

Bringing Life to Old MUSEum COllections: The interdisciplinary study of pottery from the Cypriot Iron Age polities of Salamis, Soloi, Lapithos and Chytroi (EXCELLENCE/1216/0093)

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The ongoing research project *MuseCo* concerns a large-scale interdisciplinary study of ancient ceramics from the modern-day districts of Famagusta, Keryneia, Nicosia and the regions of Karpasia and Morphou, in the northern and eastern parts of Cyprus. These artefacts constitute an important corpus of the Cyprus Museum pottery collections that have been formed before 1974, but, despite their significance, they remain unknown to scholarly literature. The ceramic evidence under examination spans chronologically from the 11th to the 4th centuries BC, covering the entire Cypriot Iron Age. This material derives mostly from tomb-groups which are the result of excavations and field surveys of the Cyprus Survey branch of the Department of Antiquities initiated in 1930 and abruptly interrupted in 1974, following the Turkish invasion.



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