

## **Abstract**

Archaeologists have long been investigating sanctuaries in the countryside, commonly known as extraurban sanctuaries. Research has predominantly been focused on, festivals, cult, ritual, and monumental architecture, things inside of the temenos that is. In my research towards a PhD I investigate remains and possible activities outside the temenos of large sanctuaries in the countryside. Driving questions are if we can find remains outside temene, if so what kind of activities these remains indicate, and how the inclusion of extra-temenal activities changes our understanding of the sanctuaries? During the seminar I will present this work in progress based on the four sites that I have so far had a chance to study more closely, namely Nemea, Isthmia, Perachora, and the site where I have been conducting fieldwork for the last two years, Labraunda.