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The production of smoking pipes in the Ottoman province: new data from Tell Zeyd

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Abstract

This poster presents data emerging from recent excavations conducted by the Ca' Foscari University of Venice at the site of Tell Zeyd, in Iraqi Kurdistan (province of Duhok), where a large group of clay pipes and evidence of local production have been found in the phases pertaining the Ottoman period.

Ottoman pipes, or chibouk, were the main device for consuming tobacco from the late 16th to the early 20th centuries in the territories of the Empire; they had a tripartite structure consisting of a mouthpiece, a stem and a clay bowl. The clay component is well represented in museums and private collections, and is frequently encountered in archaeological surveys, but it occurs more rarely in stratified contexts; moreover, only rarely has archaeology been able to intercept production sites.

The poster illustrates the types of pipe found at Tell Zeyd, organized in a sound chronological sequence based on stratigraphy; moreover, it will also show types that were produced locally and present a first evaluation of their distribution.

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