



THE LEVANTINE CERAMICS PROJECT 2020 WORKSHOP Ophiolitic Clays and Petro-fabrics of Southern Anatolia & Cyprus

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Bilkent University, Ankara

The Levantine Ceramics Project (www.levantineceramics.org) and the Department of Archaeology at Bilkent University invite your participation in a workshop focused on the ophiolitic clays and petro-fabrics of southern Anatolia and Cyprus. The ophiolitic complexes of these regions share a geological substratum, and pottery made from its soils share a similar mineralogy. This makes it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to distinguish between the products of each zone via petrographic analysis.

Our aim is to pull together a range of petrographic samples and vessels in the hope that side-by-side study will reveal noticeable differences, whether via mineralogy, soil chemistry, and/or macroscopic scrutiny. Our goal is the identification and description of recognizable markers that will allow specialists to confidently identify the geographic origin of a sample (and its associated vessel).

Advance work will be crucial to this workshop's success. We ask participants to do the following:

Ceramic specialists:

- select a representative range of individual vessels from their respective sites.
- give each vessel a registration number, drawing, general photo, and break photo.
- submit vessels, with their drawings and photos, to the [LCP](#).

Ceramic petrographers:

- prepare thin-sections of the selected vessels using a protocol that allows mineralogical and matrix analyses via both petrography as well as Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM-EDS).
- analyze samples via petrography and SEM-EDS.
- add petrographic samples, descriptions, and photos to the [LCP](#), linked to their vessel entries.

Please RSVP to Andrea at aberlin@bu.edu. We look forward to receiving your positive response.

Best wishes,

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