

Preface

The reflections on the Od series in this study were initiated during a study period at the Archaeological Museum in Heraklion in 1994. During my doctoral studies in Salzburg, the ideas on the Mycenaean administration and the principles of Mycenaean economy matured, in close collaboration with Prof. Sigrid DEGER-JALKOTZY. This resulted in a preliminary classification and reflection.¹ Prof. Sigrid DEGER-JALKOTZY suggested focusing on the classification and interpretation of this series in a post-doctoral work.

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Palaeography requires skills, experience and knowledge, and a good deal of intuition. This study, however, demonstrates some concrete parameters based on measurements, logic, patterns and plausibility, which can be used in addition to the other skills in Mycenaean palaeography.

Finally, the invitation from Prof. Sigrid DEGER-JALKOTZY to publish the results in the series of the Mycenaean Commission is a great honour for me and I thank her for her trust.

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¹ NOSCH 2000a.

