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Navigating trade routes in the eastern Mediterranean: A multifaceted study of Levantine transport containers in the Paphos region during the Late Bronze AgeEarly Iron Age

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Abstract

A holistic study of maritime transport containers has been undertaken within the framework of the interdisciplinary research project CompAS, funded by the European Research Council. The project integrates advanced scientific methods to enhance our understanding of the commercial connectivity in the eastern Mediterranean maintained by the Cypriot polities during the Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age span (ca. 1650-750 BC). This presentation focuses on the case study of the Paphos region, where a considerable corpus of imported transport containers, primarily Levantine amphorae (Canaanite Jars), has been identified from the urban centre of Kouklia (Palaepaphos), as well as from sites within the broader region of Paphos, based on both newly excavated contexts and legacy data spanning from the Late Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age. This contribution will examine the typological, morpho-functional and technological characteristics of these Levantine imports, along with their capacity and marking systems, with the aim of providing a more comprehensive insight into the development of maritime networks maintained between communities in Paphos and the Levant.

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