



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# South of the High Road, North of the Plains: Using ceramic petrography to integrate legacy data from the Zagros highlands into broader regional histories of the Chalcolithic and EBA

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## Abstract

Nearly a century has passed since Erich Schmidt and his team excavated the highland sites of Iran's Luristan province and hypothesized the region's connection with major interregional hubs. Despite theories of highland isolation, scholars have since compared the Luristan material with that of the Diyala, the Susiana Plain, and the valley systems along the High Road. This study looks to forward these theories of connection during Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age via the petrographic analysis of pottery from three of Schmidt's Luristan sites (Chigha Sabz, Kamtarlan I, Mir Vali). This analysis aims to further integrate the Luristan highlands into discussions of community interaction in the broader Zagros region, and has the potential to further explore relations between the highlands and lowlands over time.

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