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Cross-Cultural Dynamics, Strategic Significance and Economic Organization at Pyla-Kokkinokremos in the Late Bronze Age

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Abstract

This presentation will discuss recent excavation findings from the site of Pyla-Kokkinokremos, shedding new light on its pivotal role during the Late Bronze Age. Located on the southeast coast of Cyprus, Pyla occupied a highly strategic position, controlling both maritime and overland trade routes. These trade networks extending to regions like Sardinia, Mycenaean Greece, Anatolia, the Levant, and Egypt, highlight Pyla-Kokkinokremos as a crucial hub in cross-cultural exchanges. The sudden abandonment of the site, marked by well-preserved floor inventories and hoarded valuables, offers a unique 'time capsule' to examine the processes of migration, trade, and cultural exchange among Mediterranean populations during the breakdown of the Bronze Age world. Pyla provides valuable insights into economic activity as well as defensive architecture and urban planning. The discovery of well-constructed residential units and significant investment in infrastructure suggests a centralized authority, while evidence of diverse economic activities, including metal recycling and textile production, underscores its role as a dynamic and interconnected community.

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