



Modelling Connectivity, Mobility and Resilience in the Southern Levant during the Bronze and Iron Ages

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Unstable Mediterranean climate, together with the political and social fragility typical of Mediterranean micro-regions, encouraged maritime connectivity and human mobility as adaptive strategies for risk management. This workshop presentation will investigate the building blocks of the resilience achieved by palatial societies in the second millennium BCE Southern Levant, as well as the change of adaptive strategies in the transition to the Iron Age. It will be argued that:

- Adaptation measures are sometimes undertaken as a response to a broad set of interconnected challenges
- There are substantial limits and barriers to adaptation, and high adaptive capacity does not necessarily translate into actions that reduce vulnerability.
- Adaptive capacity is uneven across and within societies