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Cordial Invitation
to the Online Lecture (ZOOM) on 12.05.2022, 6:00 pm (CET)

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Social stratification and water at Hellenistic Delos
(Lecture in English)

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About the lecture:

Delos has long been known as a dry, devoid of water source with the exception of cisterns. While this notion is still prevalent today, the inhabitants of Delos had access to an extensive network of water sources, including wells, cisterns and a hybrid of these, sometimes called infiltration wells. However, these water sources were unevenly distributed and access restricted in many cases, leading to a highly stratified society in terms of water availability. This paper explores the distribution of the water sources, who would have access to these and how this affected the social fabric of Delos. This is done primarily through a GIS analysis of the material in the well preserved insulae II–IV and VI in the Quartier du Théâtre using on an open access base map provided by the École française d'Athènes. Through this it is shown that despite the presence of a large number of water source, access to this was a premium that probably had to be negotiated between the inhabitants in the various domestic units, creating life important dependencies between individuals.

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