

Connectivity and indigenous dynamics: transformation in the Mediterranean (TiMe) (1200 – 500 BC).

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This symposium, linked to a new European network (TiMe) coordinated by the University of Vienna, will examine the tension between connectivity in the Mediterranean and local political transformations, during the crucial period of the late second and early first millennium BC. Papers will examine a) the changing technologies underlying new forms of connectivity, b) post colonial approaches to objects “entangled” in this connectivity, and c) the varied political trajectories of key zones of the Mediterranean during the same timeframe: Egypt, Cyprus, Crete, the Aegean islands and the Greek mainland, Central Italy, Southern France/Germany, Sardinia and Malta. Introductory papers will address d) the issue of establishing a sound comparative chronology and e) the environmental context within which these political changes took place.

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