Book Presentation

LM IIIB Knossos and its relations to Kydonia

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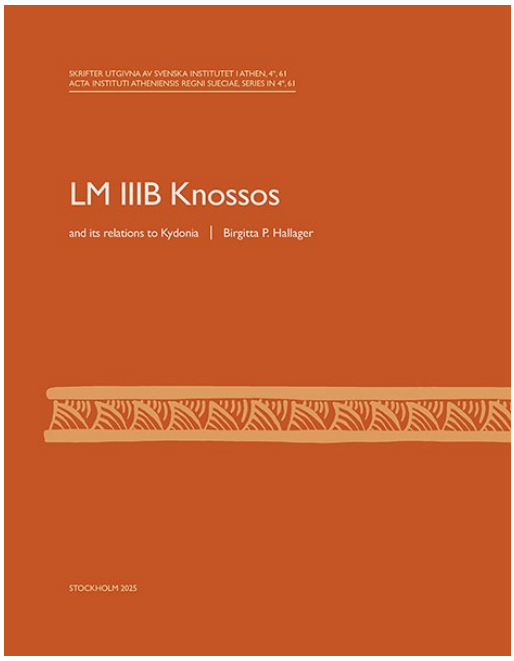

ABSTRACT

This groundbreaking study reassesses the final, enigmatic phase of Bronze Age Crete by exploring the deep connection between its two most powerful centers: Knossos and Kydonia (modern Chania).
While it has long been argued that the grand palace of Knossos had fallen completely out of use by this late period (the 13th century BCE), Hallager brings together compelling ceramic and administrative evidence to challenge this view. By meticulously analyzing Late Minoan IIIB pottery and Linear B tablet fragments, she demonstrates that a sophisticated, parallel Mycenaean bureaucracy survived and thrived across both sites. With this book, Birgitta P. Hallager reshapes our understanding of political power, trade networks, and administrative in Late Bronze Age Crete.

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