

## **A preliminary study of zooarchaeological material from Halieis Lower Town (South Argolis, Greece): an account of a thesis subproject and work in progress**

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The seminar on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> will concern previous field work and current work in progress linked to my dissertation project, exploring the management of animal resources at Kalaureia (Poros) and sites in the northeastern Peloponnese during the Archaic through Hellenistic period (ca. 700—150 B.C.E.). This seminar will be dedicated to recent work linked to Halieis (Peloponnesus), a site selected for comparative purposes in the dissertation.

Halieis in South Argolis (near modern-day Porto Cheli) was founded ca. 700 B.C.E. and constituted a minor scale city state in the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.E., when the site was abandoned. Excavations at the Lower Town of Halieis (1962, 1968—1978) revealed plans of houses belonging to several *insulae* (or “city blocks”), where cultural layers from later phases (ca. 400—300 B.C.E.) were of relatively intact integrity due to the limited reuse of the site during late-antiquity and later site activity. Previous research on the Lower Town of Halieis has explored the organization and use of domestic space during the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E., principally through the analysis of architectural remains and artifacts. However, the zooarchaeological material from Halieis Lower Town has largely remained unstudied. Detailed analysis and contextual interpretation of the animal remains from Halieis Lower Town may contribute to elucidating local consumption and human-animal relationships on a general level, by investigating aspects such as animal husbandry, culinary processing, and dining. Of further importance are also site formation processes and refuse disposal, linked to Greek houses of a minor city state during the Late Classical Period (and the approximate time of abandonment). The case study of Halieis may furthermore be integrated into a wider framework concerning the management of animal resources in the northeastern Peloponnese in Greece during the ancient historical period.

In December 2022, I carried out a preliminary analysis of the zooarchaeological material from Halieis kept in Porto Cheli (Argolis), aimed at collecting data necessary to apply for a transport permit, ahead of a full analysis at the Wiener Laboratory in Athens. The seminar will present the work so far, a brief overview of the site, as well as ongoing work associated with investigating the spatial distribution of the material. Finally, it will be an opportunity to discuss how the Halieis case study can fit into the project as a whole.

Welcome!