

Preface by the Series Editor

The 9th volume of the publication series *Oriental and European Archaeology*, encompasses the outcome of an international and interdisciplinary workshop at the 20th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists held in Istanbul, Turkey. The workshop took place from the 10th–14th September 2014, and was organised by Stefanos Gimatzidis, Magda Pieniżek and Sila Mangaloğlu-Votruba. With their focus on Archaeology across Frontiers and Borderlands, they shed new light onto a current topic within the context of the 21st century.

This volume continues the main aims of the OREA series to publish current debates in the context of new primary data for a broader scientific audience of archaeologists working in Europe, the Near East, Mesopotamia, Anatolia or the Mediterranean.

The underlying objective of this volume is a theoretical debate on the archaeology at the crossroads of the Balkans, the Aegean and Anatolia, and its interrelation with social and political life in this historically turbulent region. The focus of the papers is the perception of the past within the local perspectives of modern nation states (migrations and ethnic continuities in the service of modern ethno-geneses, etc.). The main issues discussed are the potential of material culture for establishing definitions of modern and past identities, local and inter-regional connectivity, as well as materiality of things in a dialectic approach of people and objects. The transformations in function or symbolism of objects after re-contextualisation in the past and present, the interaction within alternating historical environments, and cultural entanglements are discussed in several papers.

The organisers of the conference have successfully brought together internationally well-known inter- and transdisciplinary specialists, who have contributed to research questions about cross cultural exchange. The 20 papers within this volume highlight exchange networks as well as foreign influences on subsistence, settlement patterns and migrations from the Late Bronze Age to the Iron Age between Western Anatolia, the Balkans and wider Europe. Interaction among different societies and cultures, as well as the exchange of goods and ideas, are other important topics of this book.

Domestic, cultic and public architecture, artefact groups and burial rites have always been employed in the archaeological process of defining identities; however, these identities were not static but rather underwent constant transformations. This volume will certainly contribute to highlighting new research questions about the transition from the Bronze to the Iron Ages in the Balkans, Aegean and Anatolia. The new generation of researchers working in these regions is creating a new approach and theoretically contextualised debates as demonstrated in this OREA volume. My sincere thanks go to the editors of this volume and the authors of all contributions for sharing their expertise and perspectives about *Archaeology Across Frontiers and Borderlands*. Financial support has been provided by the OREA Institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Ulrike Schuh was responsible for the editorial work and Kelly Gillikin for the English language editing; the layout was done by Marian Negrete Martínez and Angela Schwab. I warmly thank all of them for their thorough work and engagement.

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