

## Subcontract (SC4) for cultural matrix of the MB in Lebanon and Syria for the ERC Advanced Grant Project “The Hyksos Enigma”\*

The ERC Advanced Grant “The Hyksos Enigma” at the Host Institution the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) - Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology (OREA), funded by the European Research Council (ERC), is offering a subcontract for studies on the cultural matrix of the Middle Bronze Age in Lebanon and Syria.

Project Background: This project seeks to shed light on a very obscure and little understood part in Egyptian history, the so called Hyksos Period and its prelude (c. 1750-1530 BC), during which Egypt was confronted with two heretofore unparalleled phenomena: an influx of a substantial foreign population and - probably as a result - the rule of a foreign dynasty over large parts of Egypt.

### Statement of work:

- Provision of a comprehensive in-depth study/analysis of the available source material about the cultural matrix of the MB in Coastal Syria, the Orontes Valley and the Lebanon.
- Compilation of a catalogue of 'Leittypen' concerning artefacts, architecture and funerary customs.
- Definition of regional cultural provinces and assessment of cultural differentiation according to material culture.
- Assessing cultural differentiation of the MB in the Lebanon and Syria.

### Requirements:

- PhD in Near Eastern Archaeology or a closely related field.
- Intimate knowledge of the archaeology and material culture of Syria and Lebanon, especially in the MB.
- Substantial archaeological experience in the area including knowledge of modern archaeological methods.
- Experience with processing, recording and studying artefacts.

### Start/end dates:

As soon as possible/delivery of work latest by 31.12.2019

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when communicating please state “SC4 proposal” in the reference/subject line.

**Submission papers** should include: a detailed CV, a publication list, a brief statement of past achievements and research interests as well as a proposal outlining a short work plan and estimated schedule for delivery of work. Price/fee please quote in EUR currency.

The contractor will sign a “Werkvertrag” - ‘Contract for work or services’ issued by the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), deliver the agreed work plan to the outlined schedule and agrees to EU audits when required or requested by the EU Commission.

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