



What did the Cypriot merchants/mariners know? Diversity of Late Bronze II Cypriote imports to Nahariya and Tell abu Hawam

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Tel Nahariya and Tel abu Hawam are situated on the coast north of the Carmel Ridge, at a distance of ca. 12 kilometers as the crow flies. While the Late Bronze II levels at Tel Nahariya indicate agricultural goods likely to have been the major terrestrial and shipping substance, those from the anchorage of Level V at TAH, indicates an Entrpôt/transshipping site with a more extensive terrestrial network, extending well beyond the fertile valleys. It was a well-situated emporium attracting links from significant sites in Cyprus and Ugarit thanks to the safe anchorage.

In this lecture, the Cypriote imports of the Late Bronze II Tel Nahariya, a possible maritime node, its 'small world' relations vs. the multi-scalar TAH with its local 'small world' and interregional and international connections, are to be presented. The Cypriot ceramic imports the two sites, while concurrent temporally, are noticeably divergent quantitatively and qualitatively.