PROTOPALATIAL KNOSSOS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR URBAN COMMUNITY

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The development of the palace
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Reorganisation of the urban landscape
All roads lead to the palace
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Pendlebury 1933
(also Warren 1994)
Hogarth's test pits (ca. 300)
No more of it was found for some years. While excavating the lower prehistoric town of Knossos in March last, however, we lighted on many Kamares vases and fragments, and were able to establish the fact that, so far from that ware being a rarity, it is to be looked for in Crete wherever any strata of remains underlie the Mycenaean. It occurred in our digging at Knossos at all points at which the early town was probed to the rock.
Middle Minoan IB-IIA pottery

1906,0115.46
1906,0115.29
1906,1112.73
1906,1112.63

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Middle Minoan IIB: Trial KV

TRIAL KV (1969), A MIDDLE MINOAN BUILDING AT KNOSSES

FIG. 6. MONOCHROME VASES FROM DESTRUCTION LEVEL. SCALE 1:3

Popham 1974
Middle Minoan IIIA destruction deposits

Central Kouloura

Macgillivray 1998
Middle Minoan date categories and shape

MMI-II? MMII MMIB MMIB-IIA MMII-IIIA MMII-III MMIIIA MM MMII-MM other

bowl jar/jug other

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Middle Minoan fabrics

- MMI-II
- MMII-III
- MM other

Graph showing Middle Minoan fabrics distribution.
Area reanalysed (all MM)

Trial KV

Hogarths' Houses (pits)
MMI-II distributions

Hogarth’s Houses (pits)
Before and after MMI-II
Shape (MM) and cup/bowl by date

[Map of archaeological findings with color-coded distributions by date and shape type, indicating concentrations of finds.]
Fabric (MM) and A fabric by date
The mortuary landscape

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Mavrospilio

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Forsdyke 1927
Mavrospilio from the palace
Exploring Mavroospelio
Mortuary versus occupation?
Mortuary versus occupation?
Comparison with other sites

Plots by Todd Whitelaw
Combining excavation and survey

Hogarth's Houses

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Palace

Mavrospilio