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Searching for a Chrono-Stratigraphic Definition of Early Bronze Age in the Erbil Plain: A View from Tell Aliawa

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Abstract

The site of Aliawa in the Erbil Plain, excavated by the MAIPE expedition of the University of Milan since 2019, is revealing a 3rd millennium BC sequence encompassing a stockpiling area dating to the Ninevite 5 period and a large pottery production area, organized with a complex system of installations and more than fifty kilns, dating to the late Early Bronze Age. The paper presents the 3rd millennium BC contexts and associated materials from Aliawa, charting changes in ceramic technology and style throughout stratified contexts anchored to radiocarbon dating. Comparisons with contemporary sites in the Erbil Plain and, more broadly, in central and northern Mesopotamia will be discussed, aiming at understanding whether the 3rd millennium BC pottery material found at Aliawa can be considered as part of a local or a regional pottery production.

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