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Having pursued his undergraduate studies at the University of Cyprus (2008-2012), Sergios earned his MSc in Archaeological Materials from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Sheffield in 2013. He completed his PhD at the same institution in 2018, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Koç University (ANAMED (Research Center for Anatolian Civilisations) in Istanbul from 2018 to 2019. Between 2020 and 2022 he acted as the Principal Investigator of the project titled ‘Borderlands as areas of mobility and connectivity during the third millennium BC: Examining regional ceramic technologies between the east Aegean islands, western Anatolia and Cyprus’ at the University of Cyprus.

Working mostly on Bronze Age pottery assemblages, Sergios employs a multifaceted methodology that integrates traditional morphostylistic approaches with laboratory-based analytical techniques, with a particular focus on recovering technological insights into pottery production, usage, and circulation. His current research project at the BSA builds upon his previous work in the eastern Aegean, through the investigation of Early Bronze Age ceramic traditions of legacy island-sites such as Poliochni-Lemnos, Thermi-Lesbos, and Emporio-Chios. The overarching goal is to reconstruct the shifting mechanisms of interaction networks between these islands and their Anatolian *peraiiai*.