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Cordial Invitation to the Online Lecture (ZOOM) on 07.04.2022, 6:00 pm (CET)

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"The Venetian Aqueduct of Iraklio - from Roman Beginnings to 19th Century Reuse -(Lecture in English)

Dr. Amanda Kelly is Assistant Professor in the School of Archaeology at University College Dublin. She is an archaeologist specialising in Roman aqueducts and baths (with a focus on Crete). She completed her PhD on this topic in the School of Classics at Trinity College Dublin in 2005. Dr Kelly leads the project "Aqueducts in the Greater Iraklio Area (AGIA)" which is generously funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation (2021-2023)

About the lecture:

In November 2019, I walked the Roman aqueduct supplying Knossos. The fieldwork was the start of my on-going project "Aqueducts of the Greater Iraklio Area (AGIA)" generously funded by The Gerda Henkel Foundation. One of my key findings from 2019 was the architectural identification of the Roman channel underlying the 19th-century wall of the Ottoman-Egyptian agueduct supplying Iraklio. Consequently, the 2019 survey not only mapped the full length of the Roman aqueduct supplying the city of Knossos but also that section of the 19th-century Ottoman-Egyptian aqueduct of Iraklio built directly over it and a shorter tract of the Venetian aqueduct of Iraklio that either ran alongside it, or was, in turn, itself, partially overlaid by the 19th-century system. The Venetian aqueduct had not been surveyed since Giuseppe Gerola's fieldwork in the 1900s and was the subject of our field study in 2021. This fieldwork was meant to be straightforward as I had found the aqueduct route marked on the military maps of Crete and was familiar with the terrain. Not so, and perhaps the biggest surprise of the 2021 fieldwork was the discovery of an in situ Romantype stone pipeline at Karydaki (the main spring source of the Venetian aqueduct). In my presentation I will guide you along the route of the Venetian aqueduct of Iraklio and highlight the many challenges I faced in the field.

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