

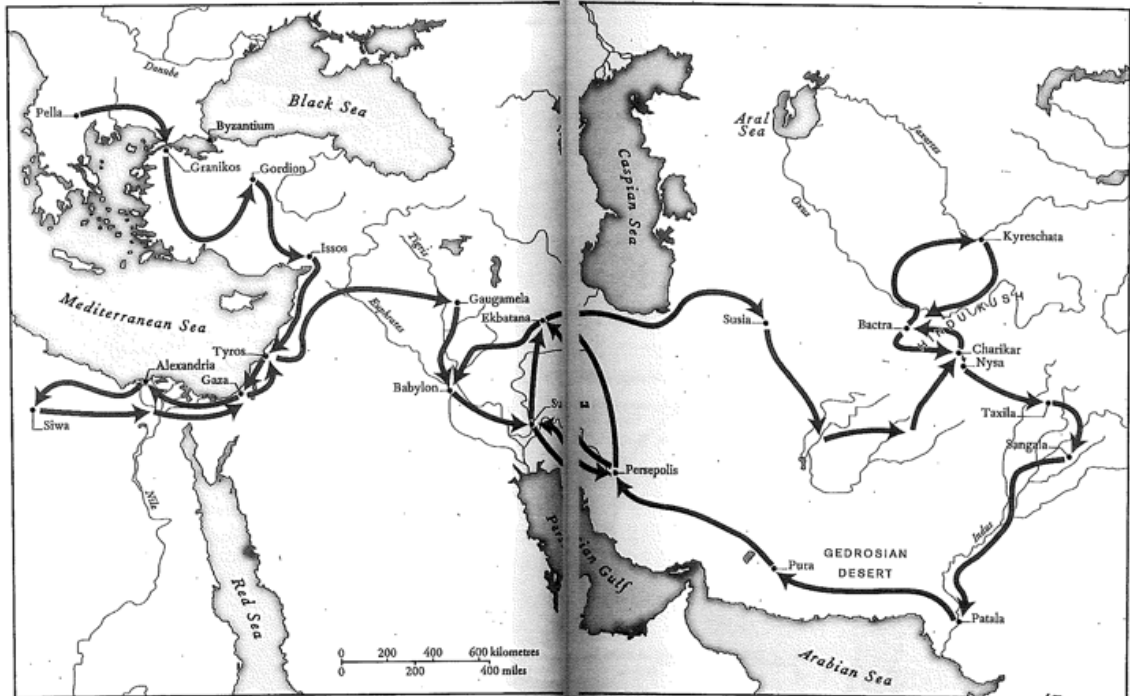
The Unique Position of Crete in the Hellenistic World

