

## Subcontract (SC5) Trade and Crisis Studies (Levantine Coast) 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 trade and crisis assessment of the Middle Bronze Age in the Southern Levant.

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 trade of the MB along the Levantine coast
- Quantification of decline or increase of imports/exports in metal and other resources
- Differentiation of merchandise and definition of cultural markers
- To look for archaeological markers of change
- Assess the affect of trade crisis in archaeological data.

### Requirements:

- PhD in Near Eastern Archaeology or a closely related field.
- Intimate knowledge of the maritime trade along the Levantine coast during MB (archaeology and texts).
- Experience with material culture of MB in these regions (excavations at stratified sites near the Mediterranean coast).
- Substantial archaeological experience in the area including knowledge of modern archaeological methods (processing, recording and studying artefacts).

### Start/end dates:

As soon as possible/delivery of work latest by 31.12.2019.

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**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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