

# AEGEAN LECTURES

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Swedish Institute at Athens (Mitseon 9, Athens)

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Aegeus and the Swedish Institute at Athens invite you to the lecture:

## ***Kinship relations & Social organisation in 8th-century BC Attica: the archaeological data (in Greek)***

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The notion of kinship is of immense importance for the study of early societies, due to its major role in all aspects of life. In Homeric and Hesiodic narrations, the idea of descent from a clan/tribe is missing. Kinship appears as a fluid notion, not strictly determinable through biology, but as a combined construction of biological relatedness and desired connection.

Focusing on 8th-century Attica, I will attempt to use the data from both the necropoleis and the few habitation nuclei as the archaeological traces of people, who did not live and act as individuals, but as feeling members of some intentional groupings dictated by kinship ideas. Through this path, the social organisation of Attica at the time will be hopefully enlightened.