



## Fields, Sherds and Scholars

Recording and interpreting survey ceramics

The Netherlands Institute at Athens and the University of Amsterdam are organizing the early career scholar conference 'Fields, Sherds and Scholars, recording and interpreting survey ceramics', 24-25 February 2017 at the premises of the NIA, Makri 11, Athens.

### CALL FOR PAPERS –extended deadline

Survey ceramics have always been convenient chronological markers of archaeological surveys, enabling us to recognize and date survey sites. Although landscape archaeology has now been going on for more than half a century and the amount of sherds collected in these projects is overwhelming, the *interpretative value* of the ceramic material is rarely exploited. What do the dots on the map actually represent and how did people use and shape the landscape?

This conference will also address **sampling, recording and publication strategies** that would best serve the interpretation of survey ceramics. Of course these depend on the research questions we have in mind, but to some extent the material itself dictates opportunities and limitations. The dataset is shaped by the choices what field data to record, which material to collect and how to record and publish. These strategic choices determine our research possibilities and the comparative value of project results.

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this conference within the frame of these two topics:

- **Sampling, recording and publication strategies**
- **Interpretative potential for survey ceramics**

Possible themes include:

- Intensive/Extensive survey methods and interpreting pottery distribution
- Fabrics and the organization of production and exchange
- Functional analysis of survey sites
- Sampling and recording methods – comparisons of database examples and software

The language of the 20-minute presentations and the discussions will be English; please contact the organizers if you want to present in another language. You are kindly asked to submit your 200-word abstract before **24 October 2016** to [nia@nia.gr](mailto:nia@nia.gr). If you only wish to participate, please let us know.

The conference aims to publish the papers in a peer-reviewed volume. Please indicate if you are willing to contribute to this publication and note that the deadline for the 5000-word article will be 1 May 2017. Publication is foreseen late 2017 or early 2018.

The organizers will probably not be able to reimburse travel expenses. The NIA will provide accommodation for the speakers, either at the institute or at a nearby facility.

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