

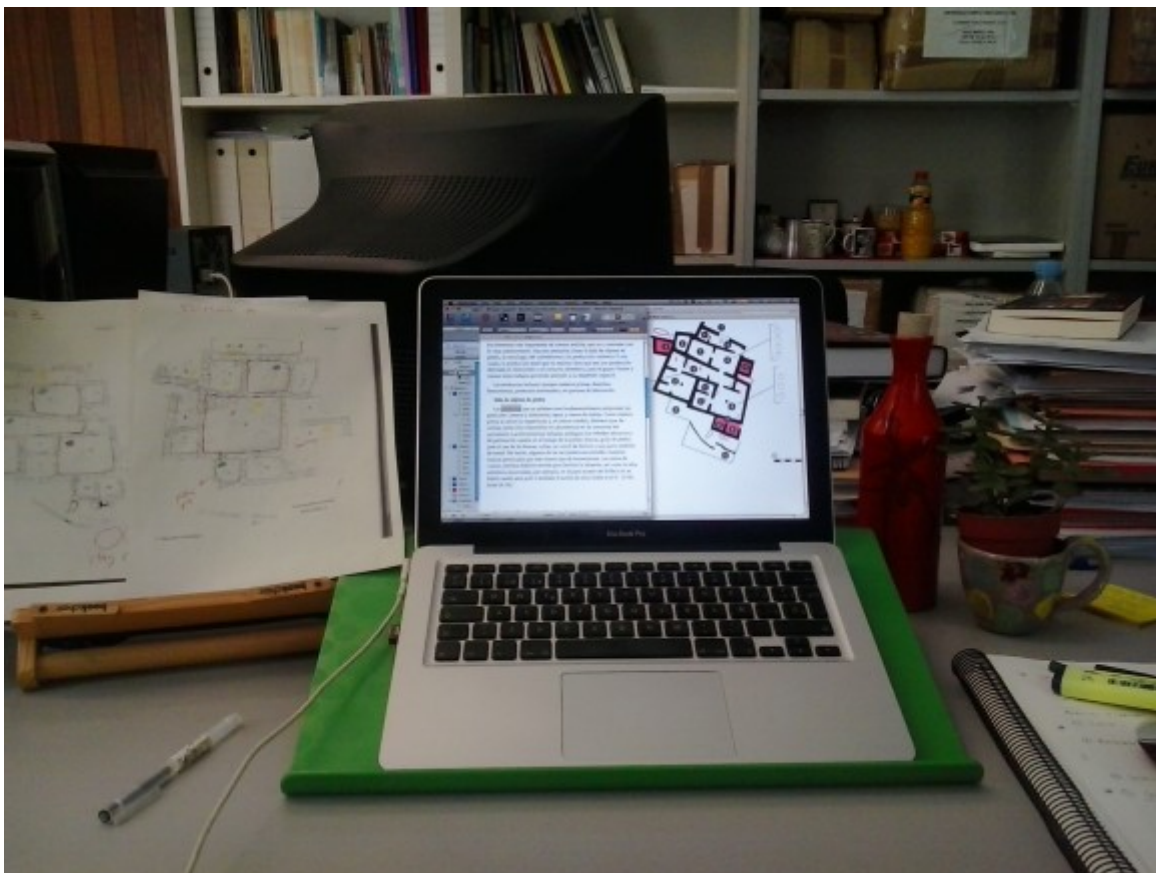
WRITING ABOUT THE “COOKS”

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My name is Sandra and I am an archaeologist currently dedicated to my Phd Thesis. Today, July 26th, I'm writing. My office is in Barcelona, very close to the beach. In hot and humid days such as today, you can even smell the salty sea in every corridor of the building. My aim for today is to write a big chunk of the chapter I'm working on these days, which is the spatial analysis of a site called “Artisans’ Quarters” in Mochlos, Crete (Bronze Age). And trying to scape the temptation to jump into the sea!

By “spatial analysis” I mean something pretty simple: in a given settlement, I identify where people performed specific activities and then I see if people did mingle a lot or, on the contrary, their everyday lifes developed in segregated spaces. I am specially interested in the cooks, those people who had to cook everyday to ensure the survival of the group. So I've basically spent the last years trying to find kitchens, hearths, cooking pots, querns, faunal remains... to have a glimpse of their lifes. But, for my Phd thesis, I work with published materials, which means that my quest is basically in the libraries and work is done in front of a computer.

This year is being specially hard because I must finish my thesis and cannot dedicate time to the fun part of the work: “the field”. Normally, every summer I participate in different excavation projects in Crete, where the office dissapears and you get “to touch soil”. Now I miss it. I miss my friends, I miss the landscape, I miss the work, and I miss Greece. Hopefully, next summer I will be able to resume my duties there, until then... writing, writing, writing.



My archaeological day