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Microhistory and Global History: Bridging Micro- and Macro- Perspectives on the Past for a Sustainable and Resilient Future

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Abstract

Microhistory and global history offer essential, complementary perspectives for addressing future sustainability and resilience. Bridging these approaches allows us to explore how local events contribute to broader global narratives, especially in environmental and social sustainability. Tall Hisban, an archaeological site in Jordan with over three millennia of history, exemplifies how microhistory can reveal the local impacts of global forces. The site has witnessed various civilizational and imperial interventions, each leaving traces of their interactions with the environment. Microhistory examines these in detail, showing how ordinary people navigated challenges like resource scarcity and cultural shifts. Global history, in turn, places these local events within broader regional and global contexts, such as trade networks and environmental changes. Integrating microhistorical details with global perspectives helps us understand the cumulative impact of human activity on the environment, offering lessons for creating sustainable, resilient communities today.

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