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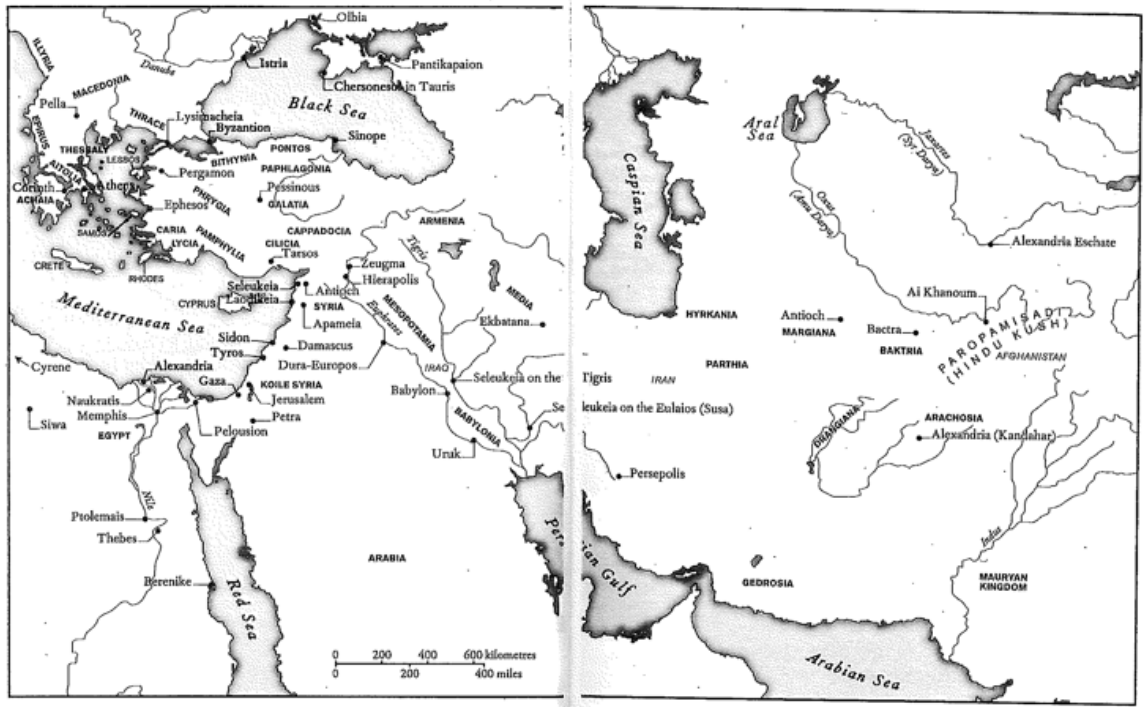
1. Angelos Chaniotis, *Age of Conquests: The Greek World from Alexander to Hadrian, 336 BC - AD 138*. London 2018.

2. (map of Alexander's conquests).



Alexander's campaign

3. (map of the Hellenistic World).



The Hellenistic world

4. (map of Crete).

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- Polis
- × abhängige Gemeinde
- ▲ Heiligtum

Die politische Geographie Kretes in der hellenistischen Zeit



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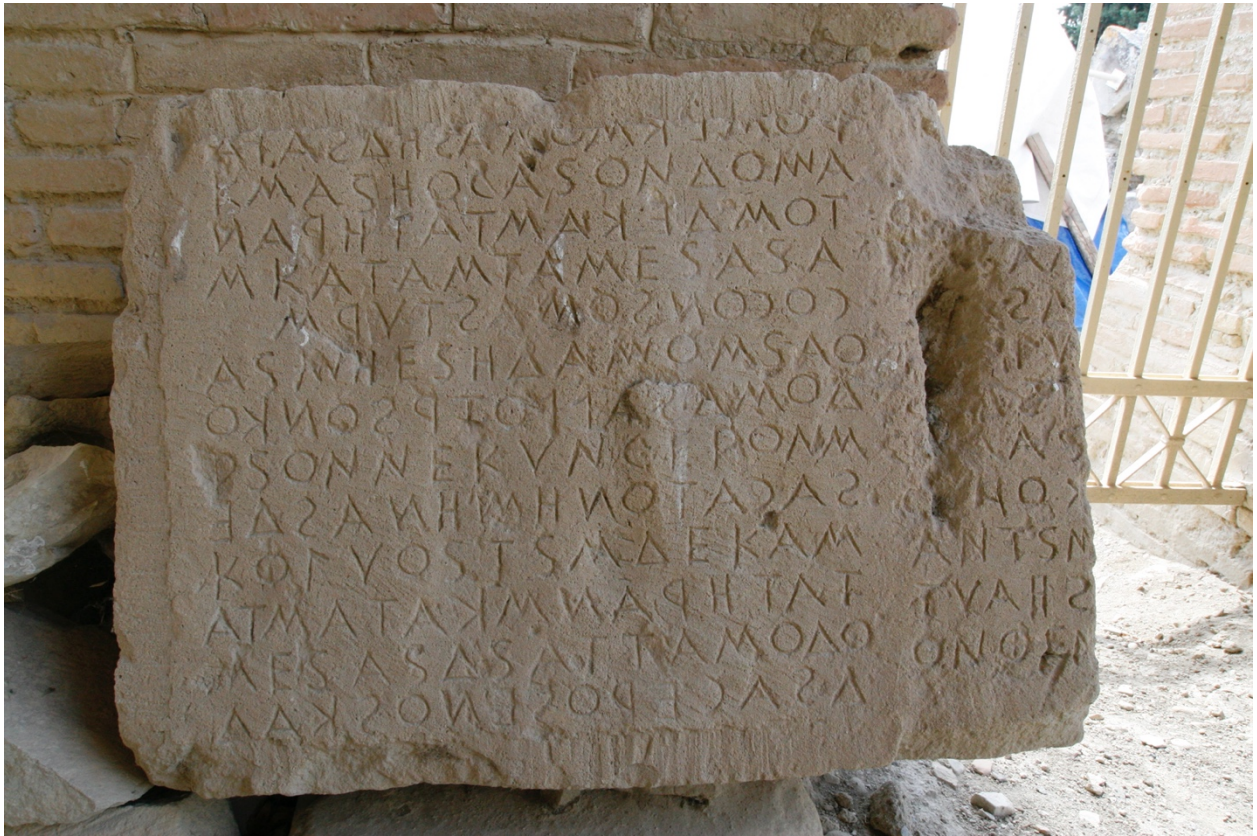
5. Polybius 4.54: “At about the same time (220 BCE) the Lyttians having left with their whole force for an expedition into the enemy’s country, the Knossians getting word of it seized on Lyttos which was left without defenders, and having sent off the women and children to Knossos, and burnt, demolished, and in every way they could wrecked the town, returned home.”

