



The House of Cyprus,  
the Laboratory of Archaeology and Art History (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), and  
the MA Program in Greek and Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

invite you to the lecture of

**Evi Margaritis**  
**Associate Professor (STARC, The Cyprus Institute)**

**Agriculture, Landscape, and Culinary Practices in Cyprus Through Time**

**Thursday, 06 June 2024**

**Library Auditorium**  
(School of Philosophy, Main University Campus)

**16:00-18:00**

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## Abstract

Archaeobotanical studies in Cyprus have significantly advanced our understanding of plant domestication, introduction to the island, environmental changes, agricultural practices, diet, economy, and daily and social life. Although much of this research has focused on the Neolithic and Chalcolithic periods, later periods have remained largely unexplored until recently. This lecture will highlight current research on the urban centers of both the 2nd and 1st millennia BCE in Cyprus. Utilizing various proxies within the framework of One Environmental Archaeology, the lecture will examine plant macro remains (such as seeds and charcoal), micro remains (phytoliths and starches), and remnants of processed food. This comprehensive approach aims to reconstruct the agricultural practices and culinary traditions of the island over time.



## Evi Margaritis



Dr Evi Margaritis, is Associate Professor in Environmental Archaeology. She is an expert in the field of Mediterranean Archaeobotany; her research involves olive oil and wine production in the EMME; ritual use of plants in prehistoric and early historic Europe; first states in 2nd millennium BCE Europe; Greek and Roman agriculture; culinary practices and agricultural history of Cyprus. She collaborates with more than 30 Universities and research institutions across the world. Dr Margaritis was awarded considerable funding from the Research and Innovation Foundation of the Republic of Cyprus, co-funded by the European Union, for two projects: URBAN: The antecedents of urbanism in Europe (EXCELLENCE/1216/0463) and MEDISFOOD: Mediterranean Island Life Modes: Foodwebs, Agricultural Practices and Social Complexity in Crete and Cyprus in the Bronze Age (EXCELLENCE/0421/0447). Currently she is the assistant director of the Cambridge Keros Excavation Project, one of the most multidisciplinary projects in the East Mediterranean, where she is director of Environmental Studies for the project. Dr Margaritis has been acting as a reviewer for peer-reviewed journals such as *Vegetation History and Archaeobotany*, *Journal of Archaeological Science* and *American Journal of Archaeology*. Her publication record includes numerous publications in peer reviewed journals and chapters in collective volumes; she is the editor of three volumes, one of which focuses on Cyprus<sup>15</sup> and she has co-authored a monograph.