For this reason, the aim of this conference and the underlying project is to develop such a regional chronology. An initial foundation was laid at three workshops and a resulting publication (Cilician Chronology Group 2017). By means of a comparative analysis of architecture, stratigraphy, pottery, objects and radiocarbon data from all ongoing excavation projects in Cilicia, a solid, holistically compiled chronology from the early 3rd millennium to the 1st century BCE is to be created. Methodologically, the procedure is based on the ARCANE project.¹

The conference will bring together all researchers with main responsibility for Cilicia, who will present their sites and give comprehensive lectures on various topics. On this basis, the regional chronology will be discussed and developed. The event will take place from 22–24 November 2024 in Bern, UniMittelstrasse. The results will be published as a monograph in the ARCANE series by Brepols Publishers in Turnhout, Belgium.

Speakers and Topics:

Speaker	Country	Topic
Dr. Mirco Brunner	Switzerland	Radiocarbon Dating
Gabriele Elsen-Novák M.A.	Switzerland	Glyptics
Prof. Dr. Marie-Henriette Gates	France/USA	Kinet Höyük
Prof. Dr. Charles Gates	France/USA	Kinet Höyük
Doc. Dr. Elif Genç	Turkey	Glyptics
Doc. Dr. Serdar Girginer	Turkey	Tatarlı Höyük
Dr. Özlem Oyman-Girginer	Turkey	Tatarlı Höyük
Prof. Dr. Barbara Helwing	Germany	Metal objects
Silvana Hunger M.A.	Switzerland	Objects
Dr. Eric Jean	Turkey/France	Mersin-Yumuktepe
Prof. Dr. Ekin Kozal	Turkey	Sirkeli Höyük
Dr. Sabina Kulemann-Ossen	Switzerland	Sirkeli Höyük
Prof. Dr. Gunnar Lehmann	Israel	Kinet Höyük
Dr. Lutz Martin	Germany	Metal objects
Dr. des. Sophia Marxer	Switzerland	Sirkeli Höyük
Prof. Dr. Mirko Novák	Switzerland	Organizer, Sirkeli Höyük
Prof. Dr. Aslı Özyar	Turkey	Tarsus-Gözlükule
Prof. Dr. Annick Payne	Italy	History, Iron Age
Prof. Dr. Isabella Caneva	Italy	Mersin-Yumuktepe
Dr. Susanne Rutishauser	Switzerland	Organizer
Doc. Dr. Fatma Şahin	Turkey	Adana-Tepebağ and Keşbukü
Prof. Dr. Piotr Steinkeller	USA	History, Early Bronze Age
Prof. Dr. Sönke Szidat	Switzerland	Radiocarbon Dating

¹ M. Lebeau (ed.), *Jezirah, Associated Regional Chronologies for the Ancient Near East and Eastern Mediterranean* 1. Turnhout 2012.

Dr. Andrea Trameri	Italy/Germany	History, Late Bronze Age
Dr. Elif Ünlü	Turkey	Tarsus-Gözlükule
Prof. Dr. Remzi Yağci	Turkey	Soli Höyük
Prof. Dr. Nele Ziegler	France	History, Middle Bronze Age
Dr. Deniz Yaşın	Switzerland	Adana-Tepebağ

Session 1 (Friday 22nd): The Sites

13:00	Welcome address and introduction	Susanne Rutishauser, Mirko Novák
13:30	ARCANE methodology	Marc Lebeau, Mirko Novák
14:00	Soli Höyük	Remzi Yağci
14:30	Mersin-Yumuktepe	Giulio Palombi, Eric Jean
15:00	Tarsus-Gözlükule	Aslı Özyar, Elif Ünlü
15:30	Adana Tepebağ 1 and Keşbukü	Fatma Şahin
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30	Adana Tepebağ 2	Deniz Yaşın
17:00	Sirkeli Höyük	Mirko Novák
17:30	Tatarlı Höyük	Serdar Girginer, Özlem Oyman-Girginer
18:00	Kinet Höyük	Marie-Henriette Gates
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>	

Session 2 (Saturday 23rd): The Topics 1

09:00	Urbanism	Mirko Novák and Susanne Rutishauser
09:30	Architecture	Aslı Özyar
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	Terracotta figurines and small objects	Marie-Henriette Gates, Remzi Yağci
11:30	Metal objects	Barbara Helwing, Lutz Martin, Silvana Hunger
12:00	Art and glyptic	Elif Genç, Serdar Girginer, Gabriele Elsen-Novák
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	

Session 3 (Saturday 23rd): The Topics 2

14:00	Pottery: 3 rd millennium	Deniz Yaşın, Özlem Oyman-Girginer
14:30	Pottery: First half 2 nd Millennium	Elif Ünlü, Ekin Kozal
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00	Pottery: Second half 2 nd Millennium	Ekin Kozal, Elif Ünlü, Özlem Oyman-Girginer
17:00	Pottery: First half 1 st Millennium	Gunnar Lehmann, Sabina Kulemann-Ossen
18:00	Summary: Discussion	Charles Gates
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>	

Session 4 (Sunday 24th): The Chronology

09:00	History 3 rd Millennium	Piotr Steinkeller
09:30	History early 2 nd Millennium	Nele Ziegler
10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30	History late 2 nd Millennium	Andrea Trameri
11:00	History 1 st Millennium	Annick Payne
11:30	Terminology and periodisation	Mirko Novák
12:30	Timeline for further progress and publication	Susanne Rutishauser
13:00	<i>Lunch and end</i>	