



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# Excavations at Tell Derabun (Iraq-Kurdistan)

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## Abstract

In 2022, a German-Kurdish team from Mainz and Zakho has started excavations at the site of Derabun in the very north of Iraq-Kurdistan, situated at the border zone between Mesopotamia and Eastern Anatolia. The site has a multi-period occupation covering the Bronze and Iron Ages, as well as Hellenistic, Parthian, and Late Islamic periods. Excavations have revealed a long sequence of Hellenistic - Parthian/Roman levels (ca. 3rd century BCE - 2nd century CE) with substantial architecture including a fortification system and public buildings. The results allow for the first time a more detailed look on the material culture of the ancient kingdom of Gordyene, hiterto only known from written sources. A detailed study of the pottery and other finds allows to clarify the role of this region at the border between the Seleucid/Roman and Parthian empires. Evidence for a large-scale occupation of the site in the Middle and Late Bronze Age as well as the Neo-Assyrian period has also been collected.

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