

## **The Dimensions of History: Villages as Historical Objects**

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When one looks at the Attendance figures from October 2017's *Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites*, it is apparent that sites dating from antiquity are receiving the vast majority of attendants per year. According to UNESCO, funding for the Ministry of Culture, which allocates funds for preservation, has been cut by 50% as of 2015. In addition to these monuments, Greece is dotted with villages, some of which are centuries old, which are disappearing. There has been work done to preserve and document the architecture, history, genealogy and linguistic peculiarities of these villages, but these efforts have been frustrated by a lack of support and large-scale organization. This paper seeks to propose that there are two steps that can be taken to address this problem. The first is to create a framework oriented both towards communities and state/local government that addresses the villages' preservation and documentation needs. The second has to do with recontextualizing, on an institutional level, the concept of provenance in terms of the relationship between environment, place, migration and the current economic, cultural and political status of Greece.

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