

RESEARCH SEMINAR SRII, Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 16:00

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Building the Bronze Age: labour and construction on the prepalatial Greek mainland (ca. $2000-1400\,\mathrm{BCE}$)

In this seminar I will present part of my doctoral project about the construction of increasingly big and complicated architecture. I use a method called architectural energetics to estimate the amount of labour necessary to build these structures, so that we can inquire about the social structures that underlie them. How many people were needed to build a house? And when did buildings become so big that individual household could no longer rely only on the help of friends and family?