Identities and 'precious' commodities at Midea and Dendra in the Mycenaean Argolid

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Abstract:
The material basis for this investigation is the so-called precious finds from the LH IIIB2 destruction deposits at the Mycenaean citadel site of Midea. These finds reflect the inhabitants' specific choices regarding the type of material and type of object. In characterizing these and other specific Midea finds, a better understanding of the character of the site and its inhabitants will follow. The objects, which the inhabitants chose for adornment or which were politically or socially appropriate to produce, own and display, will serve as a starting point in the endeavour to reconstruct Midean identity; a process which may prove useful when tracking emulative and competitive behaviour in the Argolid.

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