ATHENS BEFORE ATHENA?

This talk examines the transformation of the Athenian acropolis from a Mycenaean citadel to the focus of cult in ancient Athens. Research integrates the study of textual evidence (Linear B texts from Knossos, Homer, and Herodotos) with an analysis of the stratigraphy and deposition of material thrown off the Acropolis onto the North Slope, tentatively associated with the reorganization of the Acropolis around 700 BC. A detailed analysis of ceramic finds offers new insights into changes in both daily life and cult practices in early Athens.