

The 'Minoan' Linear A Script of Bronze Age Crete Between Knowns & Unknowns

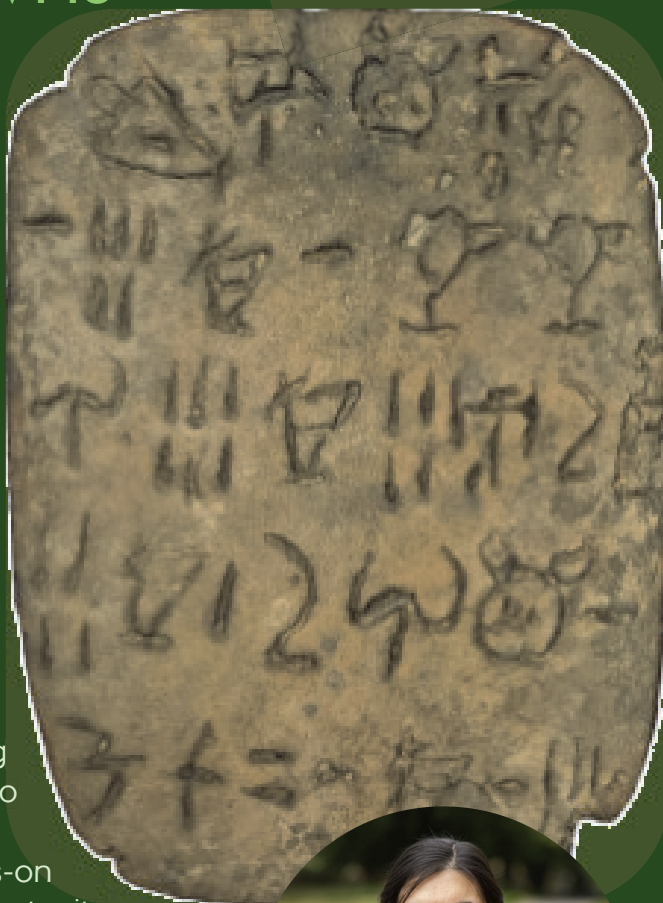
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Writing on Bronze Age Crete has a long history of use (as well as a veiled mystery), dating back to the 2nd millennium BCE. The so-called Linear A script, of ideosyllabic type, was in use in the period ca. 1800-1450 BCE on Crete and the Aegean islands (and also sporadically in mainland Greece and the Levant), and remains undeciphered to the present day.

How much do we *know* of this script, the language it encodes (the 'Minoan' language), as well as its writers, readers and users? And, perhaps more accurately, how much do we still *not* know? Swinging between *knowns* and *unknowns*, this talk will give the audience an informed overview of this enigmatic, yet fascinating script, and a captivating snapshot into current and future research pathways.

The talk will end with a short hands-on session, giving the audience the unique opportunity to 'read' and 'interpret' a Linear A inscription under the guidance of the speaker (needless to say, no prior knowledge of Linear A is required!)



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