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# Mycenaean Orthography Through Space and Time

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Linear B, a syllabary used to record the earliest known dialect of Greek, is preserved on unbaked clay tablets found in southern Greece that date to 1400-1200 BC. This presentation focuses on less-studied examples from outside of Pylos and Knossos. The differing orthographic conventions from these areas provide evidence for scribal identity and practice and help us to understand the spread of literacy in the Mycenaean world; they also help us to address broader questions of Mycenaean society, literacy, and political organisation.

**MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 3:30 PM** (Brisbane, Australia time)

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