6. Michael Gagarin and Paula Perlman, *The Laws of Crete c. 650-400 BCE*. Oxford 2016.

7. Frederico Halbherr studies the Gortyn Law Code c. 1910.



8. A law from Gortyn about funeral processions (*IC 4.46*), mid fifth century



Lines 6-8

αἰ μὴ εἴη δημοσία ὁδός, δι' ἀλλότριον κορίον νέκυν ...

“If there is not a public road through someone else’s land ...

9. Inscription from Lissos (*IC 2.17.1*), lines 9-14:

τὸν αὐτὸν φίλον
κῆχθρὸν ἐξῆν καὶ εἴ τις κα ἐ[πι]
τὰν Μάγα ἐπαρχίαν ἐπιστρ[α]-
τεύει βοαθησῆν τὸς Ὀρείος, κ[α]-
τὰ τὰ αὐτὰ δὲ καὶ εἴ τις κα ἐπὶ τ[ἀ]-
ν Ὀρείαν ἐπιστρατεύει βοαθ[η]-
σῆμ Μάγαν. ὄρκος·

that they would have the same friend
and enemy, and if anyone should
invade Magas’s territory,
the Oreii would send aid, and in the
same way also if someone should invade
the (land) of the Oreii, Magas
would send aid.

10. **Polybius 24.3.1:** This year [*sc.* 181] witnessed the beginning of great troubles in Crete, if indeed one can talk of a beginning of trouble in Crete. For owing to the constant succession of their civil wars and their excessive cruelty to each other, beginning and end mean the same thing in Crete, and what is regarded by some as a paradoxical utterance is there constantly a matter of fact.

11. Angelos Chaniotis, *War in the Hellenistic World*. Oxford 2005.

12. Crete in the Hellenistic period 323-67 BCE. 256 years.

Crete (one of more city) at war *c.* 42 years = 16 %

Gortyn at war *c.* 23 years = 9 %

Knossos at war *c.* 17 years = 7 %

Athens in the Hellenistic period 323-150 BCE. 173 years

Athens at war *c.* 54 years = 31 %

13. Enactment clauses in post-Classical Crete:

The *kosmoi* and the polis (or *damos*) 31.

The polis alone (or other term indicating an assembly) 24.

The polis (or other term indicating an assembly) and the council 10

14. Angelos Chaniotis, "From Communal Spirit to Individuality: the Epigraphic Habit in Hellenistic and Roman Crete." In *Creta Romana e Protobizantina: Atti del Convegno Internazionale, Iraklion, 23-20 settembre 2000* ed. A. Di Vita, 75-87. Padua 2004.