



Symposium Report

INTERCONNECTIONS AND REGIONAL NARRATIVES IN MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY (CA. 1700–700 BCE)

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This symposium was coordinated by Amihai Mazar (The Hebrew University), Aren Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), and Assaf Yasur-Landau (University of California, Santa Cruz), and held at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Feldman Building, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Givat Ram Campus.

A group of distinguished scholars addressed the tension between pan-Mediterranean perspectives in history and archaeology, as opposed to perspectives more oriented to the uniqueness of each regional narrative. Wishing to explore a wide range of cultural phenomena in the eastern Mediterranean, this group attempted to define similarities and differences in the patterns of inter- and intra-regional interaction and development within this wide framework. A number of papers related to interconnections between ancient Egypt and its neighbors, and the following (in order of presentation) were of particular note in this regard:

MANFRED BIETAK (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA)
“THE MINOAN CONNECTIONS OF EGYPT”

ROBERT SCHIESTL (FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, GERMANY)
“THE ASIATIC COMMUNITY AT TELL EL-DAB’A”

YUVAL GOREN (TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, ISRAEL)
“INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN: THE CASE OF THE ULUBURUN SHIP
AS SEEN THROUGH THE PETROGRAPHIC MICROSCOPE”

JOANNA SMITH (COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, USA)
“REGIONALISM AND THE ROLE OF CYPRUS
IN MEDITERRANEAN INTERCONNECTIONS”