COURSE DETAIL

THE EMERGENCE OF CIVILISATION: PALACES, PEAK SANCTUARIES AND POLITICS IN MINOAN CRETE

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Manchester

Program(s)
University of Manchester

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History Classics

UCEAP Course Number
162

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units
5.30

Course Description
Minotaurs, labyrinth, palaces, matriarchy, Mother Goddess, peace-loving, naval empire, cannibalism – many concepts and ideas have been associated with the colourful Minoan civilization that existed on Crete during the Bronze Age (ca. 3000-1400 BC). However, many of these are based on a misunderstanding or misreading of the evidence. To overcome the legacy of Victorian scholarship, theoretical frameworks are brought to bear upon the available archaeological and scientific evidence in an attempt to problematise key themes around the emergence, endurance and demise of Minoan society. Topics include: major social changes, such as the transition from hunter-gatherer to agriculturalist/pastoralist, the emergence of urban centres, the social context of the appearance of palaces, burial practices and the treatment of the dead, religion as a tool of community cohesion as well as of palatial control, interaction with neighbouring regions and the question of political control as well as the eventual demise of the Minoan civilization and the debate around a invasion by the Mycenaeans.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
CAHE20221

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
University of Manchester

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
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