

Efrossini Vika is an archaeologist specialised in Biomolecular Archaeology. She is a graduate of the Department of History, Archaeology, and Art History of the School of Philosophy at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She holds a Master of Sciences in Human Osteology and Paleopathology from the University of Bradford and a Philosophy Doctorate from the same University, as a fellow of the Basil and Elise Goulandris Foundation. Her doctoral thesis is titled: A bioarchaeological approach to the society of Thebes: paleopathological analyses and paleodietary reconstruction using  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ , and  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ , in a period of 3000 years.

She has worked as a contract archaeologist for the Greek Archaeological Service, as a Lecturer of Bioarchaeology at the University of Bournemouth, and mostly as a researcher, at the Universities of Tübingen, Durham, and Groningen, at the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. She participates as a specialised scientist in many Greek and international projects, while she has already completed three research projects as a principal investigator. She has recently started a collaboration with the University of Thrace in Komotini, where she transfers her knowledge towards the creation of a bioarchaeological laboratory. She has a number of publications in peer-reviewed journals.

### **Role in the project**

- Osteological analysis
- Stable isotope ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ) analysis

### **Selected publications**

- **Vika, E.** 2015. “Variations in diet in prehistoric Thebes: the case of the Bronze Age mass burial”. In A. Papathanasiou, M. Richards and S.Fox (eds), *Archaeodiet in the Greek world*. Hesperia 49, Occasional Wiener Laboratory Series, American School of Classical Studies in Athens pp. 77-88.
- **Vika, E.** and T. Theodoropoulou 2012. “Re-investigating fish consumption in Greek antiquity: results from fish bone collagen  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  analyses”, *Journal of Archaeological Science* 39, 1618-1627.
- **Vika, E.** 2011. “Diachronic dietary reconstructions in ancient Thebes, Greece: results from stable isotope analyses”, *Journal of Archaeological Science* 38, 1157-1163.
- **Vika, E.,** V. Aravantinos and M.P. Richards 2009. “Aristophanes and Stable Isotopes: a taste for freshwater fish in Classical Thebes?”, *Antiquity* 83, 1076-1083.
- **Vika, E.** 2009. “Strangers in the grave? Investigating local provenance in a Greek Bronze Age mass burial using  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  analysis”, *Journal of Archaeological Science* 36, 2024-2028.

### **Selected projects**

- (2019): “Between Regionality and Connectivity: Life, Death, and the Landscape in Late Helladic Kefalonia”. Principal Investigator. Funded by the Institute of Aegean Prehistory.

- (2016-2018): “Crossroads: an investigation of mobility and change in Early Bronze Age Western Macedonia”. Principal Investigator. Funded by the Institute of Aegean Prehistory.
- (2013–present): Ayios Vasilios North Cemetery excavation, Laconia. Directed by Professor Sofia Voutsaki. Participation as member of research team.
- (2019-present): “Serraglio, Eleona, Langada Bronze Age cemeteries on Kos”. Directed by Drs Salvatore Vitale and Toula Marketou. Participation as member of research team.