

Description of Funded Research Projects

1st Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects
to support Post-Doctoral Researchers



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Research Project Title:

**Cypriot Connectivity in the
Mediterranean from the Late
Bronze to the end of the
Classical period: An
Interdisciplinary Approach**

Principal Investigator:
Giorgos Bourogiannis

Popular Title:

**Cypriot presence and activity in the Mediterranean
from the 16th to the 4th century BC: Archaeological,
epigraphic and numismatic evidence**

Scientific Field:

Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphy

Host Institution:

**National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF),
Institute of Historical Research**



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The 'Cypriot Connectivity in the Mediterranean from the Late Bronze to the end of the Classical period: An Interdisciplinary Approach' research project, aims at the study of Cypriot presence and activity in the Mediterranean between the Late Bronze Age, a time of great prosperity for ancient Cyprus, and the end of the Classical period, when the Cypriot city-kingdoms, the island's political institution par excellence, get abolished. This long period of c. 13 centuries (1650–310 BC) is characterised by numerous historic facts that influenced not just Cyprus but also the Mediterranean as a whole.

This multitude of historical phases gets 'translated' into an equal multitude of material and written evidence, comprising of archaeological data, inscriptions and, from the 6th century BC onwards, coins. The principal goal of the research project is to comparatively and comprehensively study Cypriot archaeological, epigraphic and numismatic evidence, from carefully-selected case studies in order to examine how Cypriot presence and activity at these selected areas get attested, develop and change over time. Given that ancient Cyprus very soon developed advanced economic structures and that it was included in multiple networks of contacts and interaction with the rest of the Mediterranean, studying and understanding the role of Cyprus in antiquity largely means to understand ancient Mediterranean as a whole. Furthermore, the remarkable adaptability of ancient Cyprus that facilitated economic and cultural prosperity of the island provides an important tool for understanding and also facing historic challenges of modern era.

The 'Cypriot Connectivity in the Mediterranean from the Late Bronze to the end of the Classical period: An Interdisciplinary Approach' research project, will strengthen classics research activity in Greece and will further develop Greek scholarship in collaboration with distinguished academic and research institutions abroad. Participation in the project of archaeologists, epigraphists and numismatists will secure the interdisciplinarity of the action. Moreover, the employment of postdoctoral researchers of different specialisms as well as of computer scientists, will strengthen knowledge economy. Academic publications, presentation of action results in international conferences and on websites, of special as well as more generic interest, will secure the dissemination of the action results and their conservation for future generations. Participation in dissemination activities with emphasis on the broader public, will reinforce society's familiarity with the methodology, results and value of classical studies, especially during periods of historic and social challenges like our own.



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Funding from the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation is a unique opportunity for research activity in my homeland, with ideal conditions and focused on my main research interests. Through my collaboration with distinguished scholars and institutions, my own scholar competence will be amplified, whereas participation and organisation of outreach activities will help to disseminate the results of my research both in Greece and abroad. Moreover, the management of the action will significantly improve my personal skills also on a more practical level.

I believe that with the completion of the action I will have significantly improved my academic and personal skills, a fact that will greatly facilitate the next step in my career.

*The Principal Investigator,
Giorgos Bourogiannis*

Funding

Amount: **159,333 €**

Duration: **36 months**

Foundation: **H.F.R.I.**





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