



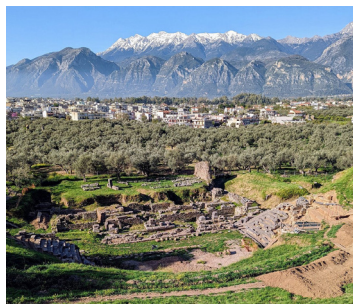
The Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens

PUBLIC LECTURE

“Sparta beyond Lakonia: A Mediterranean Perspective (800-500 BCE)”

by

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Thursday 29 May 2025
7:00pm

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Recent scholarly attention to globalisation, migration, mobility and local identity in the ancient Mediterranean has made possible much more subtle and sensitive interpretations of how Greeks interacted with each other and with non-Greek communities in the first half of the 1st millennium BCE. Yet, curiously little work has been devoted to Sparta's relationship to this wider world, and in particular where Sparta fits in connecting distant local horizons, whether through trade-networks, political alliances, Spartan settlements abroad, or Dorian cultural influence. In this talk, I will explore two case studies, Taranto and Cyrene, in order to consider how and why they articulate and maintain a material relationship to Sparta over time. By examining the extant archaeological evidence for Spartan influence at each locale, as well as how such influence was perceived by local communities and changed over time, a novel understanding of how Sparta cultivated and maintained its relationship with 'diaspora' populations beyond its territory emerges.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Daphne D. Martin completed her PhD at the University of Cambridge in 2024 on the material construction of identity in Archaic and Classical Sparta and Lakonia. Prior to this she earned a B.A. in Classics and History of Art from Yale University in 2019. She has 8+ years of archaeological experience in Greece and Italy, and has worked at museums in the USA, UK, and Europe. In August and September 2024, she was awarded the William Ritchie Visiting Fellowship at the University of Sydney to pursue her postdoctoral research on Sparta in the broader Mediterranean.