



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# 200 years of archaeology in the Gaza strip: history, heritage and popular perspective

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## Abstract

This paper discusses the significant archaeological sites and discoveries in the Gaza Strip, encompassing both modern and ancient findings. The content is organized into distinct chronological periods. These include the Islamic era preceding the decline of the Ottoman state, the British occupation (1917-1948 AD), the Egyptian rule (1948-1967 AD), the Israeli occupation (1967-1994 AD), and the subsequent period following the entrance of the Palestinian Authority into the Gaza Strip. Special attention is devoted to events such as the Second Intifada and the successive conflicts in Gaza. Furthermore, a particular focus is placed on the impact of the recent Israeli war that commenced in October 2023. The paper also examines the role of the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in documenting the inflicted damages within Gaza. Additionally, the research highlights key archaeological studies on material and cultural heritage in Gaza, as well as notable figures engaged in archaeological preservation, both ancient and contemporary. An overview is provided of associations initiatives dedicated to safeguarding cultural artifacts. Moreover, the paper addresses the popular perspective of Gaza's residents towards antiquities within their region. Personal observations and interactions with the people of the Gaza Strip further enrich the study's narrative.

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