

Ceramic Vessels and Food Supplies: Chalcis as a Major Production and Distribution Center in the Byzantine and Frankish Periods

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The scope of this paper is to combine the results of long term archaeological research in Central Greece with the chemical and typological reports on local ceramic production of Chalcis. We wish to present a model of thought that will help integrate patterns of agricultural management, land distribution, maritime routes and ceramic typology within the wider commercial networks of the Eastern Mediterranean basin. We also hope to exploit how and to which degree these activities were affected by, and were finally adjusted within the wider political and social changes brought about by the fourth Crusade.