

MESAORIA / MESARYA – Land between mountains

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the red earth lands
begin east from here

this is a limestone
region of pale milk-whites

and fawns

dry and destitute
of life at this time of year

(the harvest long since taken in)

and after a long drought
winds pick up dust
whirl it around

a sleeping
not a dead land

we pause for coffee

Mesaoria–Mesarya: land between mountains





Timeless Encounters – Place of Barley, Agios Sozomenos event with talks and food sharing in Potamia, 24-25 March 2018



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Woodlands, Charcoal and Copper, Agios Sozomenos, 24-25 March 2018





• *Potamia*

• *Kirklar*

rounded stones

tell of the water's roll and action

bushes and tussocks

speak of its prolonged absence

no water

we walk

flow

down stream

going north

the land opens

to the left

a sprawling line of eucalyptus and shade
to the right

the river channel

wide

freer of undergrowth on this stretch

easier to navigate

no water

we walk

against an imaginary current

up stream

returning south

One River - Two Walks: Potamia - Kirklar, 2018

(with thanks to Duncan and Carina McCowan for hosting this installation in their home and for their generosity and trust in this project)

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One River -- Two Walks: Potamia-- Kirkklar, Reading and Discussion. 25th March 2018. (Photograph: Linda Lien.)



Thank you

returning south

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