

British Museum Classical Colloquium 2010
**Ceramics, cuisine and culture:
the archaeology and science of kitchen
pottery in the ancient Mediterranean world**
Thursday 16 & Friday 17 December 2010
Stevenson Lecture Theatre, British Museum
£70, concessions £40,
includes lunches and refreshments



Pottery cooking pots and other vessels for processing and storing food were essential in the everyday life of ancient peoples. But only recently have scholars begun to explore the potential this material holds for our understanding of ancient societies.

This two-day conference is dedicated to the cross-disciplinary interpretation of 'kitchen pottery' in Mediterranean societies of the 2nd and 1st millennium BC. Its aim is to bring together scholars from a wide range of academic backgrounds, including archaeologists, material scientists, historians and ethnoarchaeologists. The research presented covers a wide chronological and geographical range, from the Bronze Age to Late Roman times and from Greece, Italy and Spain to Egypt, the Levant and Roman Britain.



Papers and posters will address topics including:

- innovations and adaptations in food processing and cooking
- food-processing, culinary traditions and cultural identity
- ceramic technologies (e.g. fabrics resistant to thermal shock) and their transmission and development of through social networks
- the ritual, symbolic and status values of food, food-processing and feasting
- cross-cultural exchanges of knowledge, techniques, and ideologies of food and cuisine

The conference is organised jointly by the British Museum's Departments of Greece and Rome and Conservation and Scientific Research, and the 'Tracing Networks' Research Programme (Universities of Leicester, Exeter and Glasgow). For more information, visit www.tracingnetworks.ac.uk/kitchen_pottery

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